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# News Release



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## Kent House Bug Day, June 1, 2019

**Alexandria, LA**, April 8, 2019 – On Saturday, June 1, the United States Forest Service and Kent Plantation House will be hosting the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Kent House Bug Day. Come visit over 20 insect-related stations from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Opportunities abound to touch, see, hear, and even eat insects! Games, educational handouts, and crafts will be available for all to enjoy. Special groups such as the Cenla Amphibian and Reptile Enthusiasts (C.A.R.E.) will highlight insectivores (animals that eat insects), the Cenla Beekeepers Club will spotlight the amazing honey bee, and the Cenla Master Naturalists will share information on insect habitats. Additional stations to enjoy include Night insects, Big Bugs, Little Bugs, Pollinators, Louisiana Insects, Enemies of the Forest, and Bugs That Hurt. This year a new station will be added: Ticks, Chiggers, and Bed Bugs – Oh My! This is an event for all ages. Admission is only \$1.00 for ages 3 and up and includes access to all of the stations, crafts, and a movie. Concessions are available, as well as specially-priced “pet bug rocks” for \$2.00, created by local artist, Dahnell Bell. And of course, Smokey Bear will be at the event with the Kisatchie National Forest and Southern Research Station. Make plans to come to Kent Plantation House at 3601 Bayou Rapides Road, Alexandria, LA, 71303 on the first Saturday in June.

For questions about Bug Day or the Kisatchie National Forest, please contact Stacy Blomquist at 318-473-7242.

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Steven Barney with The Beetle Experience from Lafayette brings a variety of interesting insects for Bug Day participants to view, including Goliath beetles and larvae.



Games and an inflatable obstacle course can be enjoyed on the beautiful Kent House grounds.



“Bugs Rule” at the Kent Plantation House on the first Saturday of June!



Opportunities to touch and hold insects, such as these native Bess Beetles, are possible at Kent House Bug Day.

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