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[The All Star River Explorers- a web site for teachers and students](#)

The use of Extension web based education materials for youth has expanded dramatically in the last few years. Teachers and students are given a trustworthy resource that can be used as a supplement to textbook material or as a stand alone project.

University of Illinois Extension has developed a series of web based natural resource programs, which has proved to be enormously popular.

The *All Star River Explorers* is a newly created website designed to introduce students to the basics of hydrology and increase their understanding of how rivers are formed and their importance in our lives. The site may be used by both teachers and students, and targets grade levels 4-6.

Sections within the site include:

- River Basics- how rivers form and change, and how people affect these processes.
- River Dollars and Sense- the economic importance of rivers.
- Ooze, Goo, and Other Nasty Things- how pollution and invasive species affect rivers.
- Hall of fame- Brief biographies of famous North American river explorers
- Teachers guide- activities and resources for teachers to use in class

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