

Centipede: (*Centipede & Walking Stick are placed bottom floor row, Stage Right.*)

Ladies and Gentlemen, boys and girls! Katydids and Katydads!
We hope you will enjoy our show. It's the best we've ever had!

Bo 2-2 M1

Walking Stick:

You're probably wondering what we are, dressed up with antennas and wings.
Mostly we're bugs, some spiders and ants and other squirmy things.

Jayce 2-2 M2

Honeybee:

I'm a little honeybee as sweet as I can be!

Ryleigh 2-1 M1

Yellow Jacket:

I am a Yellow Jacket, you don't want to mess with me!

Ariel 2-3 M2

Gypsy Moth: (*shaking a tambourine and twirling.*)

I'm a sassy Gypsy Moth. How do you like my spangles?

Emily 2-1 M1

Horsefly: (*whinnies*)

I'm a horsefly and I sting anyone who with me tangles.

Jay 2-2 M2

Monarch Butterfly:

I'm a Monarch Butterfly, the most beautiful in my section.
I became the loveliest through "natural selection."

Sophie 2-2 M1

The Beatles:

Cedric 2-1, Graeme 2-1, Oz 2-2, Jaxon 2-3 M2

We are The Beatles! Yeah, yeah yeah!
(*Monarch Butterfly moves back to her spot; The Beatles stay at M2.*)

Beetle:

We're flies and termites, glow worms and bees,
And even a head full of lice.

Jaxon 2-3 M1

(*everyone scratches their heads*)

Beetle:

We're wood ticks and beetles, silk worms and fleas,
And except for that Stink Bug, we're nice!

Graeme 2-1 M2

(*Stink Bugs walk across stage; everyone fans their noses. Stink Bugs wait at other side.*)

Beetle:

As I was playing my drum rig today, I got very excited!
I heard they are having a picnic and all of us are invited!

Cedric 2-1 M2

(*Bugs cheer, flap wings, etc.*)

Song: Goin' On a Picnic

Bedbug

Are you sure we've been invited to the picnic by the tree?
The last time we showed up, they tried to step on me! (*stomping foot*)

Eleora 2-3 M2

Housefly:

Oh I'm sure that we're invited. I discussed it with the planners.
The problem is last time we went we didn't mind our manners!

Aaliyah 2-3 M1

Housefly:

Mind my manners! I do declare! Now what did you expect?
I think I acted perfectly. After all, I am an insect!

Claire 2-2 M1

Butterfly:

Having good manners is important you know, to be a welcomed guest.
You have to learn to present yourself, your very, very best!

London 2-2 M2

(Stink bugs walk across to other side and wait. Other bugs fan noses.)

Butterfly:

What kind of manners are right for a bug? Does anybody know?
We ought to learn how to behave ourselves before it's time to go!

Anniston 2-2 M1

Army Ant:

You have to crawl on everything, go where they don't expect you.
You must show up quite suddenly. Be quick, or they'll detect you!

Tyce 2-1 M1

Fire Ants:

Wait 'til they have their food in place and are settling down just right.
Just when they think how pleasant this is, give them your very best bite!

Tyler 2-1 M2

Honeybee:

Just try to be as sweet as me and don't hurt anything!

Ryleigh 2-1 M1

Yellow Jacket:

Forget that folks! It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that sting!

Ariel 2-3 M2

Honeybee:

Before we go I think it's time to get some free advice.

Ryleigh 2-1 M1

Yellow Jacket:

The Lady Bugs are so refined. They know how to act nice!

Ariel 2-3 M2

Song: Be A Lady

Nora 2-1 Charlotte 2-1 Andie 2-1

(Ladybugs remain in place as Andie goes to microphone after song and dance.)

Ladybug:

Well, now that we know how to act, it must be time to go.
Line up now every buggy so we travel in a row.

Andie 2-1 M1

Grubworm:

The picnic is beneath a tree there in the city square.
They're having plenty of food to eat and plenty of grub to share.
(All rub hands together and say "Ummmmmm!")

Jackson 2-1 M1

Bedbug:

I hope they have fried chicken today and jello in a bowl.
I'd also like a cheese soufflé and tuna casserole!

Rosie 2-1 M2

(All bugs rub hands together and say, "Ummmmmm!")

Army Ant:

All this talk of food is great. I can't wait to get started!
We'd better go before too late; the gnats already departed.

Matthew 2-1 M2

(Stink Bugs cross again and all other bugs hold noses and fan themselves.)

Ladybug:

But how are we to get there, I ask with all my might?
The city park is far away; it's bound to take all night!

Charlotte 2-1 M2

Ladybug:

O dear, I never thought of that and I don't like the dark.
You never know what's lurking there around that city park!

Nora 2-1 M1

(Fireflies go Stage Right to get flashlights.)

Fireflies:

We fireflies will help you.
We always like to shine!

Moira 2-2 M1

We'd like to help you find your way.
The pleasure will be mine!

Journey 2-2 M1

Just follow the glow of our bright tails,
And all will be just fine!

Amanda 2-3 M1

Song: Firefly *(Fireflies sit at front edge of stage, shining flashlights on ceiling to the beat.)*

Moira 2-2 Amanda 2-3 Journey 2-2

(Fireflies remain sitting on floor until Beatle thanks them; afterwards, they get up, put flashlights stage right and go to their places on the risers.)

Beatles:

Thank you, Fireflies, my friends! You led us here so brightly!
We do appreciate your help! We do not take it lightly!

Oz 2-2 M1

Firefly:

You are very welcome but there's no more time to waste!
I can already see that food just waiting for a taste!

Amanda 2-3 M2

(fireflies get up, put away lights, and go back to their places.)

Army Ant:

Look at all that food, my friends, just see what we've discovered.
It must be almost time to eat since they've left it all uncovered.

Lucas 2-2 M2

Army Ant:

They've spread it right there on the ground, we won't even have to climb! Liam 2-3 M1
Come on Bugs, let's go do our thing! At last it's supertime!

Army Ants:

But wait, we need a battle plan before we have our snack. Sam 2-3 M2
Better call out all the Army Ants to synchronize our attack!
(*Army Ants march and line-up on gym floor.*)

Sam **Tyler** **Carter** **Braelon** **Lucas**
Jeremiah **Matthew** **Tyce** **Brooks** **Liam**

Song: March of the Army Ants

(*After song is over:*

1. *Bugs on risers stand at attention; the Army Ants stand at attention until Stink Bugs cross in front of them.. Army Ants faint and fall over. Bugs on risers relax their attention and look shocked at what has happened. Stink Bugs go onstage to the side and wait.*
2. *Army Ants gradually wake up and go to risers except for Brooks, Carte & Braelon.) They go to M2.*
3. *As Ants go back to risers/microphones Butterflies and Houseflies & Firefly go Stage Right to wrap in their chrysalis. Love Bugs go stage right and stand next to the floor row since they have lines coming up soon. Fire Ants go to M1.)*

Fire Ant:

Oh dear, we have a problem here, the stink bugs came as well! Eli 2-1 M1
They'll ruin all these wonderful foods with their horrendous smell!

Fire Ant:

Those Stink Bugs are not welcome here, they really are freeloaders! Owen 2-1 M1
And everywhere they pass by, they leave such terrible odors!

Army Ant:

Someone has to set them straight and do so very quick! Brooks 2-2 M2
That awful smell that they create is going to make me sick!

Army Ant:

Stink Bugs, you have got to go! You're stinkin' up the place! Carter 2-2 M2
We'd just as soon you left this show and never show your face!

Stink Bug:

I know I'm not the sweetest thing to ever grace your nose. Noah 2-1 M1
But what am I to do for lunch, go hungry? I suppose?

Army Ants:

There's just not room for all of us, not in this neighborhood. Braelon 2-3 M2
We'd just as soon you went away and stay away for good!

Stink Bug:

You really are too mean to me, your manners send me reeling. Charlie Rex 2-3 M1
You had to hit us where it hurts and now you've hurt our feelings! (*Stinkbugs are crying.*)
-----(*Charlie Rex & Noah stay at microphones; Love Bugs come rushing out to console Stink Bugs.*)-----

LOVE BUGS:

Don't cry, little Stink Bugs! It will all work out for you! Abby 2-2 M1
Your hearts are broken, I can tell! Words can really hurt, it's true! Vivienne 2-2 M1

(Stink Bugs move to side of stage right. Butterflies, Houseflies & Firefly onstage: Butterflies are wrapped in chrysalis. Houseflies & Firefly unwrap butterflies at end of song.)

Song: Things Change *(Butterflies, Houseflies, and Firefly onstage: Butterflies are wrapped in chrysalis. Houseflies & Firefly unwrap butterflies during the last section of the song.)*

Helpers: Claire Eleora Ava Amanda
Butterflies: Anniston Sophie London Karys

(Butterfly Helpers put chrysalis wraps in box that is Stage Right and go back to their spots after song. London, Amanda & Anniston move to their spots on the risers. Karys, Sophie, & Ava go to M2.)

Stink Bugs:

Your wings are just so beautiful, like angels or even birds. Charlie 2-3 M1
Thank you for your gentle thoughts and most inspiring words. Noah 2-1 M1

Butterfly:

Thank you, little Stink Bugs, you are so very kind. Karys 2-3 M2
I know that deep within our hearts, an answer we can find!
(Stink Bugs go back to side of Stage Right. Karys, Sophie & Ava are at M2. Praying Mantis go to M1.)

Praying Mantis:

I thought until I got an answer; I prayed 'til I almost popped! Cash 2-3 M1
I think I have a way to help until the smell has stopped!

Butterfly:

Those are the Praying Mantis who have come in off the bench! Sophie 2-2 M2
Tell us what to do, oh wise ones, to save us from this stench!

Praying Mantis:

What we need is an even stronger smell, a more appealing scent. Lawrie 2-2 M1
Perhaps a flower on each lapel would make us more content!

All: Amen!!!!

Butterfly:

Well, things are certainly sweeter now, the smell is much more handle-able. Ava 2-3 M2
I'm ready to get some food near me and dig in with my mandibles!

Army Ant *(excitedly moving to M1)*

Now we can all go get a bite from someone's picnic plate! Jeremiah 2-3 M1
Time to whet our appetites! Come on, let's celebrate! *(All cheer!)*

Song: Goin' On a Picnic (Reprise)

