

CRAWLING CUTIES

Dear Teachers,

When the Metroparks Mobile Learning Center visits your school, your students will have fun learning about all sorts of crawling cuties: such as insects, spiders and roly-polies. Below is an outline of the activities your students will be engaged in during the "Crawling Cuties" program. Pre-visit activities are provided to prepare your students for the information we will cover.

School-visit Outline:

- Puppet show
- Read book Bugs Are Insects by Anne Rockwell
- Sing insect body parts song
- Dress up a fly volunteer
- Dress up a bee volunteer
- Meet some live and preserved insects

School-visit Song:

Insect body parts song (to the tune of head, shoulders, knees, and toes)

Head, thorax, abdomen, abdomen

(Point to head, rib cage, and stomach)

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Six legs, two antennae and maybe some wings

(Hold up 6 fingers, 2 fingers on head, and flap arms)

What about the compound eyes, compound eyes

(Make cup around eyes)

Pre-visit Activities:

Insect and Spider Coloring and Counting

Instructions: Print out the following coloring pages, one for each student. Before coloring in the insect and spider have them count how many body parts and legs are on each. The insect has three body parts and the spider has two, the insect has six legs and the spider has eight. This activity is intended to introduce the idea that spiders and insects have key differences.

