WHAT YOU NEED:

1. Butterfly print out or copy paper
2. Cardboard tube from paper towel or toilet paper roll
3. Felt tip pens
4. Highlighters
5. Scissors
6. Hole punch
7. White glue preferably tacky glue
8. Masking tape
9. Pipe cleaners, twist ties or other kid friendly wire

Learn to recognize butterflies you can find in San Francisco!

Monarch

Mission Blue

Anise Swallowtail
1. Print or draw your own butterfly and cut it out.
2. Color your butterfly. Try this tip. Use highlighters to color light colors first, then draw over with black marker.

3. Color your cardboard tube. I chose to draw a blue sky with puffy clouds and rainbows. Draw wherever you want your butterfly puppet to fly. I was happy I had a silver sharpie for the clouds!

4. Use a small roll of masking tape to temporarily tape your butterfly on the tube where you want to glue it. Make sure the head is not too close to the end of the cardboard tube, we need to punch holes for the antenna. Make two dots on either side of the head.

5. Punch holes over the dots. These punches need to be away from the edge of the tube and away from each other so they are separate holes.

6. Put pipe cleaner or other wire through the holes and tape it in place from the inside of the tube.

7. Fold your butterfly in two places on either side of the body. The body lays flat and the wings fly up on both sides.
8. Spread glue on the cardboard tube the length of the butterfly body. Glue down butterfly and arrange the antenna.

9. Color your twist tie or use a pipe cleaner. Roll it into a spiral. Butterfly tongues are spiraled like this. They unroll into a straight straw like tube to sip nectar. This butterfly tongue is called a proboscis.

10. Put some glue in the middle of a piece of masking tape. Stick the proboscis inside the tube under the head with the masking tape. Together, glue and tape make it sturdy.

11. Fly your butterfly puppet pinching it with fingers in the cardboard tube and your thumb on the outside below.

Enjoy your puppet!

Happy Bug Month!

We would love to see your butterfly puppet. If you want, share a photo with us on Instagram @randallmuseum#RandallBugBrigade