

Why join BUGS?

BUGS is a student-run organization at the University of New Mexico through which undergraduate students from any discipline are welcome to explore the field of Biology and participate in fun activities! We offer a multitude of volunteer opportunities, discounts for KAPLAN graduate preparation courses, and event planning opportunities. Most importantly, we provide the chance to build meaningful connections with peers, UNM professors, and other organizations both at UNM and throughout the state.

What opportunities have our members received in the past?

- Volunteer with the Bosque Ecosystem Monitoring Project
 - This is an easy and fun way to gain field experience. UNM students can take BIOL 408, Bosque Internship, which allows deeper involvement with this program.
- Volunteer with Zoo Boo or Run for the Zoo at the Rio Grande Zoo in Albuquerque
- Participate in UNM events such as Hanging of the Greens and Welcome Back Days
- Membership discounts with KAPLAN test prep, and the opportunity to gain KAPLAN scholarships and host events through our BUGS partnership
- Partner with other UNM organizations and professors to host events or hold talks
- Hold tables at events throughout Albuquerque to increase interest in BUGS and Biology
- Plan and host UNM's annual Wolf Fest
 - Wolf Fest is held to increase support and awareness for wolf conservation. This is the organization's largest event, requiring the most time and effort from each member. We invite many organizations from around the state to set up a table at our event, and often our relationships with these organizations lead to even more opportunities for our members. Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary often brings one or two of their wolf ambassadors, and we have tons of fun at this April event!

What do our meetings look like?

Our meetings are informal and are usually held once a month or more frequently depending on the volume of opportunities or the need for increased planning and fundraising. We meet either in one of the rooms on the top floor of the SUB, or in more informal locations around campus or around the UNM area. Anyone is welcome, and our meetings tend to be fairly small and highly interactive. We want as much input from our members as possible. BUGS is student-run and the details of each activity are always up for debate. We love to hear your ideas! BUGS has no registration fee and is open to students from all disciplines, so bring your friends!

NOTE: As stated above, everything we do is determined by member interest and participation, and as such, each member determines their own level of involvement with the club. If, as a new BUGS member, you feel as though you would like to contribute more time to the club, consider becoming an officer! There are a multitude of options for officer involvement, and you do not need to wait until the next year to run for an empty position!

We look forward to meeting you!