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Mission of Love Food Bank
 Every Tuesday- Food Bank Program 555 North Main St., Bangor, 10am-12pm. All are invited Bilingual Services. Pastor Frank Pons. (570) 807-7794

Explore Warren County Tourism at:
ExploreWarren.org
 Located at 165 County Route 519 South - Belvidere, NJ 07823 908-475-6580 / 800-554-8540

Portland Upper Mt. Bethel Food Bank
 Located at 111 State St. Portland Pa. and until further notice the PUMP will be open every Monday as normal, AM AND PM: 10 to 11:30 am & 6:00 to 7:30 pm but will deliver food to your car as your number is called in the parking lot. No one but workers will be allowed to go inside. There will be no access to restrooms. Your cooperation during this difficult time is greatly appreciated.

Biking

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area - River Road Bushkill, PA (570) 426-2452 Levee Loop Trail - Biking East Stroudsburg, PA (570) 426-1512 info@srosr.org

BIKE TRAIN

ALL ABOARD THE SCENIC BIKE TRAIN!

Hop on the Bike Train and step back in time. Enjoy a relaxing 25 mile train ride through the Lehigh Gorge. Then, pedal your bike back down to Jim Thorpe at your own pace along the Lehigh Gorge Rail Trail.

Advance Tickets/reservations Are Required For The Bike Train And Can Be Made By Calling The Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad (Aka Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway) Directly At

Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center Community Programs, March 2024

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When: Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm

Where: Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth

Borrow fly rods, spinning rods, fly boxes, and tackle to use in Jacobsburg's creeks!

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The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church welcomes you to a FREE "Shrimp Jambalaya" Dinner on Sunday, May 5th, from 4:00-4:30 p.m. This is TAKE-OUT ONLY. The church is located at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA. Questions? call 610-588-4453 or visit www.ebumc.org.

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Hike for Health

Wednesday, May 1 at 5:30pm to 7:00pm Get moving after work with a brisk hike at Jacobsburg! These guided monthly hikes are 2 to 3 miles over uneven terrain. You

must be able to maintain a hiking pace of two miles per hour to attend. Dogs are welcome to hike on a leash. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole at 400 Belfast Road. This monthly hiking program will repeat on April 10, May 1, June 5, July 10, August 14, September 4, and October 2 at the same time and place. Registration is not required. Join the email reminder list by contacting us at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

Weekly Weeders

Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 8:30am to 10:30am

Interested in learning more about gardening with native plants? Volunteer to mulch, pull weeds, divide plants, and amend soil in the center's native plant garden every Thursday morning from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. We provide instruction, tools, and weeding mats. Registration is required.

Volunteer Event - Knotweed Knock Down

Saturday, May 25 at 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Join us along the banks of the Bushkill Creek

as we use machetes to chop down the invasive riparian weed, Japanese Knotweed. This program is limited to teens and adults and will require participants to cross creeks, use machetes, and walk in uneven terrain. Registration is required.

Water's Edge Night Hike

Saturday, May 25 at 8:30pm to 9:30pm

Discover aquatic wildlife at night! We will carefully walk along the banks of the Bushkill Creek and use flashlights to observe the nocturnal behaviors of insects, fish, amphibians, and other creek-dwelling critters. For ages 8 and up. Registration and flashlights are required.

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church

will host a "STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL" on Saturday, June 1st, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. It will be held at the Blaine Reimel Memorial Park on Park Rd. in East Bangor (rain or shine). Lots of good food and "Jacktown" ice cream will be available. For more info., call 610-588-4453 or visit www.ebumc.org.

The 20th Swing

at the Stand sponsored annually by PAHS Class 1961 will be held SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 4:00-?? at Weona Park, Route 512, Pen Argyl. Listen and dance to the Oldies provided by Frank Zito, and share time and memories with friends. Please bring your own beverage, a "finger food" to share, and lawn chair. Everyone is welcome...RAIN or SHINE! Hoping you will share this article in your newspaper...thanks for your help, Judy and Bobby Hahn, PAHS Class 1961

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Volunteer Event - Sedge Slog

Friday, June 21 at 6:00pm to 7:00pm

The pond in our native plant garden is being taken over by an undesirable sedge. We will carefully remove the sedge while wading the in the pond and discard of it properly. Waders may be provided depending on shoe size. Registration Required.

Fascinating Fungi

Saturday, June 22 at 1:00pm to 2:30pm Join Dorothy Smullen, a 50-year member of the New Jersey Mycological Association as she shows us specimens, talks with us about the importance of fungi in ecosystems. We will then take a short walk to look for the fruiting bodies of these marvelous mycelium around the center. Registration is required.

Butterflies of Jacobsburg

Saturday, June 29 at 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Join local butterfly enthusiast Bill Grant for this walk through the fields of Jacobsburg in search of these beautiful insects. He'll show you how to quickly identify local species and the best places to look for them. Participants should wear comfortable shoes. A hat,

bottled water sunscreen, binoculars, and camera are recommended. This program is best for families with children ages 8 and up. Registration is required.

Blinking Lights on Summer Nights

Saturday, June 29 at 8:30pm to 9:30pm Are you mesmerized by the flashes of fireflies during warm summer evenings? Would you like to know what the flashes mean or what you can do to improve backyard habitat for these twinkling insects? Join us to learn all about the secret lives of fireflies! This program is best for families with children ages 8 and up. Please bring a flashlight (for a game) and wear comfortable walking shoes. Registration is required.

Northampton County Junior Conservation School

Sunday, July 14 to Saturday, July 20, 2024

This weeklong residential environmental education experience offers students ages 13-17 an opportunity to work with other youth and adults in a hands-on, non-traditional learning experience. Instruction includes hiking, archery, camping, canoeing, forest ecology, boater water safety, water quality monitoring, firearms safety and handling, and other outdoor experiences. Conservation School places a strong emphasis on field experiences to educate and instill a conservation ethic in its students. The program is designed to develop the leaders of the next generation who have an awareness of the critical environmental and ecological issues that affect our communities and how decision-making and management practices can limit those impacts. The school is staffed by a group of dedicated volunteers composed of sportsmen, returning students, community leaders, state agencies, and organizations.

Instruction is provided by Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center and other professionals from the conservation and environmental fields. The school is held at the Northampton County 4-H Center 777 Bushkill Center Road Nazareth, PA 18064. A \$50.00 registration fee is required to attend NCJCS, the \$50.00 will be refunded upon the student's successful completion of the week of school. Registration is open now at www.ncjcs.org. Please fill out the online application at <https://ncjcs.org/preapp/> to register for the 2024 session.

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SPOTTED LANTERNFLY



Adult (with wings closed) can be found July–December
PA Department of Agriculture



Nymph (early stage) can be found late April–July
PA Department of Agriculture



Egg mass (fresh) can be found October–December
PA Department of Agriculture

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