



## BEREA COLLEGE FORESTRY OUTREACH CENTER

October 2019 Friends of the Forest Newsletter

### Bird Walks and Hikes!

Join us on Saturday mornings 8:30-10:00 to take a walk with naturalist John Abrams to observe native bird species. Keep coming back to see which birds visit throughout the fall and winter!

Our Saturday group hikes continue 1:00-3:30 led by various members of our team. Students are picked up at Alumni Circle at 12:45 and returned to campus after the hike.

Come enjoy nature with us!

Watch for an email to SIGN UP for the 12:45  
SHUTTLE from ALUMNI CIRCLE

### Documentary Dialogue

On October 24th, join the Organic Association of Kentucky (OAK) in partnership with Grow Appalachia and the FOC for a film screening of *The Biggest Little Farm*. This event will feature a community hour with local organizations and light appetizers, film screening, and farmer panel discussion. This is a free community event.

The film's website says the film is about a couple who "...trade city living for 200 acres of barren farmland and a dream to harvest in harmony with nature."

Pre-registration is preferred. RSVP here by contacting Katie Harvey at 859-428-7944 or [katie@oak-ky.org](mailto:katie@oak-ky.org) or by going to this site: <https://www.oak-ky.org/consumer-events>



### What's coming up?

All events are free and open to the public.

#### Center Hours:

Every Day 10:00AM-4:00PM

Closed @ 3:15 on Tuesdays

CENTER CLOSED OCT. 17-19

for staff professional development

\*Group Hikes: Saturdays  
1:00PM-3:30PM

\*Bird Walks: Saturdays  
8:30-10:00 AM

\*International Observe the Moon  
Night at BC Planetarium: Oct. 6th,  
7:00 PM

\*144th Mountain Day: Oct. 16th  
All day

\*Documentary Dialogue:  
Oct. 24th, 5:30-8:30 PM



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the Berea College  
Forest

<https://forestryoutreach.berea.edu/>



# Mountain Day

Berea College's 144th celebration of the mountains is October 16th! Hike up to East Pinnacle to watch the sunrise, visit different campus organization's tables, and stop in at the Center. We'll see you at this amazing day of appreciation for the unique ecosystem of the Knobs Region.



Come meet the college's draft horses starting at 11



## Creepy Critters

Throughout October, come into the Center to see a variety of critters that may give you the creeps! Learn about why these animals are important to us and the natural world.



## Citizen Science



Get an identification! Help keep track of biodiversity! Download the iNaturalist app or go to [inaturalist.org](https://www.inaturalist.org) to upload pictures of plants and animals. If found at the Pinnacles, Owsley Fork Reservoir, Brushy Fork, or Anglin Falls, your observations will automatically be added to the project "Biodiversity of the Berea College Forest." There, you can add to the growing list of 1,338 species that have been observed so far!

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The Forestry Outreach Center welcomes students from Berea Community Middle School for an after school program every Monday through November!

If you have a class or group that you would like to bring out to the FOC or The Pinnacles, please contact Wendy Warren at [wendy\\_warren@berea.edu](mailto:wendy_warren@berea.edu)

## Star Parties



The FOC is partnering with the Madison County Public Library and the Berea College Planetarium for a series on the night sky: Observe the Moon Night at the planetarium Oct. 6th at 7 pm and stargazing with Jeff Hutton at the FOC Nov. 1st and 8th at 6 pm.

## Help Make a Daily Difference at the FOC

We need passionate, kind, and helpful people to be greeters at the FOC. Hundreds of visitors pass through each month while hiking The Pinnacles.

Answer questions about the trails, the city, and the college. No experience is required and this information will be available to you. Meet people from all over the world and show them some Berea hospitality! To sign up for times and dates, sign up on the Friends of the Forest page on our website. You can also call 859-756-3315, or email John Abrams at [john\\_abrams@berea.edu](mailto:john_abrams@berea.edu).

We look forward to seeing you!

