



BEREA COLLEGE

FORESTRY OUTREACH CENTER

at the Pinnacles: Homelands of Shawnee
and Cherokee Peoples

Tues.-Sat. 10am-4pm, Sun. 12-4pm
Trails open dawn to dusk, daily
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<https://forestryoutreach.berea.edu>

AUGUST 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
Nature R&R

• August 7th, 5:30-7:30pm
at Anglin Falls

• August 29th, 5:30-7:30
at Brushy Fork

RSVP on Eventbrite, info on p. 2

Family Activities

1st-4th grade Forest Superheroes
Day Camp, August 6th-9th, 10:00am
to 12:00pm. Please email to RSVP
zagrayk@bereda.edu

• **August 11th, 2:00-3:00pm: Eco-
Friendly Water Balloons & Bubbles**

• **August 18th, 12:00-4:00pm: Try out
the Discovery Drawers!**

• **August 25th, leave at 2:00pm:
Bug Safari**

**Discovery Drawers available each day
we are open & returned by 3:30 pm**



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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

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FRIENDS OF THE FOREST NEWSLETTER

MORE SUPERHEROES IN THE FOREST

Though many think of beavers as a nuisance,
these *ecosystem engineers* have shaped North
America. Beavers reshape waterways creating
wetland habitat--one of the rarest and fastest
declining ecosystems--for many threatened
species. During wildfires, these wetlands act as
a refuge for animals, control floods, and serve
as a natural barrier against fire.

Read *Beaverland* by Leila Philip to learn more!



Nature's
firefighters



Decomposition!

Fungi and microbes break down
organic matter with enzymes
creating the delicate layer
of topsoil that sustains us!

Join us for mornings of forest superhero fun
August 6th-9th, 10:00am-12:00pm.

Free activities for families with children

1st-4th grade. Email zagrayk@bereda.edu to sign up!

**Please sign up for
camp days by
August 3rd--
5 spots left!**

EXPLORE THE FOREST WITH OUR NEW...



DISCOVERY DRAWERS!

Stop by the FOC to check out a
self-guided activity to learn about
the forest while you're in the forest!
With a range of topics in science and
art, there's something for every
family! Current activities include:

Life Cycles

Exploring Biodiversity

Butterfly Hide & Seek

Water Cycle Play

Tree Adventures

Tessellation Time

*Thank you to our student, Claire
Mast, for putting these together!*

NATURE R&R/FOREST BATHING

Wednesdays: start out each month by relaxing and restoring mind, body, and spirit with Nature R&R. Then, *transition* gently out of the month each last *Thursday*.

Nature Relaxation and Restoration/Forest Bathing 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



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at Anglin Falls

✿ **August 29th, 5:30-7:30 pm**
at Brushy Fork

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

HORSE PROGRESS DAYS



In July, two members of our draft horse team, John and Zen, attended the 30th anniversary of Horse Progress Days in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. This event is the largest of its kind in the country where folks come from all over to demonstrate, learn, and share about the culture of working equine. John and Zen were able to learn about types of horse-drawn equipment, as well as share the work of Berea's Forestry Department!

STAY TUNED FOR

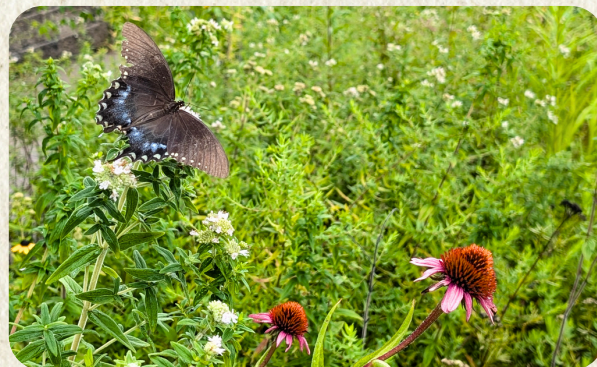
for our first

FARM & FOREST FESTIVAL AT THE PINNACLES

in early November. Events will include:
a horse barn open house, horse logging demonstration, BC farm & community partners.
Stay tuned for more information!

ANNUAL POLLINATOR STAKEHOLDER MEETING

We were delighted to host the yearly pollinator stakeholder meeting at the FOC. State and local agency representatives, along with major land managers from across the state convened to explore collaborative projects aimed at enhancing pollinator habitats throughout Kentucky. Attendees also toured our native prairie with FOC ecologist John Abrams!



FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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

Forest Superheroes Morning Camp
August 6th-9th, 10:00am-12:00pm

Join us for mornings of fun and learning about the "superpowers" of local wildlife! We will meet at the FOC each morning and activities will be in the lower forest. Please email zagrayk@berea.edu to sign up your child(ren) in 1st-4th grade.

Eco-Friendly Water Balloons & Giant Bubbles
August 11th, 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!

Try Out the Discovery Drawers!
August 18th, 12:00-3:30pm

Check out a self-guided activity to do during your visit to the forest!

Bug Safari
August 25th, leave at 2:00pm

We will walk in the lower forest and see what bug friends we can find!