



# BEREA COLLEGE FORESTRY OUTREACH CENTER

at the Pinnacles: Homelands of Shawnee and Cherokee Peoples

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

## June 2023 Friends of the Forest Newsletter

### The Power of Pollinators National Pollinator Week: June 19th-25th

Pollinators are the behind-the-scenes workers that sustain our food sources and keep beautiful flowers blooming. Without them, life as we know it would not exist. From bees to bats, pollinators make the world go 'round and we like to celebrate them every day!

Come pick up some seeds and information so you can support pollinator friends--  
**Seed Giveaway: June 21st, 11:00-1:00**



The milkweed in our garden has helped feed and shelter multiple monarch caterpillars this spring!

#### What you can do...

If you care for a yard, garden, forest, etc. there are steps you can take to promote the growth of pollinator-friendly plants. Choose native instead of cultivated--there are gorgeous native flowers that are built for this ecosystem. Avoid pesticides, and keep the plants from being overcrowded (you can try transplanting and giving some to friends!). You can learn and get involved with Tiny Forest, a volunteer-led group interested in shifting from lawns to native plants. If interested, contact us!



You can visit a new native plant pollinator garden on Berea City property located at the end of Silver Creek Drive off Prospect Street (on the south side of the Berea Utilities Building). This spring, volunteers cleared a

small site along Brushy Fork Creek of invasive non-native species and planted native, pollinator-friendly plants. Everyone is welcome to visit the garden at any time. Eventually, the vision is for more volunteers to create a series of native pollinator gardens along the Berea walking/biking paths. Join the Facebook group, Berea Pollinator Gardens Group to learn more about the project and how you can support it. Contact Judith Weckman at [weckmanj@berearetiree.org](mailto:weckmanj@berearetiree.org) for more information.

*"May your children hear and breathe the words of our Indigenous ancestors. May we all be so lucky to know an Indigenous future."*  
~Matika Wilbur, Project 562: Changing the Way We See Native America

### June Events:

All events at the FOC/Pinnacles unless otherwise noted.  
Free and open to all.

Outdoor activities weather-dependent.

- **Nature Hikes at the Pinnacles, every Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10:00 am except June 10th**
- **Nature Relaxation and Restoration**  
-June 7th @ the Pinnacles, 5:30pm  
-June 17th @ the Pinnacles, 8:00am  
-June 28th @ Brushy Fork, 5:30pm
- **Summer Solstice Sunset Hike: June 21st 8:00pm**
- **Pollinator Seed Giveaway: June 21st, 11:00am-1:00pm**
- **Star Party! June 24th, 8:00 pm**

#### Kid Activities

- **June 4th: Bug Safari, leave at 10:30am**
- **Noises in Nature Toddler Playtime, June 14th, 10:30-11:30am**
- **June 18th: Sun Day Sundaes for the Summer Solstice, 11:00am-12:00pm**
- **June 25th: Exploring Pollinators 11:00am-12:00pm**



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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/>

## Wonders of the Night

Saturday, June 24th at 8:00pm

Join us for a night of curiosity and wonder...first, learn about the night sky from Jeff Hutton. Then, if the sky is clear, we will head outside and stargaze through telescopes! If you have one, you are welcome to set it up. Jeff will be happy to answer any questions you might have.



June 4th

June 10th

June 18th

June 26th

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

If the night is cloudy, the FOC staff will guide a short walk in the woods. We will be on the lookout for nocturnal friends like this scorpion (below middle) that is glowing under black light! In the past we have seen critters such as snakes, snails, toads, moths. Please bring your own flashlight/lantern. We will not go on the walk in case of heavy rain.



## Nature R&R

*a slow-paced, relaxing and restorative forest experience*



Bring water and a portable seat or ground cover.

- June 7th, 5:30-7:30 pm at the Pinnacles
- June 17th, 8:00-10:00 am at the Pinnacles
- June 28th, 5:30-7:30pm at Brushy Fork bridge

Please reserve your spot on Eventbrite by searching or:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/berea-college-forestry-outreach-center-64953059843>

directions for both places here:

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

## Summer Solstice Sunset Hike

June 21st, 8:00 pm, meet at FOC

Happy Summer Solstice!

To celebrate the longest day of the year, we will hike up to the lookout and enjoy the sunset. Please wear appropriate clothing, bring water, snacks, and any medications you may need (i.e. inhaler).



*Weather dependent, check our Facebook and website for updates*

## Summer Kid's Activities

\*June 4th:

Bug Safari leave at 10:30 am

We'll take a slow walk to observe as many different bug friends as we can find.



\*June 25th: Exploring Pollinators

2:30-3:30pm

We'll celebrate pollinator week by learning about these helpful critters!



June 18th:

Sun Day Sundaes, 11:00am-12:00pm

Let's enjoy a cool treat while learning about the summer solstice and the joys of summer!

Follow our Facebook for updates/cancellations, starred cancelled in case of heavy rain/storms

We'll have activities during Berea Kids Eat's meal times at Glades Garden June 15th, 22nd and 29th!  
Kids under 18 eat free!

\*June 14th: Noises in Nature Toddler Playtime 10:30-11:30am

Join us for music activities in the forest, where we will be listening to the sounds of nature and creating our own! We will be making homemade instruments using materials collected from nature and playing with different sounds. Geared towards ages 4 and below.