

Audubon Zoo's Bugmobile

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Meets Louisiana GLEs

(Life Cycles, Habitats, Classification and more)

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2012/2013 FEATURES

• What is a bug?

Bugs belong to an enormous group of animals called **invertebrates**. This includes animals without a spine, like worms, jellyfish, snails and starfish. Bugmobile specializes in **arthropods**; all invertebrates that have both an exoskeleton and jointed legs. This includes things like **insects** (butterflies, mosquitoes, ants, bees; over a million different species!), **arachnids** (spiders, scorpions), and even **crustaceans** (crawfish, crabs).

• Why are bugs around?

Bugs are some of the most versatile and varied creatures on Earth, filling every ecological nook and cranny. They pollinate flowers (butterflies, honeybees), break down dead trees and other organic material (termites, flies, crawfish), and are an important food source for all kinds of animals (birds, bats, frogs, monkeys, even people!). Many bugs eat other bugs, including pests that would otherwise damage important crops.

• What kinds of bugs does Bugmobile feature?

Each Bugmobile visit will include live bugs, ranging from completely harmless to potentially deadly! Some bugs are native species living in our own backyards and houses, others are exotic species (not native to Louisiana or even the United States). Depending on the time of year, the visit may include seasonal species, like Monarch Butterfly caterpillars or Lubber Grasshoppers.

• What GLE's does a Bugmobile visit satisfy?

Topics like life cycles (i.e. egg > caterpillar > chrysalis > butterfly), taxonomy/classification (i.e. animal > arthropod > insect > butterflies/moths), animal structures/characteristics (i.e. wings, legs, antennae, exoskeleton), and more. If you are interested in a specific kind of bug, GLE, or topic, send an email to the address on the left to get more information.

• How do I book a Bugmobile visit?

If you click the link on the sidebar that says "RESERVE TODAY", you will be directed to the Bugmobile website. The site has all of the relevant information on how to book a visit, including a link to the reservation form at the bottom.