



Macroinvertebrate Program

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Summary: Macroinvertebrates are small creatures living in our rivers, streams, and lakes. They play an important role in the food web and are a water quality indicator.

- **Make a Macro Home**

We introduce the concept of habitat and how it applies to macroinvertebrates, and how pollution affects their habitat

- **Macro Viewing**

Either at a stream site or in the classroom, we look at macros up close and do some identification, giving us an indication of water quality

- **Macro Mayhem**

We use a field activity where kids role play to simulate how decreasing water quality affects the macros living in the stream

Extensions within the program:

Water quality testing (stream/lake)

Web of Life activity

Salmon program