Friends of the Forest

The Forestry Outreach Center Newsletter, April 2018





LOOK & SEE: A Portrait of Wendell Berry

Thursday, April 19th at 6:30pm-8:30pm

The monthly Documentary Dialogues at the Forestry Outreach Center will host the film, *LOOK & SEE: A Portrait of Wendell Berry*, about the changing relationship between Kentucky farmers and the land they work and live on. Please join us for a screening of the film and a discussion led by Chris Green, the Berea College Appalachian Center Director.

Bird Walk and Saturday Hike, April 14th

This Saturday, we will be hosting two hikes at the Forestry Outreach Center! Our regular hike will take place at 12:30pm, leaving from the FOC lobby. However, at 10am, Drs. Rebecca Bates and Rob Foster will be leading a Bird Watching Walk. The walk will be an interesting informational session and chance to try and view some of the native birds in the Forest led by experienced bird watchers.

Space is limited, so please arrive on time, ready to get started. Bring your binoculars!

If you are interested in leading a themed hike, please contact Wendy Warren at wendy warren@berea.edu.
Hikes are every Saturday at 12:30pm, meeting at the FOC. Returning no later than 3:00pm.





Last Month: Documentary Dialogues

In March, the monthly Documentary Dialogues, organized by volunteer Nina Verin, featured the Green Garden Bakery from Minneapolis, MN.

The Green Garden Bakery is a group of students from Minneapolis who make healthy, vegetable-based baked goods and sell them to raise money which they then reinvest into their community.

Some of the student ambassadors for the Bakery, pictured left, came to Berea to share their story and inspire others to follow their own individual dreams and to help their communities along the way. Please consider joining us for these monthly Dialogues, on the third Thursday of each month. There are light refreshments, and lively conversation! No RSVP required.

Hope to see you there!

Education at the Forest

Learning and play go hand in hand, especially at the Forestry Outreach Center! The FOC welcomed our first recurring class visit this past month from the Red Cedar Home School Co-op. About 20 students ranging from ages 1-13 years old came to the FOC every Tuesday during March to learn about environmental education through lesson plans, informative hikes, and other activities. For example, the students worked together to write, develop, and act in a play about the Forest that they performed on their last day at the FOC.

If you, or someone you know is interested in bringing a class or student group to the Center, please find more information about personalized lesson plans and activities on our website at www.forestryoutreach.berea.edu.



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Volunteer Corner



Current volunteers can now sign up for a shift as a greeter online with the link under this newsletter! Just choose the month you wish to volunteer in along the bottom of your screen, then double click the time and date you wish to volunteer on, and fill in your name!



Other Ideas to Share?

We'd like programming at the FOC to grow, in part, through the ideas and support of the Friends of the Forest group. Please feel free to share your ideas, especially if you can become the point person on a project. We would love to schedule a time you might lead a hike where you can share your knowledge of a particular aspect of the natural or human history of the forest, give a "porch talk," and/or schedule a performance at the Amphitheater. We hope to build a culture of community at the Center where people feel inspired to share their ideas and share in its creation.