

## It's a Bug's Life Experience Details

Being a zookeeper takes careful preparation. Here are some things you need to know so that you can be prepared to work side by side with a member of our Insectarium Team:

1. Participants must be in relatively good physical condition as this is a high energy program providing the opportunity to experience the work of a keeper.
  2. Communication between you and your guide is crucial.
  3. You must be attentive. Although the animals in the exhibits are comfortable working with their human caregivers, they are still wild animals and their behavior can be unpredictable.
  4. Any special needs should be discussed with the program manager prior to the program via contact information provided below.
  5. All participants are required to complete and sign a liability waiver.
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## FAQ

### Who can participate in A Bug's Life Experience?

- Adults
- Children ages **5** and above may participate with an accompanying adult
- Youth over the age of 15 may tour solo with the written permission of an adult or guardian

### What should I wear?

- Shoes must be closed toe.
- You will be asked to remove all jewelry other than smooth wedding bands (no stones).

### Can I take pictures during the program?

- **You will be allowed to take your own photographs throughout the entire tour. If there is a time during the tour when photographs are not allowed, your guide will let you know.**

### Where do we meet?

- Please plan to park in the Zoo's main parking lot on Vine Street (under the solar panels!). Enter the Zoo through the main turnstiles using your e-ticket. Your tour guide will be waiting for you at the Welcome Center, just inside the turnstiles.
- If rerouted to an overflow lot - once inside the park, please proceed to the Welcome Center (see star below). Your tour guide will be there waiting to meet you.



**What if I'm late?**

- If you are more than 15 minutes late, please call Maura at 513-375-7043. If you arrive late, the length of the program cannot be extended.

**What if I need to cancel?**

- Any cancellations must be received seven or more business days in advance of the scheduled program in order to receive a refund. Registration does include a non-refundable deposit equal to \$50. Any cancellations received six business days or less are not eligible for a refund. Exceptions to the refund policy will be made on a case-by-case basis and at the sole discretion of the Program Manager.

**What if the Zoo needs to reschedule due to veterinary procedures for the animals?**

- As with humans, there are times when our animals do not feel well or need to have a vet visit last minute. We will do our best to reschedule your visit or provide you with a full refund.

**Additional questions or concerns? Please contact Maura Messerly, Behind-the-Scenes Program Manager at 513-487-3357 or [maura.messerly@cincinnati-zoo.org](mailto:maura.messerly@cincinnati-zoo.org)**