



Up Close with Insects

1st & 2nd Grade

Thank you for attending Summer Camp this week! An important part of the learning process is engaging with your camper, so here is a brief outline of the topics we'll cover during camp. You'll also find a list of suggested resources and activities to help your camper continue learning about these topics at home.

Camp Theme

We're getting back to the basics in this bug camp. We'll explore some of the most fascinating characteristics of every day insects. Each day we'll focus on several different insects, and how they help the Garden grow. Be sure to ask your camper about the following:

- Monday – Insects vs. Arthropods
- Tuesday – Insect abdomens, Lightning Bugs, Honey Pot Ant, Bombardier Beetle
- Wednesday – Insect wings, Ladybugs, Bats, Lacewings, Aphids
- Thursday – Insect eyes, Insect Antennas,
- Friday – Insect legs, Praying Mantis, Grasshopper, Fleas

Extended Activity Ideas

- Make a Butterfly Feeder
 - <http://www.inspirationgreen.com/index.php?q=fruit-for-the-butterflies.html>
- Go to the Natural History Museum and check out the bugs on display
- Release Praying Mantis Cocoons in your Garden
 - These can be purchased at your local nursery
- Take a stroll through your backyard and discover the insects that live there!

Extended Theme Resources

- *Fireflies* by Julie Brinckloe
- *Are You a Ladybug* by Judy Allen
- *Over in the Garden* by Jennifer Ward