

What do a mole cricket, a Hercules beetle, a hummingbird moth, and a cicada killer have in common?

1. They are all among the estimated 10,000 insect species found in Kentucky.
2. Specimens of all of these and more will visit your school with Buggy Kentucky.

Storyteller Mary Hamilton and Insect Collector Charles Wright
present

Buggy Kentucky

an exploration of Kentucky insects
through storytelling, facts, and of course, real insect specimens.

Your students will have fun as they learn
how insects breathe (hint: not through a mouth or nose),
where mud daubers lay their eggs (hint: spiders don't always win),
how some insects thrive by disguise
and much, much more in Buggy Kentucky.

But why take our word for it?
Here's what a Kentucky educator has said:

"The Buggy Kentucky presentation by Mary Hamilton and Charles Wright fascinated students of all ages. The combination of storytelling, science visuals, and audience participation kept the students riveted. The program is based on Kentucky core content in science and in arts & humanities, but the students didn't realize how much they were learning...they thought they were just having fun!"

Becky Nelson, School Library Media Specialist
Hearn Elementary, Frankfort, Kentucky

What happens when Buggy Kentucky comes to your school?

We present a 45 – 60 minute program for up to 100 students at a time. The audience size restriction is because the presentation includes not only storytelling, but photography. We want everyone to be able to see the 16" X 20" photographs -- some showing magnified images of Kentucky insects no larger than your smallest student's little fingernail! After the presentation, we stay all morning or all afternoon, so the students from the presentation can visit an insect exhibit in single-class sized groups. This allows them a closer look at actual Kentucky-collected insect specimens arranged in museum quality boxes. During the exhibit time, students are also able to ask more questions. Every presentation also includes 100 free Buggy Kentucky bookmarks.

How does Buggy Kentucky fit with your school's educational program?

Science – The Buggy Kentucky presentation includes information on basic insect anatomy, insect mimicry and camouflage, social vs. solitary insects, unusual insect egg-laying and dietary habits, and the relationship between form

and function. When students visit the exhibit, they will see wonderful examples of carefully arranged, pinned, and labeled insect specimens displayed in museum quality boxes. They will also be able to ask more questions.

Arts and Humanities – The Buggy Kentucky presentation includes the performing art of storytelling and the visual art of photography. The stories told come from many cultures. They include a true story and folktales -- a pourquoi/why story, a traditional fable, a legend, and more. A riddle, a poem, a song, and a “Buggy Says” game are also part of the program. The photographs, including some taken with cameras attached to microscopes, provide visuals for the presentation and supplement the exhibit.

Kentucky Studies – Every insect included can be found in Kentucky.

Who are the Buggy Kentucky presenters?

Charles Wright (also Mary’s husband) has been collecting insects for 17 years. His approximately 8000 specimen collection includes insects from 114 of Kentucky’s 120 counties. Specimens from his collection have been cited in three scientific papers, all published by the Kentucky Academy of Science. He is a member of the Coleopterists Society, the Society of Kentucky Lepidopterists, and the American Arachnological Society. He received a Kentucky Nature Preserves grant to determine if the American Burying Beetle could be found at two western Kentucky nature preserves. He has made numerous research trips to the Field Museum in Chicago and the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburg for the purpose of identifying Kentucky insect specimens.

Mary Hamilton (also Charles’s wife) has been telling stories since 1983. She has performed in schools and libraries from Florida to Alaska, including in 97 of Kentucky’s 120 counties. Her work has been featured at the National Storytelling Festival, Nebraska Storytelling Festival, Hoosier Storytelling Festival, Florida Storytelling Camp, By the Light of the Moon Storytelling Festival in Las Vegas, Nevada; Stories by the Sea in Newport, Oregon; and the Northern Kentucky, Cave Run, and Corn Island Storytelling Festivals here in Kentucky. She is a founding member of the Kentucky Storytelling Association and the National Storytelling Network.

What will Buggy Kentucky cost?

\$300 plus travel* - single presentation, 45 – 60 minutes long, for up to 100 students, plus exhibit time in single class-sized groups for those who have attended the presentation.

\$100 for a second presentation and additional exhibit time: same location, same day.

\$200 for an additional presentation and exhibit time: different nearby school, same day.

\$300 plus travel* for a family night with no school day program. \$200 for a family night, scheduled same day as an in school program. (Depending on how far away you are and the starting time of our in-school program, a per diem might be needed to cover an overnight stay.)

Additional days in the area are the same fee; however, mileage is reduced and a per diem of \$80 is charged for each overnight to cover our food and lodging.

Weekly Discount Rates:

\$1500 + travel* -- same school, 2 presentations plus exhibit time per day. (A family night at the same school may be substituted for one presentation)

\$2000 + travel* -- up to two schools per day (one presentation plus exhibit time per school), all schools in same geographic area. **Or**, one school per day (one presentation plus exhibit time and a family night that evening per school), all schools in same geographic area.

* **Travel** means mileage @ .40 per mile round trip from Frankfort, KY and per diem @\$80 for food and lodging for each needed overnight stay. When we calculate your specific fee quote, we will be able to tell you if an overnight is needed and exactly what your total travel fee will be to provide you with an inclusive quote.

**To schedule Buggy Kentucky at your school, contact:
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