

# EXPLORING INSECTS WITH TULSA MASTER GARDENERS

**Date:** May 4, 2017

**Location:** Tulsa County Fairgrounds Exchange Center



## BACKGROUND

Last year, Tulsa Master Gardeners hosted the first "Exploring Insects with Tulsa Master Gardeners" event at the Tulsa County Fairgrounds in the Exchange Center. The day was divided into two sessions, each hosting 250 Tulsa County students from 3rd - 5th grade (500 total students from nine public schools and one home school). There were eighteen (18) different booths, all of which used hands on/interactive activities for the students, making it informational, educational and fun. To name a few of the creative booths: Maggot Art, Roach Races, Stir Fried Mealworms, Bee Boogie, Insect Olympics, and Monarch Road Trip. More than 100 Tulsa Master Gardeners volunteered their time and energy that day to administer the program. Expectations from teachers, students and Master Gardeners were clearly exceeded.

Therefore, plans are underway to recreate that event in 2017. On May 4th of next year, the 2nd annual Exploring Insects event is to be held at the same location. Because the 2016 event was so successful, the 2017 vision is to involve 1,000 students with 25 unique booth events! The mission remains unchanged . . . to introduce children to the beneficial world of insects by being both educational and fun.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The cost to administer the program is estimated at \$15,000, or about \$15 per student. Because the Tulsa Master Gardener Foundation is a 510 (c) (3) non-profit organization, 100% of our funding is derived from public donations and from our fellow Master Gardeners. Therefore, we are seeking public donations in order to be able to hold this event again in 2017.

To help those that wish to help sponsor this event, the following is a breakdown of selected costs of the program:

- \$15 will sponsor a student to attend
- \$100 will pay for supplies for one booth (25 booths total)
- \$100 will pay for one bus with driver (10 buses total)
- \$200 will pay to rent the facility for the day
- \$200 will pay to rent furnishings for the facility for the day
- \$450 will sponsor a class of 30 students to attend
- \$500 will pay for the OSU Insect Adventure Exhibit to be brought from Stillwater

If you would like to be a part of something big and wish to donate to assist us, simply access the Tulsa Master Gardeners donation page [HERE](#). Click on the "Donate" tab and, in the "Special Instructions" comment section, please indicate the donation is for "Exploring Insects: 2017" and also indicate the expense area in which you wish to help (otherwise, your donation will simply go to our general fund). Please help us to help educate our local students about the wonderful world of insects. **The Tulsa Master Gardeners thanks you!**