



BEREA COLLEGE FORESTRY OUTREACH CENTER



APRIL 2019 FRIENDS OF THE FOREST NEWSLETTER

FOC First Annual Merit Badge Day!



The Forestry Outreach Center is excited to announce that on **April 20th, 9:30 AM-2:20 PM** we will be hosting our first Boy Scout Merit Badge Day. Any member of the Boy Scouts can attend and take part in earning new merit badges. We will offer a variety of badges from Citizenship in the World to Insect Study to Cooking and Art. Visit the Boy Scouts Event page to register for the badges your scout wants to earn and learn more about the event.

What's Coming Up?

Spring Hours: Every day 10:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Every Saturday, 1:00-3:30 PM:
Group Hikes at the Pinnacles!
Student vans leave Alumni Circle at 12:45 PM.

April 6th- Book Club: 11:30-12:30 PM

April 7th- Brushy Fork Clean-Up: 1:30 PM-3:30 PM

April 12th- Half-Mountain Day: 2:00-8:00 PM

April 12th-Naturalist Workshop: 2:00-4:00 PM (At Brushy Fork)

April 13th- Outdoor Adventure Club: 2:00 PM-4:00 PM

April 18th- Documentary Dialogue: 6:30-8:30 PM

April 20th- Merit Badge Day: 9:30-2:30 PM

April 22nd- Earth Day: All Day

April 26th- Naturalist Workshop: 2:00-4:00 PM



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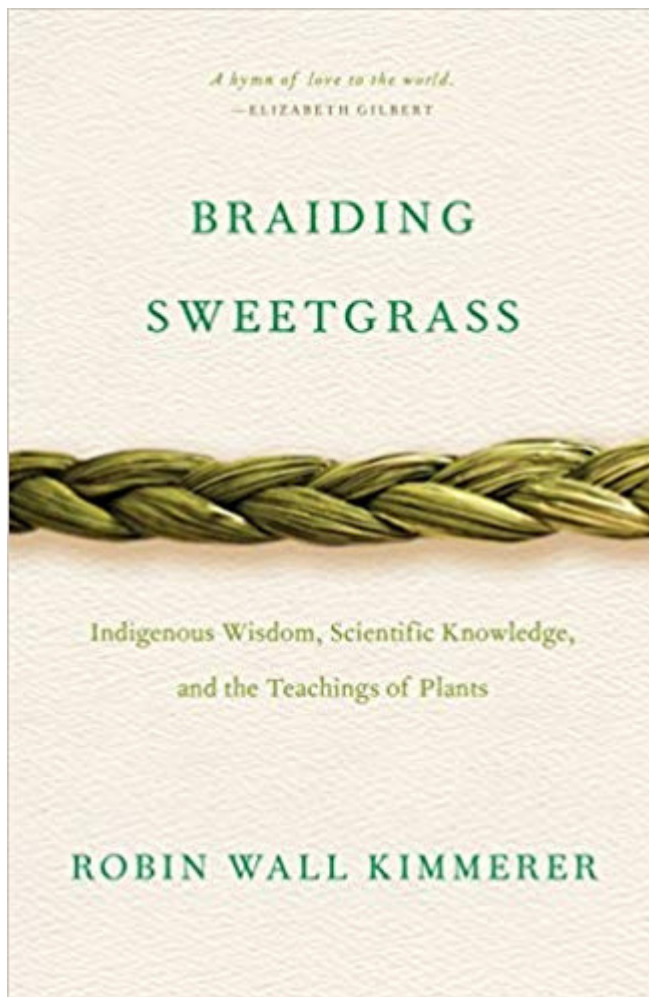


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Book Club Continues!

The second meeting of our *Braiding Sweetgrass* Book Club is scheduled for **April 6th, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM**. We had a great discussion at our first and second meetings. If you couldn't make it, you can still join us this month! *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer intertwines knowledge and perspectives in new ways, celebrating the reciprocal relationship between humans and the natural world. The book is divided into sections. We'll discuss the third section, "Picking Sweetgrass," for our third meeting.

See you at Book Club!



Half-Mountain Day

Thanks to the efforts of Forestry Outreach Center labor students Hunter McDavid and Chase Denny, Berea College will be hosting Half-Mountain Day **April 12th**. This day will be a great chance to explore the Brushy Fork Trail. Everyone from the community and the college are invited to attend. There will be hikes, a naturalist workshop, and other fun outdoor activities.

Hope to see you there!



Brushy Fork Clean-Up

Join us and the Brushy Fork Nature Coalition for their monthly Brushy Fork Trails Clean-Up on **April 7th, 1:30 PM-3:30 PM**. Meet at the Brushy Fork Bridge. Students, faculty, and community members are invited to participate in this environmental, service-learning opportunity. We are kid and dog-friendly! Trash bags, gloves, and first aid kits will be provided. Just bring yourself and a pair of hiking shoes and be ready to help us clean and restore the local community.

Naturalist Workshops

Our bi-weekly, Friday Naturalist Workshops will continue in April! On **April 12th, 2:00 PM-4:00 PM** will take place at Brushy Fork as part of our Half-Mountain Day celebration. This workshop will be a Naturalist Hike to Welsh Mountain. There will be one more Naturalist Workshop this month on **April 26th**. The topic for this event will be announced via our Facebook and website within the next few weeks. Please sign up online the workshops you wish to attend.

For(est) Your Information

Your monthly forest fun fact

In March we planned learning experiences for 250 Madison County students! These students explored the center and participated in environmental and science education workshops. We are looking forward to hosting more students in the future.

Happy Earth Day!



Documentary Dialogues



Documentary Dialogues will continue **Monday, April 22nd, 6:30 PM-8:00 PM.**

This month we will screen a documentary about reducing waste along with the Berea group Bag It. We will also be teaching a short DIY class about turning plastic bottles into planters! This event will be a great way to celebrate Earth Day, we hope to see you there!

Call for Volunteers!

Ever thought of being a greeter at the FOC? There are still positions available for **April and May!** Visit our volunteers' page on our website at foretryoutreach.berea.edu to sign up. If you would prefer us to sign you up, email alison_adkins@bera.edu with the date and time you want to volunteer. We are also recruiting volunteers to lead hikes, to work as naturalist assistants, to help with trail maintenance, and to help with the removal of invasive species. You can sign up for these positions on our website as well or email alison_adkins@bera.edu with the position you are interested in or any questions you may have.