



NAU Bug Camp 2018 Scholarship Application

Youth Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer's Name: Employer's Phone #: _____

Total number of household family members: _____

Total annual income of supporting parent/guardian(s): _____

Camp Preferences (please circle 1): (1) Monday, June 18, through, Friday, June 22, or (2) Monday, July 23, through Friday, July 27.

The questions below can be filled out by the parent, child or both.

1. Please share your interest in “bugs” (insects and spiders).
2. Why do you want to participate in the NAU summer bug camp?
3. What is your favorite insect or spider and why?

I declare that the information provided on this form is honest, complete, accurate, and current.

Parent/guardian signature

Date

Thank you! Please email your completed application to Neil.Cobb@nau.edu. The application can also be mailed to Neil Cobb, NAU Merriam Powell Center, Campus Box 6077, Flagstaff, AZ 86011.



REGISTRATION

Parents are encouraged to complete the application and confirm their child's participation in the June or July camp as soon as possible because there are a limited number of scholarships available.

Please contact Neil.Cobb@nau.edu or (928) 607-4075 with questions.

THINGS FOR PARENTS TO KNOW

At NAU Bug Camp we strive to teach the campers about all aspects of entomology; from collecting insect, pinning insect, taking care of live bugs, learning and doing experiments. Two key point have emerged from this that we would like to address.

What to Bring: All materials for camp activities are provided. Campers need to bring lunch, snacks, summer clothes, and sunscreen.

Pet Cockroach: While we have never had a problem with campers wanting to keep their camp pet cockroach, parents of the campers are usually hesitant. We provide the campers with either Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches or Orange Head Cockroaches to take home with them at the end of camp if the parent allows. Both are non-native to the United States and if escaped would not survive on their own. They are fruit feeders and do not carry any diseases. These are very safe, fun and low maintenance pets to have and the campers just adore them. If at any time you do not want you pet any more you can bring it back to the lab, and we will gladly take it back.

Collecting, Pinning & Killing Insects: As entomologist collecting insects is a large part of what we do. Unlike mammals and birds it would be impossible to mark are recapture insects to study them. During camp we share these collecting techniques with your children, part of this is killing the insects we caught earlier in the day during camp. We have found while most kids are ok with this, some kids are not. During camp we use the most humane way to kill the insects, by freezing them. Because insects are ectothermic freezing them allows them to feel no pain. For entomologist killing insect is the only way to document biodiversity, and it does not affect populations of insect. Habitat deforestation can effect populations of insect but local collection will not. We are aware that some insects are habitat sensitive and we do not allow the campers to collect those insects (for example, Monarch Butterflies). Another thing to remember is adult insect live a very short time while most of their life is spent in the larval stage. By the time that the children have collected them they have already lived 90-99% of their life. Collecting and curating insect is a large part of our camp. Please talk to your child and if they are not comfortable with this process please do not register them for this camp. We find if the child is uncomfortable with this process they do not enjoy the camp as much and will influence the whole camp atmosphere in a negative way.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

NAU Bug Camp staff uses the positive techniques of guidance, including logical, redirection of children to more acceptable behavior, anticipation of and elimination of potential problems and encouragement of appropriate behavior rather than comparison, competition or criticism. Consistent and clear rules are established. Staff members encourage children to solve problems rather than imposing solutions and help children to recognize and respect one another's feelings. Counselors encourage pro-social behavior such as cooperation, helping, taking turns and constructive verbal communication to solve problems.

NAU Bug Camp reserves the right to dismiss a child for consistent behavior that makes it difficult or impossible for the staff to meet his/her needs and/or the needs of other children in the group. This will occur only after parent/staff discussion has occurred.

POLICY ON ELECTRONICS & TOYS

NAU Bug Camp strives to provide a program free from video games, cell phones, audio players, toys and other distractions. Please do not permit your child to bring any of these items to camp as they will be busy throughout the camp day and these items also tend to get lost or misplaced when brought to camp.

TESTIMONIALS

“We were so excited for the opportunity as camps like this were rare to find. She was excited every day to share her joy with like-minded kids and staff and be able to truly express her interest in learning more about these critters. When she came home she could not stop talking about it and continued to do so for the whole year! The most wonderful thing that came from her experience was that she began to see that she could pursue such a passion and given her leadership spirits she was quoted ‘I WILL run bug camp one day! I want to go to college and become a staff so I can help others learn about this’”

- Mother of an 8-year-old camper

“It was wonderful, and my daughter truly enjoyed this camp”

- Parent of a 6-year-old camper

“My daughter had the time of her life! Thank you for making this camp available”

- Parent of a 10-year-old camper

“You run the BEST camp in town, my boys loved it.”

- Parent of a 7-year-old and 9-year-old campers