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## The Science of Structures at the National Great Rivers Museum

ALTON, IL – Have you ever wondered how tall buildings stand up under their own weight? What about how bridges support the millions of cars and trucks that drive across them?

On Thursday, July 7, at 6:00, the National Great Rivers Museum will welcome presenters from the St. Louis Science Center who will explore the physics of structures by leading experiments and demonstrations.

A special sunset tour of the largest structure on the Mississippi River, the Melvin Price Locks and Dam, will immediately follow the presentation. Space on the tour will be limited to the first 25 people to sign in.

This program is offered as part of the *Flock to the Lock* summer program series, presented by the Meeting of the Rivers Foundation. Meet at the National Great Rivers Museum on the select Thursdays of each summer month, now through September, to enjoy some quality time with the whole family!

The National Great Rivers Museum is located at 2 Lock and Dam Way, East Alton, IL 62024, just off Route 143, 2 miles east of the Clark Bridge. Call (618) 462-6979 for more information.

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