



Insects & Decomposers

Recommended Grades: K, 1, 2, 4 & 5

1 hour

Program Summary:

Discover the vital role that insects, other arthropods and invertebrates play in the food chain in this fun and interactive program. Students will first learn what insects and other arthropods are and some of their identifying characteristics. Then students will take to the garden to see how many kinds they can find between the garden beds, compost pile and pollinator garden! Students will finish up the program by exploring FEEC's very own native woods to dissect some rotten logs and find out what's inside.

Vocabulary:

- Arthropod
- Invertebrate
- Exoskeleton
- Molt
- Insect
- Thorax
- Abdomen
- Egg
- Pupa
- Larva
- Adult
- Chrysalis
- Arachnid
- Cephalothorax
- Myriapod
- Crustacean
- Food Chain
- Decomposer
- Compost
- Nutrients

Correlated Standards:

SKL1a, b; SKL2a, c, d
S1L1.a, b, c; S2L1a
S2L1 a, b, c, d; S2E3 a, b
S4L1a, b, c, d
S5L1. a, b

Programs are tailored to suit the knowledge and learning objectives of the participants but also intended to challenge students to develop new connections and apply information learned to real life scenarios.