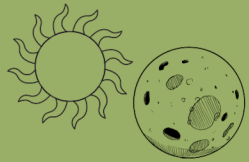


BEREA COLLEGE FORESTRY OUTREACH CENTER at the Pinnacles

2047 Big Hill Rd. Berea, KY 40403-----859-756-3315
Tues-Sat: 10am-4pm Sun: 12-4pm, trails open daily dawn to dusk

March 2023 Friends of the Forest Newsletter



Spring Equinox: Celestial Meets Terrestrial



On March 20th, the spring equinox, day and night are balanced. This signals the beginning of spring, as the following days start to get longer. More sunlight means warmer days, heightened plant growth, bird migration, and the increased activity of bugs, amphibians, and reptiles! The hustle and bustle of spring, and the changing of all of our seasons is due to the Earth's orbit around the sun.

Come learn about how celestial activity is the driving force for spring with Jeff Hutton, a dedicated FOC volunteer who shares his passion and knowledge for astronomy, along with our ecologist, John Abrams. Learn how a sundial works and how to make your own. Light refreshments will be served. All ages welcome!



Spring beauties are one of the first wildflowers of the season

March 20th, 5:00 pm
Happy spring!



Spring will begin to bring the FOC pollinator garden back to life! Our volunteer, Ann, puts so much care into the garden to foster all of the beautiful life it supports. If you would like to help with the garden, please let us know!

Kelly's Trail Group Hike March 18th, 10:30 am

Rescheduled from February due to rain! This hike is *6 miles round-trip and is steep and rocky* along the way. Please wear appropriate clothing and bring necessary water, food, and medications. We'll meet at the FOC at 10:30 am and will return by 3:30 pm.

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.

March Events:

All events at the FOC/Pinnacles unless otherwise noted.

Free and open to all.



**THE CENTER WILL BE CLOSED
MARCH 4TH-12TH
FOR SPRING BREAK**

- Pinnacles group hike Saturday March 25th at 1:00 pm.
- *Student shuttle leaves from Alumni Circle at 12:45, first come first served*
- *No group hikes March 4th or 11th*
- Kelly's Trail Hike, Mar. 18th, 10:30am
- Celestial Meets Terrestrial Event, Mar. 20th, 5:00 pm
- Nature Relaxation and Restoration at Anglin Falls, Mar. 25th 10:00am

Sunday Kid Programs

- March 19th, 2:30-3:30pm--Tadpoles in a Tizzy
- March 26th, 1:00-4:00pm--Playscape Build Day



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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/>

Nature Relaxation and Restoration at Anglin Falls, March 25th, 10:00 am



Experience the beauty of the start of spring out at Anglin Falls...wildflowers will start blooming, birds will be returning, and the creek will be flowing! Join Wendy Warren, a soon-to-be certified guide through the Association of Nature and Forest Therapy, on an experience designed to relax and restore equilibrium to body and mind. This is a three hour, slow-moving experience, so please dress according to the weather, bring water and a snack.



Directions to Anglin Falls can be found on our website: forestryoutreach.bera.edu/trails/anglin-falls
If using a GPS, enter "842 Anglin Falls Rd."
There is a sign that points you down a gravel driveway and there is a small parking lot at the trailhead.

Mar. 7th

Mar. 15th

Mar. 21st

Mar. 29th

Learn about the local night sky on our website under *Skies Over the Pinnacles* thanks to Jeff Hutton!

Sunday Kid Programs

Follow our Facebook for updates/cancellations

March 19th
Tadpoles in a Tizzy! 2:30-3:30 pm

Learn about frog metamorphosis by observing eggs and tadpoles! We might see wood frogs and larval salamanders.

In case of heavy rain, we will learn indoors.



March 26th
Playscape Build Day
1:00-4:00 pm

The playscape is a year old now and could use some love...come help us tidy up and add new pieces and parts! Kids can build fairy houses, help collect natural materials, and bring their creativity and ideas!

River Cane Transplanting

What more of a hands-on labor meeting could you ask for than digging in the dirt to help an ecosystem? Multiple river cane stalks were transplanted to the creek along our native prairie.

The rhizomes, root-like structures that anchor the cane in the ground, are the essential part to move. The tops were trimmed and will be used by one of our students to experiment with weaving.



Stay tuned:
April's newsletter will include a schedule of campus-wide Earth Day activities!

