

## ***What to Bring, and Not Bring, to Bug Camp 2013:***

First of all you are about to go on an adventure so come prepared to learn, meet a lot of entomologist and other people just like you who love bugs and plants! And, bring that *great big bug camp smile*. We are going to chase bugs, learn what they are and what they are good for. We will start early, go fast and stay out late!

### **Other things to bring...**

- Please e-mail [Health History Form](mailto:smcmullin@entomology.msstate.edu), photocopy of proof of health insurance card (both sides), 4-H General Rules and Release form, and signed photo release so that this paperwork arrives before camp. We can send you copies of these, if needed. Mississippi campers should notify their County 4-H Youth Agent that they are planning to attend the camp, especially since some counties will give scholarships to 4-Hers who attend. Please email forms to Sherry McMullin [smcmullin@entomology.msstate.edu](mailto:smcmullin@entomology.msstate.edu). You may also contact her at 662-325-8571.
- **Bedding:** Sheets (twin-sized) and a light blanket or a sleeping bag. Pillow. Dorms are air- conditioned.
- **Toiletry articles:** Soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, towels, wash cloths, shower shoes or flip flops, etc.
- **Sturdy clothing:** Many of our activities will be outside in the woods around high grass, briars and weeds, so long pants and closed-toe shoes are strongly recommended. There may be an occasions to wear shorts but chiggers and ticks will be searching for you while you are searching for bugs! All campers are expected to bring and wear appropriate attire. Please plan to dress with decorum and good taste. Short-shorts, thongs and exposed midriff tops are unacceptable and strongly discouraged. Undergarments shall be worn as they are designed to be worn (UNDER exterior clothing.) Outerwear that displays physical characteristics (e.g., very tight or transparent clothing) is not acceptable. Clothing advocating political affiliation, alcohol, that is offensive to others, etc will be **confiscated and disposed of**.
- **Tennis shoes and shoes for water:** You will enjoy two pairs of walking shoes and an old pair that you won't mind getting wet. **Shower shoes** or flip flops. Please don't wear these for camp activities.
- **Rain Gear** and or a light jacket for night activities
- **A hat or cap** - It gets **hot**, so come prepared!
- **A water bottle** with your name on it. The temperature and humidity will be high, so we drink a lot of fluids!
- **Insect repellent and sun screen.** 100% DEET works!
- **A backpack or collecting bag.** We will provide kill jars and you will enjoy having a bag to carry them in. Backpacks work but most campers prefer a shoulder bag - it is quicker to get the jars out when you find an awesome bug. You will typically have two or three pint sized jars with you and be carrying a net.
- **Flashlight with fresh batteries.** Headlights are preferred because you will need both hands to collect insects at night.
- **Camera** - Be sure and bring a supply of film or memory sticks.

**Please label your clothes and other items so that if they get left behind, we can return them to you.**

We encourage **Healthy** eating and will have water and sports drink with us at all times. We will also have a bottomless fruit bowl for anytime-snacks. Please do NOT bring food from home or supply campers with snacks or sodas for dorm time. We start early and end late, so we want everyone to get a good night's sleep rather than staying up drinking caffeinated and sugar sodas. Once campers are in their rooms they are not allowed to leave the floor to visit the vending machines because the doors lock behind them.

Camp is intensive, and you will be busy from sun-up until late each night. But it is fun, too! Come to camp prepared to learn, to share, and to have a great time!

**What NOT to bring:** Please leave electronic entertainment devices (radios, Ipods, games, TVs, etc.) at home.

*The staff will not be responsible for lost or stolen items*

## **Emergency Contact Numbers**

Entomology Department Number **662-325-2085**

Dr. John Guyton, camp director: **228-324-4233 (cell)**