



BEREA COLLEGE

FORESTRY OUTREACH CENTER

at the Pinnacles: Homelands of the Shawnee and Cherokee Peoples

Tues.-Sat. 10am-4pm, Sun. 12-4pm
Trails open dawn to dusk, daily
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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:
Saturdays at **10:00 am**, meet at FOC
- Sounds and Sights of the Night Walk
June 21st, 8:30-10:00pm
Nature R&R
June 5th, 5:30-7:30pm
at Anglin Falls
June 27th, 5:30-7:30
at the Pinnacles, lower forest
RSVP on Eventbrite, info on p. 2
Family Activities
- June 1st, 2:00pm: Make a
Mushroom Walk & Craft
- June 2nd, 1:00-3:00pm: Teddy Bear
Picnic w/ Madison County Public
Library
- June 16th, leave at 1:00pm: Hike to
East Pinnacle
- June 23rd, 2:00-3:00pm: Eco-
Friendly Water Balloons & Giant
Bubbles!
- June 30th, 2:00-3:00 pm: Bug Safari
Happy Summer Solstice
June 20th!



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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



JUNE 2024 FRIENDS OF THE FOREST NEWSLETTER

JUMPING INTO JUNE LIKE A JUMPING SPIDER

Are you afraid of spiders? Many people are wary of these eight-legged creatures for various reasons—fear of getting bitten, their movement, or all those eyes. However, no matter how deep-rooted your fear is, it is possible to overcome it and even grow to like some of the spiders that once repelled you.



This picture book is a beautiful way to gain empathy for tiny animals just trying to live each day, as we are.

The friends that helped me overcome my visceral fear were jumping spiders. Their small size and large eyes made them more approachable. Many of them seem to have distinct personalities, making eye contact and showing interest in interacting with you. John, the ecologist here at the FOC, encouraged me to care for a bold jumping spider we found before winter. We got some mealworms, made a terrarium that I placed on my desk, and I cared for her each day. I found myself checking on her throughout the day, curious about how she explored her environment. I then began to keep an eye out for "jumpers" while outdoors and was surprised at the variety I encountered. According to iNaturalist.org, there are 23 species that have been observed here in the Berea College Forest. I have found 14.

Over the past year or so, I have learned to appreciate them deeply. While I still struggle a bit with larger species of spiders, I have come a long way, remembering that each living thing plays an immense role in our ecosystem, no matter how small. ~ Kayla



INSECT UPDATE!



Back in February, we wrote about a research team from the University of Louisville that found 43 new state records of beetles in Berea's forest and published a paper in the journal *Coleoptera*. The team has recently found seven more, in the family Eucnemidae, whose species' presence are an indicator of a healthy ecosystem that supports vast biodiversity!


NATURE R&R/FOREST BATHING


Welcome Wednesdays: start out each month by relaxing and restoring mind, body, and spirit with Nature R&R. Then, transition out of the month each last Thursday. **Nature Relaxation and Restoration** is a 2 hour, slow-paced, restorative forest experience. Please bring a portable chair or something to sit on, dress for the weather and wear walking shoes.

We hope you'll join us!

weather dependent, RSVP for updates



 **June 5th**, 5:30-7:30 pm
at Anglin Falls

 **June 27th**, 5:30-7:30 pm
at the Pinnacles, lower forest

Please RSVP for a FREE spot and find directions on Eventbrite!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO LENA AND HALLIE ON JUNE 5TH!

Lena is turning two years old!
She likes to hang with her buddy, Theo, in the pasture.



Hallie is 10 years old and is mother to Lena! She is paired with Willow, and they work well as a team!



SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF THE NIGHT WALK

June 21st, 8:30-10:00 pm

Join us as the sun sets on the forest for a slow, short walk in the woods. We'll see what critters we can hear and see on the walk, as well as what is attracted to a UV light on a white sheet. It's a great opportunity

to observe and listen to the beauty of the forest at night. Please bring your own flashlight, headlamp, or lantern!



The horse logging team recently pulled hickory logs from the forest that will be used for chairmaking! Thirteen chairmakers featured in woodworker Andy Glenn's book, *Backwoods Chairmaking*, will be in Berea on June 2nd for a hands-on event. Tickets are required and can be purchased online.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Free and open to all *** outdoor activities are weather-dependent, RSVP on Facebook to follow any updates

Make a Mushroom Walk & Craft
June 1st, 2:00pm

Learn about mushrooms by observing and making your own!

Teddy Bear Picnic
June 2nd, 1:00-3:00pm

Join us and the Madison County Public Library to have snacks, craft, and read. Bring your teddy bear friend!

Hike to East Pinnacle

June 16th, leave 1:00pm

Been wanting to try a family trek up the mountain? This is a 3.5 mile round trip hike with some challenging terrain. Please bring water!

Eco-Friendly Water Balloons & Giant Bubbles
June 23rd, 2:00-3:00pm

We'll have water and our eco-friendly (crocheted) water balloons on our lawn to play with-- cool off from the summer heat!

Bug Safari

June 30th, leave at 2:00pm

We'll investigate the lower forest area to see how many insect friends we can find!