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Tiny Bugs Are Big Indicators

ALTON, IL – Have you ever heard of a macroinvertebrate? Break the word down to discover its meaning: 'macro' means big enough to see with your eyes and an 'invertebrate' is an animal without a backbone. These little guys play an important role in the food chain and also help scientists determine water quality.

On Sunday, September 11 at 1:00 PM, Dr. Patrick Dailey, a biology professor at Lewis and Clark Community College, will be on-hand with macroinvertebrate specimens to discuss these little critters and the unique niche they have established within aquatic ecosystems.

This program is offered as part of the *Sunday Funday* summer program series, presented by the Meeting of the Rivers Foundation. Meet at the National Great Rivers Museum 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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