

Bug Bowl K-12 Insect Art Contest

Pre-registration is required:

[Pre-registration form](#)

Pre-registration closes February 7, 2025



Once preregistration has closed, please mail labeled art that meet the specifications below to:

Bug Bowl Art Contest
Department of Entomology
Smith Hall Room 100
901 Mitch Daniels Blvd.
West Lafayette, IN 47907

The deadline for delivery of artwork to Purdue Campus is March 21, 2025. If you want to personally deliver your artwork, you may drop off your students' artwork between 2-5 pm from March 17th-21th. We will have art ready to return to each teacher, as well as participation certificates and award ribbons, ready for pickup April 28th.

Bug Bowl Insect Art Contest Rules:

- Drawings may not be larger than 14" X 17".
- Drawings must be on flat paper. No stretcher frames, mats, fabric, wood, or protruding parts more than 1/2 inch off the surface of the artwork.

We *love* the creativity shown in the wide variety of submitted artwork, but we can't hang it on our walls with the extra weight that mats and other materials add.

- Only one artwork submission per student.
- Artists must be attending a K-12 school or homeschooled in the state of Indiana.
- Insects or arthropods (spiders, millipedes, etc.) must be central to the artwork.
- Submissions must not contain any violent, graphic, or disturbing themes. The focus should be on showcasing the positive and captivating aspects of insects. Artworks with violent or inappropriate content will not be considered for the exhibition.
- Artwork must be original (not traced, not copyright-protected images).
- The artist's name, grade, teacher name, and school must appear on the front of each drawing. We have adhesive labels that we will send to you for free, or you can print your own [here](#).
- We accept art from homeschooled children. Parents must pre-register them; parent's name and city/state go on the ID card for the Teacher/School lines.

By following these requirements, we aim to create an inclusive and visually engaging insect-themed art show that celebrates the creativity of students while maintaining a positive and educational atmosphere.

Questions?

Email bugbowl@purdue.edu

Evaluation Rubric for Bug Bowl K-12 Art Contest

Criteria	Excellent (5)	Very good (3-4)	Good (1-2)	Needs work/missing requirement (0)
Visual impact and originality	Unique organization of art elements, content and execution create striking impact. "Wows" the viewer.	Organization of art elements, content, and execution create a cohesive work. Creates an impact on the viewer.	Organization of art elements, content, and execution are addressed in the work. Work holds the viewer's attention.	Art elements and content have little or no impact on the viewer. Art is traced or copied from an existing piece.
Interpretation and creativity within the theme of insects and arthropods	Design shows unique and creative interpretation of the theme. Effort beyond what was required.	Design shows unique understanding of the theme, and good creativity.	Design shows some creativity and follows the theme.	Insects are not the central to the design or artwork is inappropriate.
Degree of difficulty and effort (Adjusted for age of child)	Exceeds expectations for artist's age and ability Insects and other animals are accurately shown with correct anatomy.	Above average for artist's age and ability. Insects and other animals are accurately shown with (mostly) correct anatomy	Design appropriate for artist's age and ability. Insects and other animals are not accurate (Extra legs, etc.)	Design indicates minimal effort. Unable to read handwriting on the submission label.

Note: This rubric will be adjusted as age appropriate; we don't expect a 1st grader to produce finely detailed line art. It is okay if smaller children put "faces" on their insects; faces are developmentally important to kindergarten-3rd graders!