



Discover Who Lives in Our Rivers

Ecology studies the relationships between plants and animals and their surroundings. A **habitat** is a plant's or animal's home. All together, plants, animals and their habitats are called the **environment**. Humans are part of the environment too.


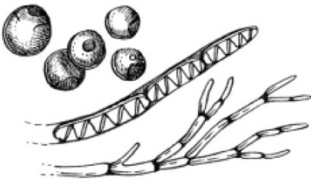




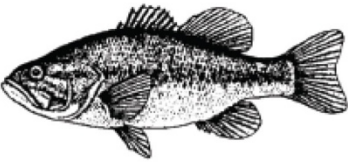

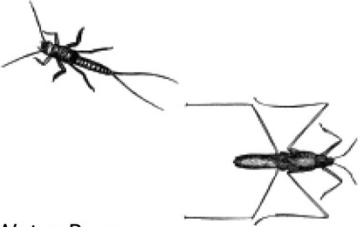



Activity 1:

Different animals often need very different habitats to live. What is your habitat like? Describe or draw your home? As you write or draw, think about how your habitat is different from the habitat of animals who live by the rivers. Where do you get food from? Where do you sleep? Where do they sleep?

Activity 2:

Let's play BINGO! As you explore the rivers, keep an eye out for the plants, animals, and insects pictured below. Mark each square with an X when you see it.

- Get 3 in a row – you're a dragonfly!
- Get all 4 corners – you're a painted turtle!
- Get All of the squares – you're a great blue heron!

		
Duck	Algae	Chipmunk
		
Butterfly	Raccoon	Great Blue Heron
		
Bass	River Otter	Water Bugs
		
Bull Frog	Mosquito	Turtle

Don't forget to always just observe, or watch, wildlife! These animals won't hurt you on purpose, but could nip or bite if they are scared. Being chased or handled makes the stressed (you would be too, if a giant picked you up!) and could hurt them.

Email your completed activities to summerquestprogram@gmail.com.