

Do you like scavenger hunts? How do you tell if creek water is clean and healthy? Join Lucas and his sister as they act like scientists looking for certain kinds of stream bugs (aquatic macroinvertebrates) that need clean, unpolluted water to survive. What will they find as they turn over rocks, pick up leaves and sort through the mud? Read along to find out if their creek gets a passing grade.

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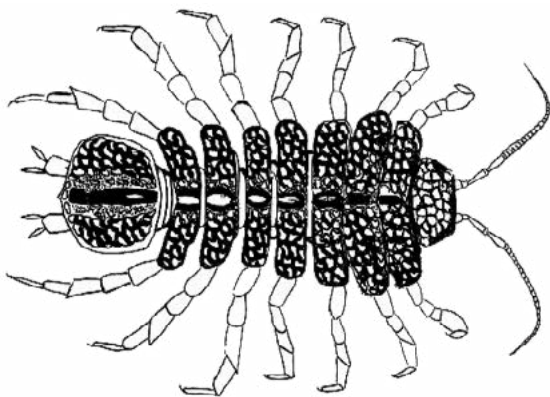
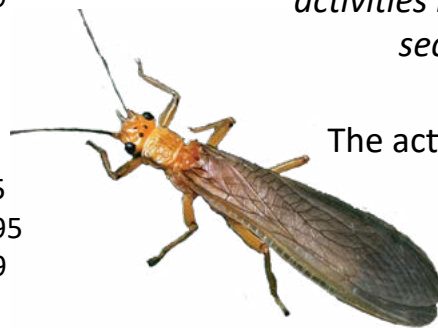
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The activities include:

- Scavenger Hunt: Identify the Bugs
- Matching Young to Adults
- Scientist's Field Notebook
- Is your Creek Healthy? Ask the Critters!



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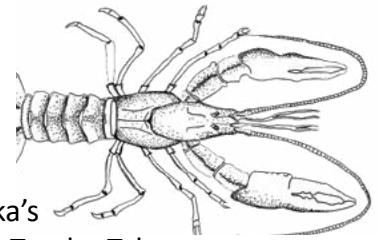


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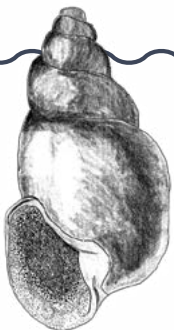
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Stroud Water Research Center is a research field station not a nature center. Visitors use the same tools as scientists to study and examine stream health. This story is based on bugs collected on the Stroud Center's property, along the East Branch of White Clay Creek, a tributary of the Delaware River. At the Stroud Water Center, environmental educators often pre-collect specimens because too many kids stomping through the creek has too much impact. The students have a chance to examine the bugs under a microscope and learn more about them. At the end of class, the educators return the bugs to the creek. The authors hope readers are inspired to go on an adventure of their own to local creeks, streams, and ponds to collect and learn more about the critters who live there.



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