



Crawling Critters

INTRODUCTION	Explore the world of bugs and learn more about these little creatures that do so much. When you've earned this badge, you'll know all about bugs.
MATERIALS	Paper Pen or pencil Markers Magnifying glass
ACTIVITY 1 (20 Minutes)	Learn about the parts of an insect. Using the attached insect diagram, identify and label each part of the insect.
ACTIVITY 2 (30 Minutes)	<p>Head outside to see insects in action and learn a bit more about where you can find insects in your own backyard. Using your magnifying glass, look under rocks and leaves, on trees, and in flowers to see what the insects are up to. Make sure you write down your observations on a piece of paper.</p> <p>Some questions to pay attention to while making your observations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What does the insect look like?2. Where did you find the insect?3. What was the insect doing?4. Where there any other insects around?
SNACK (10 Minutes)	Ants on a Log- celery, peanut butter, raisins
ACTIVITY 3 (30 Minutes)	<p>It's time to invent your own bug. Take some time to invent your own bug using your creative mind. Make sure to include the following items in your picture:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Label the part of the insect using the words you learned earlier2. Where does your bug live?3. Does it have any special adaptations?4. What is its name?5. What would happen if it lived in an area with pollution? <p>For some added fun you can make many insects, one for each of these habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In a pond• On a tree• Under a rock• On a flower• In a house• The ocean
NOTES: Send a picture of your invent a bug to caudette@gssne.org so we can share your creations with your fellow Girl Scouts!	

Insect Parts

What are the parts that make up an insect?
Using the words below, fill in the name of the part in the label.

stinger abdomen compound eyes head wings
thorax legs mandible antennae

