

A Play On Pollinators

Fall Festival, 2013

“Buzz on Over”

Daisy - human girl

Honey - Honey Bee

Bumble - Bumblebee

Wasp

Beetle –ladybug

Fly

Props: Bug Hats,

Apples, Pollen

Daisy: Hi! My name is Daisy, just like the beautiful flower.
I so love being outside. The air smells good and the trees and flowers are wonderful.

Bugs (All buzz by)

Daisy: BUGS! I am so afraid of bugs. What good are they anyway?
I wish they would all just go away.

Honey: AHEM. Excuse me!
I am a Honey bee.
Wait a minute.
What did you say? You are afraid of bugs????
Why don't you like us?

Daisy: I don't like you because all you ever do is buzzzz and bite!

Honey: We do **much** more than buzz and bite.
We POLLINATE.

Beetle: Hi there.
I am a beetle.
And I POLLINATE.
(To the crowd) Can you say "Poll-i-nate"?

Crowd: "Poll-i-nate"

Beetle: You should LOVE pollinators.

Daisy: EW! I should love pollinators?
They're disgusting!

Bumble: Hi there little friend.
I am a Bumble bee.
Let me explain POLLINATION to you.
For a pretty flower to become a yummy fruit with a seed,
the pollen from one flower must get to another.

Fly: Greetings humans.
I am a fly.
Without POLLINATION there would be no Daisies,
flowers, trees or bushes.

Wasp: I am a wasp-p-p-p-p. Did you know that lots of the time the
pollinated flower becomes something you can eat?
Like apples.

Honey: Peaches and watermelon.

Beetle: Beans and pears and strawberries.

Bumble: Tomatoes and peppers.

- Daisy:** Where does this POLLEN stuff come from?
- Honey:** Good question, Miss Daisy.
(Points to prop) This is a flower and these are the petals.
- Beetle:** (Show Picture #1)
Some flowers like a Daisy have a button-like center with lots of tiny tubes. That is where the POLLEN is.
- Bumble:** (Show Picture #2)
Some flowers have a tube called a spadix, a stalk crowded with tiny flowers. That is where the POLLEN is.
- Fly:** Did you know that **one** out of every **three** things you eat? needs us as POLLINATORS?
- Daisy:** One out of three? That is a lot!
Are you insects the only pollinators?
- Wasp:** No! The wind can pollinate.
On a windy day, you can see the POLLEN in the air. If you have allergies like me, it will make you ...
A-A-A-CHHOOOOOOO!
- Fly:** Hummingbirds, bats and butterflies can be POLLINATORS, too.
- Daisy:** OK – OK! I get it.
Tell me how do **YOU** POLLINATE? Is it hard work?
- Beetle:** When I crawl around on the center of a flower, the powdery pollen sticks to me.
When I get to the next flower some of the pollen falls off and stays with that flower. TA DA! POLLINATION!
- Honey:** I collect pollen on my fuzzy legs
and take it home to feed my bay-beeeees.
I have to visit many flowers to get enough for my bay-beeeees and some POLLEN is always falling off.

Bumble: I do the same thing.

It makes my ba-beeeees grow fast and strong.
My whole body is fuzzy, so the POLLEN sticks all over me. Still
some falls off as I visit many flowers.

Wasp: It sticks to me when I go to a flower for
a sweet drink of nectar.
So that makes me a pollinator, too.

Fly: WOW! It sticks to me, too.
I love spreading it around from flower to flower to flower to
flower.

Bugs: (During Daisy's speech below each bug places flour on the palm
of their hand and holds it in a fist.)

Daisy: I have changed my mind about bugs.
You do really good things.
I wouldn't be able to eat and drink
the healthy foods that keep me strong and healthy without
POLLINATORS!

Daisy: (Holds up apple basket with Thank You sign on it)
Anyone want an apple?

Daisy: On the count of three let us thank the wonderful
POLLINATORS!

1 – 2 – 3. Thank you POLLINATORS!

Bugs: You're Welcome! Here's POLLEN for ya!

(Blow flour off hands toward audience and bow, with a
flourish.)

Hand out apples.

