

## Public Communication Piece Description

Since I take a silly amount of pictures, I decided to create a digital scrapbook of sorts documenting the process of my research project! I completed research looking at the community composition of aquatic macroinvertebrates in urban water bodies within Fort Collins, Co. This was my first research experience and is now guiding my decision to continue my studies into grad school. I'm a somewhat sentimental person, so I wanted to be able to look back on this formative experience as well as compile all of my memories in one spot.

There are 8 pages in total, the first being a mimic of an actual scrapbook cover. The second page has pictures from when my dad was at CSU for his master's in fisheries. I actually worked in the same exact lab that he was in during his time here. I'm not a very superstitious person, but I do like to think the universe had a hand in it. Next, the third page has pictures from when my team and I were completing the fieldwork component of the project. The next two pages are from the lab component of the project and feature pictures from every stage of our data processing. Analysis of the data is shown on the sixth page, which mainly has pictures from notebooks and work on my laptop. The next page has pictures from the symposium where we presented our work and wrapped up everything. Lastly, the final page at the end of the book mimics the back cover of a scrapbook. Throughout the scrapbook, there are little bugs pasted around, these are actual bugs I took pictures of under a microscope in the lab. Even though they aren't the most beautiful organisms on the planet, I have a new love for the ugly little guys.