

Happy Birthday!

Welcome to the Grandpa Goff Bug Club!



Bug House

You can catch bugs and put them in this house to look at



Bug Books

It's fun to learn about bugs from books



Bug Net

You can catch bugs with your net

Fun With Bugs!

Here's your first month's subscription to the Grandpa Goff Bug Club. We are going to do fun stuff with bugs all year!

This world is full of lots of slimy, squishy, wiggly, bugs. Some will hurt you if you touch them, but most bugs are very friendly. A grownup can help you know when it is safe to touch a bug. Visit www.piggybackrides.org/bugs for more ideas.

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HUNT FOR BUGS

Can you find 5 bugs inside or outside your house?

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TAKE PICTURES

Ask Mom or Dad to help you take a picture.

3

SEND TO GRANDPA

...and Grandma too, of course. #bugclub

Buggy Games to Play:

Here are some ideas for fun you can have with the “pretend bugs” that came in your kit:

Hide and Seek Bugs

Have Mom or Dad hide your pretend bugs (the plastic ones that came with your kit) all around the playground at the park, or at your house. Can you find them and catch them in your bug net?

Bug Fossils

Squish an impression of the shape of your bug into some soft play doh



Tub Bugs

You can fish for pretend bugs in the tub with your net.

Bug Basketball

You can shoot your pretend bugs into the net of your bug net just like shooting a basketball into a hoop. Practice taking turns with a friend.

“There are more varieties of beetles in the world than there are different plants.”

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GET READY FOR NEXT MONTH: SNAIL SAFARI

Next month, we are going to learn all about snails—an especially fun bug.

- Be watching for any kind of snails that you can catch and look at during the next few weeks.
- We will go on a snail safari and find six slimy snails
- We will learn about a funny French snail named “Escargot”
- We will make “Snail Salad” (but not with real snails)



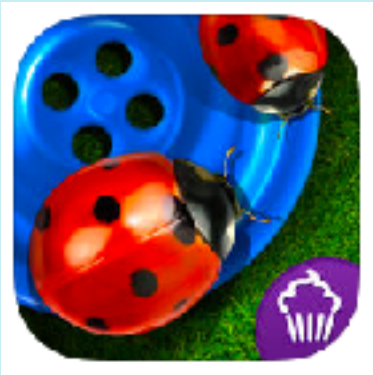
WHAT IS THE GRANDPA GOFF BUG CLUB?



Welcome to the Grandpa Goff Bug Club! "Grandpa Goff" is what our Grandchildren call my husband, Garth (their Grandfather), so this club has been named in honor of him.

The purpose of the Grandpa Goff Bug Club is to create **experiences** that grandparents and their grandchildren can have together—even across long distances. It was originally created for our 2 & 3 year old granddaughters as a birthday gift. Every month, they receive a shipment from Grandma and Grandpa with some fun games they can play with their parents. When we are lucky enough to have them visit us, they bring their bug club gear with them and we all have fun hunting for bugs and playing buggy games.

Apps to try:
Bugs and Buttons: Ages 5
and under



<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/bugs-and-buttons/id446031868?mt=8>

- Count colorful, fun bugs and cute buttons to practice 123s
- Practice upper and lower case letters on the letter train
- Sort flying buttons
- Practice recycling with ladybugs and ants
- Solve bug mazes
- Fly beautiful butterflies

Things to Try:

Periodically, we'll suggest apps, videos, music or websites you can visit to enrich your bug-hunting and playing experiences.

We try to vet these experiences so we know they are appropriate for little ones, but please review them in advance and use your own judgment.

Music and Movement:

Create a fun dance party. Visit <http://www.piggybackrides.org/bugdance-party/>

When you combine the lead guitarist for The Grateful Dead and cute printable cards from the Mommy Blog, www.oopseydaisyblog.com, you have the makings for a BugDance Party. Click the link above to visit the page for full instructions and access to lots more bug fun.