How much notice is needed to come speak to my class/group?

We make every effort to fulfill each request, but because we receive many requests, we ask for at least four weeks notice to help us in our scheduling of events.

Which locations will you serve?

Our outreach program services schools and organizations in southern California within a 1 hour drive of the UC Riverside campus.

Please visit our website for more information.

www.entomology.ucr.edu

To schedule an outreach event, please contact us:

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What is outreach?

Educational outreaches include a variety of activities performed by the graduate and undergraduate students in the Department of Entomology at the University of California at Riverside. Our purpose is to teach members of our community about insects and related arthropods. Outreaches range from taking part in large festivals and fairs to speaking with smaller groups such as K-12 school classes, Boy and Girl Scout troops, and community groups. We bring both live and preserved insects and arthropods for people to see and touch. We have PowerPoint presentations on a variety of topics including the diversity of insects and related arthropods, metamorphosis, and what an entomologist does. We can also create a presentation to suit your group’s needs.

What does an entomologist do?

Entomologists study a wide diversity of insect species to answer basic and applied research questions in the fields of behavior, ecology, toxicology, genetics, evolution, physiology, and molecular biology, as well as many other fields. More details about career opportunities for entomologists are available during outreaches. For example, students earning a Bachelor's degree in Entomology are trained and prepared for several technical career options including pest control advisors and consultants, survey entomologists, laboratory and field biological technicians and consultants, and agricultural inspectors within both the public and private sectors. Additionally, students specializing in Entomology can teach, or continue their studies in higher education.

How much do you charge for speaking to groups?

We charge a $100 fee for presentations up to 1 hour. These funds are needed to maintain our collection of live and preserved specimens, and to support our outreach activities.

What kinds of insects and arthropods do you have?

Our zoo includes a wide variety of live insects and arthropods which vary seasonally. We also have numerous beautiful and exotic pinned specimens.