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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**

**Fishing Equipment Available**  
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! To borrow equipment, you must provide a driver's license or other form of state issued identification. Persons age 16 and older must possess a current fishing license to fish. Adults can help children under 16 fish without a license. Bait is not provided. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email jacobburgsp@pa.gov.

**DiscoverE Adventure Backpacks Available**  
When: Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm

Where: Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth

Borrow a backpack full of kid-friendly tools to explore Jacobsburg! These backpacks are best for families with young children. Each backpack includes binoculars, notepad,

colored pencils, magnifying lens, bug box, dip net, and five field guides for exploring the pond, insects, birds, trees, butterflies and moths. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email jacobburgsp@pa.gov.

**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.

**Weekly Weeders**

Thursdays, June 6, 13, 20, 27 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 - 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 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.

**The East Bangor United Methodist**

**Community Church** welcomes you to a FREE "Chicken Parmesan Casserole" Dinner on Sunday, June 2nd, from 4:00 to 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.

**WRITERS GROUP TO HOLD MONTHLY MEETING**

**EASTON, Pa.—Greater Lehigh Valley Writers' Group (GLVWG)** will hold its monthly meeting from 10 a.m. – noon, Saturday, June 22, 2024. The meeting is offered in a hybrid format—in-person at the Palmer Branch of the Easton Library, 1 Weller Place, Palmer, PA, and online via Zoom.

From 11 a.m.-12 noon, author Donna Brennan will present "Openings, Hooks, Transitions, and Endings: What They Are, What They Do, and How to Make Them Better". How you begin your story, and each scene within that story, should set up reader expectations and draw them into the tale. We'll talk about different types of openings and how to figure out what works best for your story and your readers. We'll also go over some tips to help your openings better serve your story goals. Then we'll discuss different type of hooks, as well as where, how, and when to use them. There is no fee for the morning program. Registration is recommended but not required.

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**Hike for Health**

Wednesday, July 10 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 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 jacobburgsp@pa.gov.

**Introduction to Field Botany**

Saturday, July 20 at 10:00am to 11:00am

Many plants may look similar at first glimpse, and it can be overwhelming trying to sort them all out. Join us and learn basic skills in plant identification using keys and field guides. We will focus on common plants and plant families found at Jacobsburg. Please bring water, a snack, wear sturdy shoes and dress appropriately for the weather. Registration is required.

**Share Your Yard with Nature**

Saturday, July 20 at 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Lawns are hard work. They need the proper amount of fertilizer and water and let's not forget all the mowing! On top of that they

don't provide much useful habitat to pollinators and other wildlife. Join us to learn about the advantages of letting go of that grass by converting some lawn to meadow or woodland. Please bring water, a snack, wear sturdy shoes and dress appropriately for the weather. Registration is required.

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