



BEREA COLLEGE FORESTRY OUTREACH CENTER at the Pinnacles

2047 Big Hill Rd. Berea, KY 40403

June 2022 Friends of the Forest Newsletter



The FOC is OPEN
Our hours are
Tuesday-Saturday
10-4, Sunday 12-4.

Land Acknowledgement:
Osiyo. Hatito. (Hello)
The lands which comprise the Berea College Forest are the traditional homelands of Shawnee and Cherokee peoples who hold these mountains in care and tradition. Thank you to Tiffany Pyette for this Land Acknowledgment Statement.

The Sun warms (and burns) our skin, gives us hope in the dark winters, and makes life on Earth possible. The constant orbit of our tilted planet around that star allows us, here in Kentucky, to experience seasons as well as changing amounts of sunlight throughout the year. The Summer Solstice is the longest day of the year because the northern hemisphere of Earth is pointed directly at the Sun, meaning it receives more light. This means we have more sunlight to have fun! So, please join us for a...

Summer Solstice Celebration!



June 21st, 6:00-9:00 pm @ the FOC

Student shuttles from Alumni and back every hour

- Solstice children's books readings
- Sun-themed crafts, sundial activity
- Lawn games, eco-friendly water balloons
- Free snacks and drinks
- Guided sunset hike (leave at 8:00 pm)
- Meet goats and foals (until 8:00 pm)



All welcome!

June Events:

* see newsletter for info
All events at the FOC/Pinnacles unless otherwise noted

- Pinnacles group hikes Saturdays at 10 am. Meet at the FOC. All welcome!
- *Sun Day Event, June 5th, 2:00-4:00 pm
- Kids Discovery Walk: June 10th, 2:00 pm
- *Night Hike: June 10th, 8:30 pm, sign up required
- Outdoor Free Play w/ Winterberry Studio: June 11th, 2:00-4:00 pm
- *Summer Solstice Celebration: June 21st, 6:00-9:00 pm
- *Pollinator Week June 20th-26th
- *Pollinator-Friendly Plant Info Session & Plant Giveaway: June 25th, 10:00-11:00 am

Happy Juneteenth and Pride Month!



Berea College Forestry Outreach Center



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Citizen Science Project: Biodiversity of the Berea College Forest



Seek app by iNaturalist, great I.D. tool for kids and families

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

Sun Day

Sunday, June 5th
2:00-4:00 pm

All ages welcome!



View the sun through a filtered telescope and a solar projector



Learn about solar phenomena during a 3 pm presentation



Enjoy a free sundae bar and sun sugar cookies

Thank you to Jeff Hutton and Steve Rismiller!

Pollinator Week

June 20th-26th, 2022

Initiated and run by Pollinator Partnership, Pollinator Week has grown into an international event recognizing the importance of pollinators in our ecosystems. Without pollinators, life as we know it would not exist. We have our pollinator friends to thank for everything from the beauty of blooming flowers to the fruits and vegetables that nourish us.

Berea College is a nationally recognized Bee Campus USA, meaning the management of botanical areas on campus are not using harmful pesticides and are providing food and habitat for native pollinators.



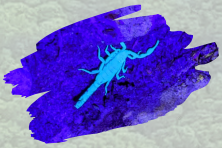
Western honeybee

Join us on June 25th, 10:00 am-12:00 pm at the pollinator garden outside of the FOC to learn about planting and caring for native pollinator-friendly plants. Attendees will receive a free plant to take home with care instructions, one per household.



Snowberry clearwing

- Tips for starting your own pollinator garden:
- Leave brush/leaves through winter until late spring
 - Choose native plants
 - Avoid using pesticides
 - Keep it weeded and thinned



Night Hike

June 10th, 8:30 pm
meet at FOC



We had an amazing turnout for our night hike in May! Sign-ups are being requested to keep the group size small enough that all explorers can have a great time! Help us listen for and spot critters like owls, snakes,

amphibians, and insects!

The walk is approximately 1 mile and we will have a moth sheet set up! Please bring your own

flashlights!



*Sign up with the QR code or the link above this newsletter. There will be more hikes this summer, TBD



Summer Students



Patience Martin, Chase Ackerman, Melany Casanova-Maldonado, and Malaya Wright are working with us throughout the summer. Come meet our amazing students during programming, group hikes, or a visit to the Center!

June Moon Phases

First Quarter: June 7th

Full Moon: June 14th

Lasts Quarter: June 21st

New Moon: June 29th



Learn more about the wonders of the night sky with Jeff Hutton's monthly *Skies Over the Pinnacles* articles on our website: forestryoutreach.berea.edu

Kids Discovery Walk

June 10th, 2:00 pm at the Pinnacles

Let's go on an adventure to see what plants and animals we can find! See the difference between the day and night by coming to the night hike, too!

Outdoor Free Play w/ Winterberry Studio

June 11th, 2:00-4:00 pm at the Pinnacles

All welcome! Meet at the playscape along the trail for nature play for all ages!