



BEREA COLLEGE FORESTRY OUTREACH CENTER



MARCH 2019 FRIENDS OF THE FOREST NEWSLETTER

Berea College Forestry Learn and Burn



The Berea College Foresters will be participating in a "Learn and Burn" event in March. This event will give the public a chance to learn the importance of controlled burns as a sustainable forestry practice. Emphasis will be on how controlled burns can contribute to woodland health, habitat quality, and the restoration of the shortleaf pine.

The event will take place **9:00 AM-4:00 PM on March 16th**, weather permitting, with a back-up date of **March 23rd, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM**. Learn more and register at forestguild.org/node/740.

What's Coming Up?

Spring Hours: Everyday 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.

March 1st, 15th, 29th, 2:00 PM-4:00 PM, Naturalist Workshop

March 2nd: 11:30 AM- 12:30 PM,
Book Club (*Braiding Sweetgrass*)

March 9th: 2:00 PM-4:00 PM,
Outdoor Adventure Club Free Play Day

March 10th: 1:30 PM- 3:30 PM,
Brushy Fork Clean-Up

March 16th/23rd: All Day, Learn and Burn

March 16th/30th: 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM,
Pollinator Educator Workshop

March 21st: 6:30 PM-8:00 PM
Documentary Dialogues

March 24th: 12:00 PM-4:00 PM,
Spring Craft Day



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Documentary Dialogues

Documentary Dialogues will continue **March 21st, 6:30 PM-8:30 PM**. This month we will screen a portion of the film *180° South*. ECU Professor and Kentucky Leave No Trace Coordinator Brian Clark will discuss his work and lead a conversation after the film. We will also have a short presentation on Eco-Bricks.



Pollinator Educators Workshop

The Madison County Pollinator Working Group is hosting educator workshops to help teachers learn how to install pollinator gardens on their school grounds and utilize the gardens when developing their classroom curriculum.

Each school will be provided seeds, plants, soil, raised bed materials and volunteer support to establish a pollinator garden at the school site, which will qualify as a monarch butterfly weigh station, funded by the North American Association of Environmental Educators.

These workshops will be hosted on **March 16th and March 30th** both from **9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**.

Register with Jim Embry at embryjim@gmail.com or call 859-270-3699.

Book Club Continues!

The second meeting of our *Braiding Sweetgrass* Book Club is scheduled for **March 2nd, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM**. We had a great discussion at our first meeting. 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 second section, "Tending Sweetgrass," for our second meeting.

See you at Book Club!

Naturalist Workshops



Our bi-weekly, Friday Naturalist Workshops will continue in March! On **March 1st, 2:00 PM-4:00 PM** our focus will be on "Pond Life." This workshop will teach participants about the importance and life cycles of the creatures who live in ponds. We will have two other Naturalist Workshops in **March on the 15th and 30th**. The topics for these events will be announced via our Facebook and website the workshops you wish to attend.

Berea Outdoor Adventure Club

Berea Outdoor Adventure Club is partnering with Berea College Forestry Outreach Center to host a monthly Outdoor Free Play at the Pinnacles! This month our free play will take place at the Indian Fort Theater. This event is free and open to the public. Families with kids of all ages are more than welcome to attend. There is no specific agenda. Just a time and space for kids to get together for imaginative play and exploration in the beautiful outdoors. Come and play on **March 9th, 2:00 PM-4:00 PM**.

Brushy Fork Clean-Up

Join us and the Brushy Fork Nature Coalition for their monthly Brushy Fork Trails Clean-Up on **March 3rd, 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.

Spring Hours Begin!

The Forestry Outreach Center will begin our Spring and Summer schedule starting in March. We will be open **every day 10:00 AM-4:00 PM**. Celebrate the start of spring by stopping by to see us!

Spring Celebration Day



March marks the beginning of spring and to celebrate the Forestry Outreach Center will be hosting a Spring Craft Day on **March 24th, 12:00 PM-4:00 PM**. Join us to learn to make bee houses for your garden, pinwheels, and other spring-themed origami. All supplies will be provided and admission is free. All skill levels of crafters are invited. We hope to see you there!

Call for Volunteers!

Ever thought of being a greeter at the FOC? There are still positions available for **March and April**! 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@bereda.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@bereda.edu with the position you are interested in or any questions you may have.