



BEREA COLLEGE FORESTRY OUTREACH CENTER at the Pinnacles

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Tues-Sat: 10am-4pm Sun: 12-4pm, trails open daily dawn to dusk

April 2023 Friends of the Forest Newsletter

Earth Day 2023

Sustain our Earth, sustain our community,
sustain ourselves

In honor of Earth Day, we, and several campus partners are excited to bring you a multi-day event full of educational and fun activities. We encourage you to come celebrate this beautiful planet.

Fun in the Forest *Open to all. Cancelled in case of heavy rain.*

April 23rd, 1:00-3:30 pm, lower forest area, the Pinnacles

- Eco-friendly water balloons
- Giant bubbles, animal track hopscotch
- Nature arts & crafts
- Tag Your Favorite Tree activity & more!



Glades Garden Earth Day Celebration

April 22nd, 11:00 am-3:00 pm, 530 Glades Rd

- Workshops, community meal, youth-focused activities, & more!

Activities for campus community:

- *Office of Sustainability's Dandelion Festival*: Friday, April 21st, 11:00am-2:00pm on the Fairchild Lawn (rain location, Woods-Penn Common Room)
- *Ecovillage Earth Day Festival*: Saturday, April 22nd, 4:00-8:00pm
- Theatre Department presents *Enchanted April* performances at 8 pm April 19th-22nd, Jekyll Drama Center

We are ecstatic to announce that our labor student Elijah Hicks won the Watson Fellowship for 2023! He will travel to Bhutan, Slovenia, Austria, Costa Rica and New Zealand. His project is to study ecotourism as a tool to uplift communities while maintaining the integrity of people and place.



This project developed from his experience with tourism in the Red River Gorge. He plans to return from his journeys with practical possibilities for eastern Kentucky's economy. We're so excited for you Elijah! Send us back some pictures and stories!

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.

April Events:

All events at the FOC/Pinnacles unless otherwise noted.

Free and open to all.

FOC CLOSED APR 6th-7th

- Anglin Falls Hike: April 1st, 1:00 pm
- Pinnacles group hikes Saturday April 8th, 15th, 22nd at 1:00 pm.
Student shuttle leaves from Alumni Circle at 12:45, first come first served
- Nature Relaxation & Restoration: April 12th, 5:30-7:30 pm
- Wildflower Walk: April 20th, 5:30pm
- Week-Long Celebration of Earth Day!
- Star Party: April 27th, 7:00 pm
- Kelly's Trail Hike: April 29th, 10:30am

Sunday Kid Programs

- April 2nd: Rock Painting
- April 9th: Rock Scavenger Hunt
- April 16th: Tadpoles in a Tizzy
- April 23rd: *Earth Day Celebration!*
- April 30th: Wildflower Walk

watch Facebook or our website for cancellations



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/>

Star Party!

April 27th, 7:00 pm

Join FOC volunteer and astronomer Jeff Hutton to learn about the sun's motion over the Pinnacles. We'll learn why sundials work and what an *analemma* is. Then, if the evening is clear, we'll head outside to gaze through telescopes. Feel free to bring your own, and your fellow astronomers can answer any questions you may have!

Jeff's brother created this drawing of Ana Lemma, a superhero that was inspired by the topics we'll discuss!



Apr. 6th

Apr. 13th

Apr. 20th

Apr. 27th

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

April 2nd

Rock Painting

2:30-3:30 pm

Join us to decorate rocks with joyful words or things inspired by nature. We will hide them around the lower forest and playscape to have a...

Rock Scavenger Hunt

April 9th

2:30-3:30 pm

April 16th

Tadpoles in
a Tizzy!

leave @ 2:30 pm

Learn about frog metamorphosis by observing eggs and tadpoles! We might see wood frogs and larval salamanders. We'll also take a peek under logs to find amphibian friends!

April 30th

Wildflower Walk
leave @ 2:30 pm

We'll head outside and go on a slow stroll to try and spot as many different types of wildflowers as we can! Field guides will help us identify them. We'll discuss why it's best to leave flowers for others to enjoy!

All are invited to join ecologist John Abrams' wildflower walk April 20th at 5:30 pm!

Nature Relaxation & Restoration

April 12th, 5:30-7:30 pm

Join soon-to-be-certified ANFT guide Wendy Warren as she guides a Nature and Forest Therapy experience designed to relax and restore equilibrium to body and mind. Dress for the weather, as we will be outdoors and moving slowly. Bring a water bottle, a snack, and something to sit on.

Anglin Falls Hike

April 1st, 1:00 pm, 842 Anglin Falls Rd.

This time of year is perfect to explore the trail at Anglin Falls. This moderate, 2 mile round-trip hike, boasts beautiful wildflowers and a waterfall.

Directions can be found on our website: forestryoutreach.bereda.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.



Kelly's Trail Hike

April 29th, 10:30 am

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 (epipen, inhaler, etc.). We'll meet at the FOC at 10:30 am and will return by 3:30 pm.