

Sitka Sprouts

Activity Packet

Theme: Backyard Bugs

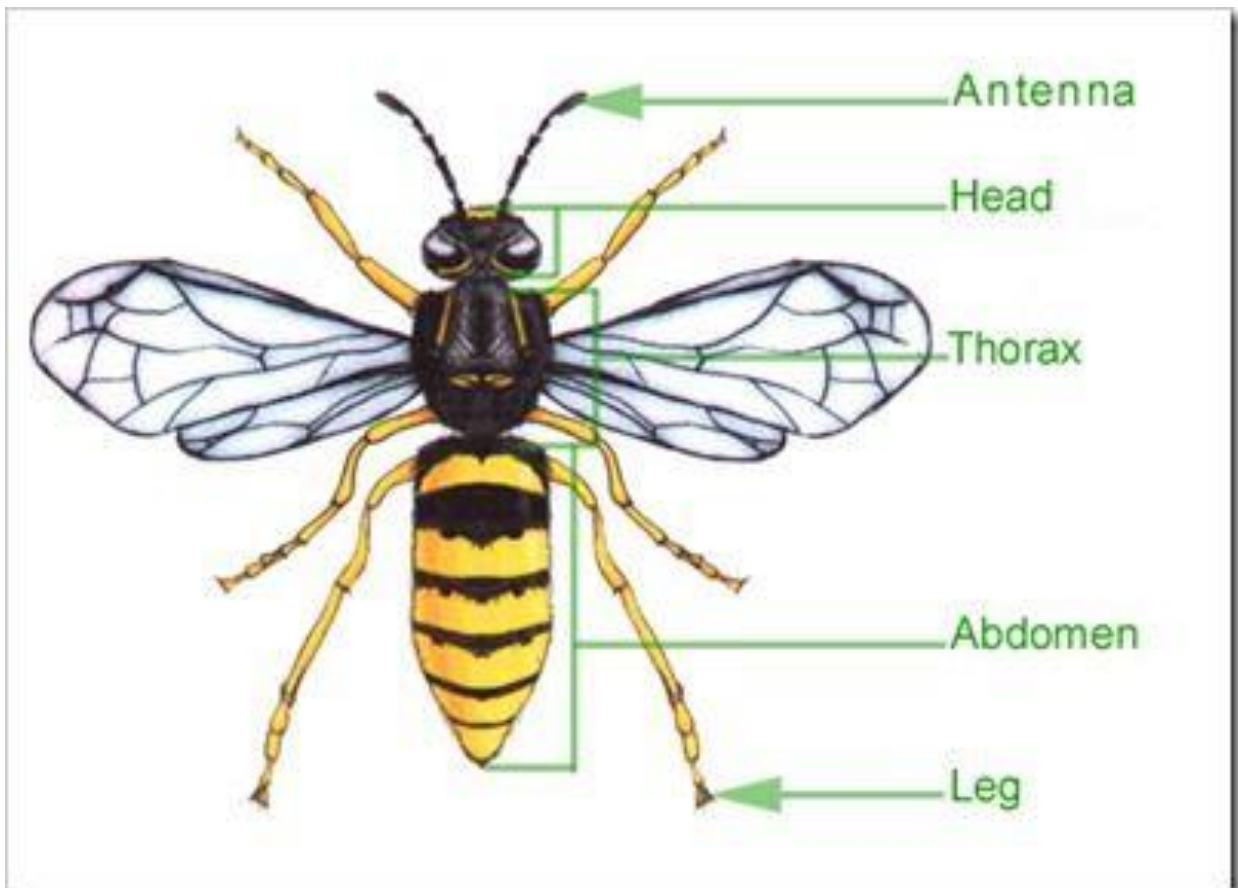
Recommended Books:

- Good Trick, Walking Stick! – Sheri Mabry Bestor (at Sitka Public Library)
- Bright Beetle – Rick Chrustowski (at Sitka Public Library)
- I Love Bugs! – Emma Dodd (at Sitka Public Library)
- Bugs! Bugs! Bugs! – Jennifer Dussling (at Sitka Public Library)
- Insect’s Body – Jean Feldman (at Sitka Public Library) (eBook)
- Insects – Marcia s. Freeman (at Sitka Public Library) (eBook)
- Big Bu Surprise – Julia Gran (at Sitka Public Library)
- Buzz, Buzz, Baby! – Karen Katz (at Sitka Public Library)
- Insect Soup: Bug Poems – Barry Louis Polisar
- On Beyond Bugs! – Tish Rabe (at Sitka Public Library)
- Insects – Charles Reasoner (at Sitka Public Library) (eBook)
- The Bugliest Bug – Carol Diggory Shields (at Sitka Public Library)
- Small Wonders: Jean-Henri Fabre and His World of Insects – Matthew Clark Smith
- The Big Book of Bugs – Yuval Zommer (at Sitka Public Library) (eBook)



What makes an insect, an insect?

- 6 legs
- 3 main body parts (head, thorax, abdomen)
- 2 antennae



Butterfly Symmetry Art

Butterfly wings are great examples of **symmetry**, which means that the wings on one side of the body match the wings on the opposite side of the body!

Materials:

- Butterfly template (or you can make your own)
- Paper
- Scissors
- Paint
- Paint brush

Instructions:

- Print the butterfly template attached or cut out your own.
- Paint one wing of your butterfly.
- Fold the butterfly in half so the paint transfers to the other wing.
- Open up your butterfly and let dry.
- Do the wings look the same??



Be a Butterfly!

Materials:

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Tape or staples
- Markers, crayons, colored pencils
- Pipecleaners (or something else to make antennas)

Instructions:

- Cut two long strips of paper and tape them together to make your headband.
- Cut two heart-shaped wings from a piece of paper.
- Attach your two wings to the band and decorate using markers, crayons, or colored pencils.
- Attach your antennas (pipe cleaners) to the front of your headband.
- You're ready to be a butterfly!



Build a Bug Jar!

Materials:

- Plastic jar or yogurt container (my favorite are the Talenti ice cream containers!)
- Hole puncher, scissors, or box cutter
- String
- Markers and/or stickers for decorating

Instructions:

- Punch two holes on opposite sides of your plastic container using a hole puncher, scissors, or box cutter.
- Cut a long piece of string and tie it to both sides of the container.
- Use markers and/or stickers to decorate your collecting jar.
- Place it around your neck and head out on a backyard bug hunt!

