

2025 Insect Spectacular

Beetles, bugs, dragonflies and more! It's time to get registered for the 33rd Insect Spectacular. The State Entomology Workshop will be held Friday and Saturday June 27th and 28th. Activities will take place at the Butler County Community Building located at 200 N. Griffith Street in El Dorado, Kansas.

Registration for the workshop will open April 25th and run through May 26th. **Once registration closes, it will not be reopened.** There will be no cancellations or refunds of money after Registration closes. Cancellations before Registration closes are eligible for a 50% refund. **A parent from each family must register and attend the workshop. A parent is to stay with your child or children at the workshop.**

Participants need to wear comfortable clothes and shoes – no sandals or flip-flops please. If you wear shorts, please bring long pants for the collection and photo trips. You will be going into pastures and in natural areas. You will need to bring insect/tick repellent, sunscreen, collection net, kill jar and lots of specimen containers. **You will need your own camera for taking pictures of insects.** You may want to bring lawn chairs for the night collecting activity.

There will be some insect equipment available for purchase at the workshop. We should have a few insect display boxes available for purchase for \$65 each, payable at the time of purchase. All boxes will be sold on a first come-first serve basis at the workshop.

Each 4-Her will be **allowed to pick up to 3 insects** from the Friday morning collection trip to use in the Saturday pinning class. We will put these in labeled bags in the freezer in the building overnight to be sure they are ready for pinning on Saturday. Each 4-Her may bring **up to 4 insects** for help with identification for the Identification class on Saturday. These can be from home or from the collection trip on Friday.

Each family is asked to bring one perennial plant from the list below to plant in the Pollinator Garden at the El Dorado State Park. **This will be a State Level community service project for the 4-Hers in cooperation with Kansas Wildlife and Parks.** Plant list: Aster, Milkweed, Butterfly Weed, Salvia, Tall Sedum, Catmint, Rattlesnake Master, Blazing Star, Coneflower, Bergamot (Bee Balm), Tall Phlox or Amaranth.

Full registration fee of \$85.00 includes supper Friday, lunch Saturday, bottled water, class materials, T-Shirt, and handouts. 4-Hers enrolled in Entomology should pay for full registration.

One State Park Day Permit will be included in Registration fees per family.

Younger siblings under 4-H age, spouses, etc. that may be coming along, but not participating in the classes will need to pay a fee of \$55.00. This will pay for the meals, bottled water, etc. but will not include a T-shirt or class supplies.

If anyone has dietary restrictions, please let us know when you register.

For more information contact:

Vicky Wallace at (620) 804-9170 Email - vicky.wallace55@gmail.com

Motels:

Days Inn & Suites 3200 El Dorado Ave, El Dorado (316)452-2992 \$106 approx.

Holiday Inn Express & Suites 3100 W. El Dorado Ave, El Dorado (316)322-7275

Have a block of 10 rooms reserved for Insect Spectacular available June 26 & 27, either or both nights for \$89.99 + taxes and fees; rooms have 2 queen beds; ask for ISW block or Insect Spectacular Block; pool; breakfast included

Super 8 2530 W. Central, El Dorado (316)321-4888 \$53 approx plus taxes and fees

Heritage Inn & Suites 2515 W. Central, El Dorado (316)321-6800

\$73 approx plus taxes and fees

[Red Coach Inn](#) 2525 W. Central, El Dorado 316-321-6900

Sunset Inn 1901 W. Central, El Dorado 316-321-9172

American Suites 1125 N. Main, El Dorado 316-321-3535

[Stardust Motel](#) 1127 N. Main, El Dorado 316-321-3535

[Pacific Hotel \(PDF\)](#) 117 W. 3rd, El Dorado 316-321-2150

El Dorado Motel 1111 E. Central, El Dorado 316-321-3610

Kansas Kabins 210 W. Kansas, El Dorado 316-321-9881

[El Dorado Lake Cabins/Camping](#) 618 NE Bluestem Rd, El Dorado 316-321-7180

[Deer Grove RV Park](#) 2873 SE US Hwy 54, El Dorado 316-321-6272

Fri. June 27th:

(Subject to Change)

- 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Check In
- 9:00 - 9:15 a.m. Welcome; Information
- 9:15 - 9:45 a.m. Travel to El Dorado State Park
- 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Plant Pollinator Garden
- 10:30 - 12:30 a.m. Insect Collecting and Photography
- 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Travel back to town; Lunch on own
- 2:00 - 2:15 p.m. Bag and tag insects for freezer
- 2:15 - 3:15 p.m. Group A: Life Cycles
Group B: Judging Contest
- 3:15 - 3:30 p.m. Break & Switch Classes
- 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Group A: Judging Contest
Group B: Life Cycles
- 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Group A: Megaloptera, Ephemeroptera, Strepsiptera
Group B: Scarab Beetles, Mantodea, Cicadas
- 5:30 - 5:45 p.m. Supper (provided on site)
- 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. Group A: Scarab Beetles, Mantodea, Cicadas
Group B: Megaloptera, Ephemeroptera, Strepsiptera
- 6:45 - 7:00 p.m. Break
- 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Insect Jeopardy
- 8:00 - 8:15 p.m. Clean Up & Pack up
- 8:15 - 8:45 p.m. Travel to night collecting site
- 9:00 - 11:00 p.m. Night Collecting
- 11:00 p.m. - Good Night**

Saturday June 28th
(Subject to change)

- 9:00 - 9:15 a.m. Check In
- 9:15 - 10:45 a.m. Group A: Pinning Class
Group B: Using a Dichotomous Key
- 10:45 - 11:00 a.m. Group A: Using a Dichotomous Key
Group B: Pinning Class
- 11:00 - Noon Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader
- Noon - 12:45 p.m. Lunch (provided on site)
- 12:45 - 1:45 p.m. Insects On Stage
- 1:45 - 3:45 p.m. Insect Identification (4 groups; rotate every 30 minutes)
- Group A: Lepidoptera
Group B: Coleoptera
Group C. Diptera
Group D: Hymenoptera
- 3:45 Clean up & Wrap Up
- Have a safe trip home! See you next year!