



## GREAT PLAINS NATURE CENTER

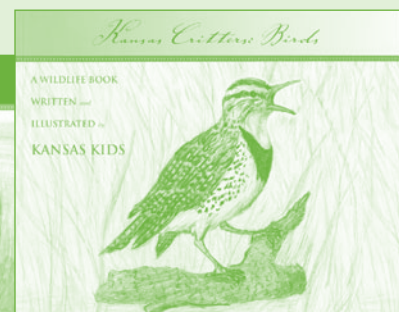
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# Join the Fun on the Wild Side! Become a Published Artist or Writer

**T**he Great Plains Nature Center will publish an educational book entitled "Kansas Critters: Bugs; A Wildlife Book Written and Illustrated by Kansas Kids." Modeled after our previous books "Kansas Critters: Mammals" and "Kansas Critters: Birds," this publication, due out in the summer of 2010, will focus on bugs found in Kansas. The book will feature art and literature entries created by Kansas kids (Kindergarten through 8th grade). We invite you to submit your entries and join the fun!

**ENTRIES DUE FEBRUARY 15, 2010**





# Choose from this list of Kansas bugs.



**YOU MAY SUBMIT UP TO 3 ENTRIES. IF YOU CHOOSE TO SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE ENTRY, PLEASE CHOOSE FROM A NEW GROUP.**

*Hint: Consider bugs that others might not select for a better chance of your entry being selected.*

This list of bugs includes many of the more showy and unique individuals found within Kansas. The list is drawn from the book *Insects in Kansas*, and includes mostly insects as well as a few other bugs as defined by kids. This book is available at the Owl's Nest gift shop in the GPNC and would make an excellent resource. Common names of insects vary and if you are not sure what these species are, log onto the GPNC website ([www.gpnc.org](http://www.gpnc.org)) for a list of both common names and scientific names.

## INSECTS (Insecta)

### Dragonflies and Damselflies

- Common Green Darner
- Widow Skimmer
- Twelve Spotted Skimmer
- Eastern Amberwing
- Ebony Jewelwing
- American Rubyspot
- Familiar Bluet

### Grasshoppers

- Lubber Grasshopper
- Slant-faced Grasshopper
- Carolina Grasshopper
- Toothpick Grasshopper
- Differential Grasshopper
- Pictured Grasshopper

### Crickets, Katydid

- Sword Bearing Katydid
- Cave Cricket
- Camel Cricket
- Field Cricket
- Northern Mole Cricket

### Earwigs, Walkingstick, Mantises,

### Cockroaches

- Walkingstick
- Ringlegged Earwig
- Carolina Mantid
- American Cockroach

### True Bugs

- Harlequin Bug
- Green Stink Bug
- Leaffooted Bug
- Boxelder Bug
- Large Milkweed Bug
- Ambush Bug
- Wheel Bug

### Aquatic True Bugs

- Water Strider
- Backswimmer
- Water Boatman
- Water Scorpion
- Electric Light Bug
- Toe Biter

## Homoptera

- Twolined Spittlebug
- Dog Days Cicada
- Periodical Cicada
- Saddled Leafhopper
- Buffalo Treehopper

## Neuroptera

- Dobsonfly
- Mantispid
- Green Lacewing
- Spottedwinged Antlion
- Owlfly

## Beetles

- Sixspotted Tiger Beetle
- Caterpillar Hunter
- Whirligig Beetle
- Giant Stag Beetle
- Splendid Dung Beetle
- Eyed Click Beetle
- Eastern Firefly
- Goldenrod Soldier Beetle
- Convergent Lady Beetle
- Threestriped Blister Beetle
- Cottonwood Borer
- Red Milkweed Beetle
- Colorado Potato Beetle
- Spotted Cucumber Beetle

## Ants, Bees and Wasps

- Pigeon Tremex
- Common Eastern Velvet Ant
- Black Carpenter Ant
- Eastern Yellowjacket
- Common Paper Nest Wasp
- Steel Blue Cricket Hunter
- Cicada Killer
- Bumble Bee
- Honey Bee

## Moths

- Io Moth
- Polyphemus Moth
- Luna Moth
- Tomato Hornworm
- Snowberry Clearwing
- Whitelined Sphinx
- Giant Leopard Moth
- Sweetheart Underwing

## Butterflies

- Black Swallowtail
- Tiger Swallowtail
- Dogface
- Regal Fritillary
- Question Mark
- Mourningcloak
- Red Admiral
- Painted Lady
- Buckeye
- Redspotted Purple
- Wood Nymph
- Monarch

## Scorpionfly, Crane Fly, Flies

- Scorpionfly
- Crane Fly
- Mosquito
- Deer Fly
- Black Horse Fly
- Prairie Robber Fly
- Bee Fly

## OTHER BUGS

(Arachnida, Chilopoda, Diplopoda, Crustacea)

- American Dog Tick
- Golden Garden Spider
- Brown Recluse Spider
- Wolf Spider
- Jumping Spider
- Tarantula
- Black Widow Spider
- Daddylonglegs
- Scorpion
- Centipede
- Millipede
- Pillbug





PLEASE SUBMIT THIS ENTRY FORM

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# Kansas Critters: Bugs

A wildlife book written and illustrated by Kansas kids!

Please circle grade:

K      1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8

This entry is for (please check one)  Art  Writing

If art, this is an  original  high quality copy suitable for publication.

## STUDENT INFORMATION

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address - Street or P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

## ENTRY INFORMATION

Bug species chosen \_\_\_\_\_ Medium used (For art entrants only) \_\_\_\_\_

## IF DONE AS A SCHOOL PROJECT, INCLUDING HOME SCHOOLS

Teacher's First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Day phone \_\_\_\_\_

School name and address \_\_\_\_\_

Local newspaper name, address, fax \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT INFORMATION - THIS INFORMATION IS MANDATORY FOR ALL ENTRIES.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Day phone \_\_\_\_\_

Local newspaper name, address, fax \_\_\_\_\_

## AUTHENTICITY and LIABILITY STATEMENT

**STUDENTS, PARENTS AND TEACHERS: PLEASE DO NOT SIGN ENTRY FORM WITHOUT READING THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT.**

*I hereby certify this is my original work and not a copy of published art, literature or other materials protected by copyright laws.*

*I understand the Great Plains Nature Center and its sponsors are not responsible for loss or damage to my entry. I grant exclusive rights*

*to the Great Plains Nature Center and its designees to utilize my entry for reproduction and promotional purposes, including the use*

*on web sites. I agree that copies of my entry may be used, altered or published as they see fit without compensation to me. I further*

*understand the Great Plains Nature Center has the exclusive right to disqualify any entry whose authenticity is questionable or does not*

*meet the published guidelines.*

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Must have this signature even if done as a school project.)

Teacher signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Only necessary when done as a school project.)

MAIL TO: Great Plains Nature Center, 6232 E. 29<sup>th</sup> St. N., Wichita, Kansas 67220

QUESTIONS? Contact the Great Plains Nature Center: Lorrie\_Beck@fws.gov or (316) 683-5499, ext. 108.



**WHO MAY PARTICIPATE?**  
**K-8 students in the state of Kansas**

# THE RULES

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## WRITING ENTRIES

- ▶ All entries must be submitted to the Great Plains Nature Center, 6232 E. 29<sup>th</sup> St. N, Wichita, Kansas 67220 and postmarked by **February 15, 2010**. We will make every effort to return art entries to students, however, it is the students' responsibility to inform us of any change in address. Text entries will not be returned.
- ▶ Students may submit up to three entries; however, each entry must be from a different group.
- ▶ Entries must be typed or handwritten neatly in black ink on 8-1/2" x 11" paper. Total number of English words may not exceed 60. If written in another language, an English translation must be included.
- ▶ All entries must be original. To copy the work of others is known as plagiarism. It is wrong (and also illegal).
- ▶ Entries may be either factual information or a poem about the chosen bug(s). Teachers or parents/guardians must review the student's writing so spelling and grammatical errors are corrected before submission. Misspelled words may disqualify the entry.
- ▶ Young children or students with special needs may get assistance from teachers or parents to dictate their thoughts.
- ▶ Completed, legible entry forms must be glued or taped to the back of each entry. An entry form is provided and a separate copy should be prepared for each entry.
- ▶ Student's name must not appear on the front of the entry, but should be neatly printed on the back in case the entry form is accidentally separated from the entry.

## ART ENTRIES

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- ▶ Students may submit up to three entries; however, each entry must be from a different group.
- ▶ Art entries must be submitted on 8½" x 11" or 9" x 12" paper.
- ▶ High-quality color copies of original artwork are acceptable but will not be returned.
- ▶ Art entries may be created using a variety of media including colored pencil, crayons, water colors, colored markers, pastels, pencil, cut-out colored paper, oils, or acrylics.
- ▶ Art entries must be student's original, hand drawn creation and may not be traced or copied from photographs or other artists' published work. To copy the work of others is known as plagiarism. It is wrong (and also illegal).
- ▶ Computer generated or enhanced art entries and photographs are not allowed. Photographs taken by the student may be used as references in the development of the design.
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# THE AWARDS

**S**tudents submitting entries chosen to appear in the book will be invited to a special awards ceremony and reception at the Great Plains Nature Center, where they will be recognized for their outstanding writing and/or art and presented with complimentary copies of the book.



# IDEAS

**Spend some time out-of-doors seeking inspiration from our bug friends before creating your own special entry. Exciting entries often show action in the form of flying or feeding.**

- ▶ POEM
- ▶ DRAWING
- ▶ FACTS
- ▶ PAINTING
- ▶ STORY
- ▶ SKETCH... and more!

