

# Kids Korner

## Catch The Bug

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— You've heard of disco dancing, but did you ever hear of disco bugs dancing beneath a disco ball?

The DJ (disc jockey) calling the songs is a locust and a centipede is break dancing.

Well, the bugs aren't actually dancing except in the imagination of a group of 8- to 9-year-old boys, who created the scene with their bug collection.

Damon, Cornell, William, Terrance, Elibevei, and Miquel com-

pleted the project as part of a contest sponsored by Lancaster County 4-H Extension.

Paula Marshall, the 4-H urban summer assistant and biology major from Lebanon Valley College, organized the project named Catch the Bug.

She used a \$300 grant from United Way to organize a summer day camp and to buy nets and other supplies for about 150 inner city children.

The children were divided into smaller groups. The first week they went to the county park and caught

bugs with nets.

"It was great fun," said 8-year-old Damon. He and his friend Cornell want to be biologists. They borrow books from the library to learn about bugs.

Eight-year-old Rosa said that she caught bugs and put them in cans. She fed them and watched how they acted. With her group, she caught a caterpillar, butterflies, crickets, and a king centipede.

A few of the children were a bit wary of touching the bugs, but most found it exciting.

Paloma, who is also 8 years old, said that she caught a daddy long legger.

The children preserved the bugs and stuck pins in them so that they would dry out until the following week.

On the designated day, each group had to create a scene for their bug collection.

It took some give and take because each group member had a different idea of what they could do with the bugs. Some wanted to create a bug ranch, others a bug heaven, some wanted to put cows in the meadow with bugs. Pipe cleaners, pom poms, wall paper, string, and glitter were some of the different items available to use.

The room hummed with chaos as the children worked together on their projects. When the hour was up, amazingly each group had an original entry that showed creativity and talent.

Now it's Paula's job to judge the entries. She said, "I'll look at everyone's boxes, take notes and decide which ones take a first or second place. Next week each child will receive either a blue or red ribbon depending on the group they were in."

Paula wasn't a 4-H member when she was growing up. She said, "I wish I had known about



The Insectors used pipe cleaners and pom poms to show off their bug collection.



Bug Brats irritate cows in the meadow.



The Jungle is crawling with snakes and bugs climbing on bushes, trees, and floating in the swamp.



Summer 4-H assistant Paula Marshall admires the creativity of the 4-H'ers.



Disco Bugs has a centipede break dancing beneath a disco ball. A locust stands in as the DJ.

4-H. It offers so many opportunities. We need to publicize 4-H more and this is one way kids learn about 4-H."

Contact your county extension office if you would like to join a "Catch the Bug" project or other 4-H clubs.

## ADADC Scholarship Deadline Looms

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Two \$500 scholarships are available through the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council, Inc. (ADADC). College students are pursuing degrees in the dairy industry from ADADC's marketing area—including New York, northeastern Pennsylvania, and northern New Jersey—are eligible.

The Leo Briggs Memorial Scholarship is available to any collegiate individual who has promoted the dairy industry by exhibiting leadership in dairy industry organizations. Founded in 1983, the scholarship was established as a tribute to Leo Briggs for his superior leadership within the dairy industry for over 30 years.

A second \$500 scholarship, the ADADC Memorial Scholarship, is available to former dairy princesses from ADADC's marketing area. The applicant must have completed one year as a dairy princess and one year of college, and must be pursuing a career in dairy product marketing, dairy manufacturing, home economics, ag com-

munications, or journalism. The scholarship is offered in memory of several ADADC staff and board members for their contributions to dairy promotion.

Both college scholarships are based on grade-point-average, extracurricular activities, future plans, and a 400-word essay discussing the applicant's commitment to a career in the dairy industry. Application deadline for both scholarships is Friday, November 6.

Scholarship applications are available through agricultural colleges in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, or by calling the ADADC office at (315) 472-9143. Both scholar-

ship will be presented at the New York State Dairy Princess Pageant held in Syracuse, February 1999.

ADADC oversees the management of the scholarship accounts; however, neither scholarship is funded by dairy farmer check-off dollars. As a result, outside donations are critical to ensure the future availability of these scholarships. Any person or organization wishing to make a donation to either scholarship may do so by sending a check to: Joanne Tills, 219 South West Street, 100, Syracuse, NY, 13202-1205, payable to ADADC.

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