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Mission of Love Food Hub

Every Tuesday- Located at 555 North Main St., Bangor, 8am-12pm. All are invited. Dr. Pastor Frank Pons.
 (570) 807-7794

Explore Warren County Tourism at: Explore-Warren.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. are open every Monday
 8:30am-11:30am

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@srosrc.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 <https://pconobiking.com/specialty-trips/bike-train/>

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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 jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

You can view and register for community programs online at <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>. If you need an accommodation to participate in a program, please contact the park office at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov. Interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs with at least seven days notice.

The East Bangor UMC Church will be hosting a Lenten Bible Study based on Richard

Wilke's thoughtful book, "He Set His Face To Jerusalem." The 5-week study will meet at 10:00 am on Wednesdays (February 25 - March 25) and will also be accessible on Zoom. (It will be recorded for those who cannot attend.) The book is available through Amazon, Cokesbury, and other booksellers. The church is located at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor. If you have any questions and for the Zoom access, please contact Dave Goss at 570-556-9482.

Blue Mountain Community Library NEW to the circulating collection:

- Adult fiction:
 - Exiles (Mason Coile)
 - My Husband's Wife (Alice Feeney)
 - Goodnight from Paris (Jane Healey)
 - Some Bright Nowhere (Ann Packer)
 - Night Watcher (Daphne Woolsoncroft)
 - The Seven Rings (Nora Roberts)
 Adult nonfiction:
 - Worthy of Your Comeback (Amanda Butler)
 - A Marriage at Sea (Sophie Elmhirst)
 - The Carpool Detectives (Chuck Hogan)
 - Everything to God in Prayer (David Jeremiah)
 Large print fiction:
 - The Star and the Shamrock (Jean Grainger)
 - Cookie Crumble and Murder (K.E. O'Connor)
 - High Tea at the Beach House Hotel (Judith Keim)
 Juvenile fiction:
 - Lucy Goes Green (Danielle Passaglia)
 Juvenile nonfiction:
 - Punctuation (Mary Budzik)

Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center Community Programs, February 2026

Winter Plant Walk
 Wednesday, February 18, 2026 10am to 12pm

Join volunteer Doug B. on a walk through the woods and fields of Jacobsburg in search of winter plants that provide food for birds and other animals. Learn how to identify plants in winter and enjoy the winter landscape. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable hiking shoes. Registration is required.

Walking in the Footsteps of Jacob of Jacobsburg

Session 1: Saturday, February 21, 2026 10am to 12pm or
 Session 2: Saturday, February 21, 2026 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Celebrate America's 250th by learning about Jacobsburg's namesake Jacob Hubler and his role in the American Revolution! We'll learn what Jacobsburg looked like in the late 1700's while taking a walk to the ruins of the Jacobsburg Inn. Find out the role the inn played in the early years of our country, as well as some of the intriguing local folklore about what it became in its later years! This program will involve walking along roads and through parts of the forest that do not have established trails for about a quarter of a mile. You must be able to traverse uneven surfaces to attend this walk. We will continue on established trails for the remaining mile of the walk, for a total of 1.3 miles. There are two sessions of this walk on the same day, please choose one session. The program will start at the Connector Trail Parking Lot at 835 Jacobsburg Rd. Wind Gap, PA 18091. Registration is required. Detailed directions to the meeting location for this program can be found in the registration confirmation email.

Family Film Night: Owl Power
 Friday, February 27, 2026 6:30pm to 8pm
 Owls are well known for their charismatic faces and eerie nighttime calls. How much do you really know about their amazing powers though? Bring your family along for a craft activity and screening of the PBS Nature Series film Owl Power. The film follows the lives of two Barn Owl chicks and will help us understand the adaptations that make owls the successful hunters that they are! Craft time starts at 6:30pm and the movie starts promptly at 7:00pm. Registration is required as supplies and seating are limited. You may preview the film online: <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/owl-power/11628/>

Snowshoes and Hiking Poles Available
 When: Monday thru Friday, 8:15 AM-3:30 PM

Where: Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth
 Borrow snowshoe equipment to use on Jacobsburg's trails this winter! Snowshoes are available for folks of any age or shoe size, including small children. Snowshoes will not be made available during times of insufficient snow cover, at least six inches of snow is required. To borrow equipment, you must provide a driver's license or other form of state issued identification. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email jacobsburgsp@pa.gov. You can check our website for current winter conditions and snow depth: <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/State-Parks/WinterReport/Pages/default.aspx>

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Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center Community Programs, March 2026
 Cavity Nesting: Citizen Science Training
 Saturday, March 14, 2026 10am to 11am
 Have you noticed the wooden boxes around Jacobsburg? These are cavity nests for bird shelters! Learn about their importance and how to monitor over 15 bird boxes at the center for citizen science data! Participants will walk the grounds to get first-hand experience with bird boxes. Please be dressed to walk at least 1 mile over uneven terrain. This program is best for adults and families with children 6 and older. Registration is required.

Vernal Pool Monitoring: Citizen Science Training

Saturday, March 14, 2026 1pm to 2pm
 Splash, hop, look out! Amphibians are on the move to their ancestral breeding grounds, vernal pools, on warm and rainy spring nights. Learn how scientists monitor their movement and take action to protect some of our smallest neighbors. This program is for adults only. Registration is required.

Hike for Health

Wednesdays, March 18, April 15, May 13, June 10, July, 8, August 12, September 2 & 30, 2026 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. Registration is not required.

Join the email reminder list by contacting us at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

Family Science Night - Tumbling Timber-doodles!

Friday, March 20, 2026 6:30pm to 8pm
 Join us as we learn to be ornithologists, scientists who study birds! We'll start off the evening by trying to observe the amazing courtship flights of the Timberdoodle. We'll meet out in front of the visitor center promptly at 6:30 so that we don't miss this fleeting dusk display that many call the "sky dance"! Once it gets dark, we'll head inside to learn more about bird courtship and nesting habits. This program is best for families with children ages 3 and up. Registration is required.

Weekly Weeders

Monday, March 23 & 30, 2026 8:30am to 10:30am, recurring Mondays until September 28
 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. We provide instruction, tools, and weeding mats. This is a seasonal opportunity. Recurring volunteers: If you are a recurring volunteer, please respond to this opportunity in our new volunteer database using this link: https://dcnrvolunteers.pa.gov/need/detail/?need_id=1194496 You will need to create an account if you have not already done so. If you have any trouble, please contact Brooke: brofoster@pa.gov

Northampton County Fishing Opportunities

Friday, March 27, 2026 6pm to 7:30pm
 Join guest speaker, Brian Wagner, as he discusses local lakes, ponds, rivers and streams for fishing of all levels from beginners to experienced anglers. Locations covered include family and kid-friendly spots, as well as accessible areas for mobility challenges, public and private access, fish species, safety tips, angler etiquette, and more! Brian Wagner is a long-time local angler and volunteer with the Forks of the Delaware chapter and Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited. This presentation is best suited for adults and teens. Registration is required

Tumbling Timberdoodles

Saturday, March 28, 2026 6:30pm to 8pm
 The 'sky dance' or courtship display of the American Woodcock is a spectacle that is a sure sign of spring! This program will cover some of the interesting biology of the American Woodcock followed by a quiet walk at sunset as we search for these twirling courtship flights. Registration is required.

Summer Day Camp (Ages 3-5): Animal Olympics

Tuesday, June 23 thru Friday, June 26, 2026 10am to 11am

Can you flap your arms as fast as a hummingbird? Or run as fast as a deer? Have fun learning while comparing your skills against some of Pennsylvania's amazing wildlife species! Campers must be accompanied by an adult each day of camp. Registration for this program will open at 12:00 PM on April 6, 2026. Registration will be online only. We are not able to accept walk-in or phone registrations. Adults do not need to be registered for this program. Please choose only one session of camp to sign up for. There is a non-refundable \$15.00 registration fee for this camp.

Summer Day Camp (Ages 6-8) Session One: The Transformers

Tuesday, July 28 thru Friday, July 31, 2026 9am to 12pm

Join us for a fun-filled camp exploring the secret lives of insects! Learn about the flying and crawling friends that call Jacobsburg their home. Go on an adventure through our fields, creeks, and forests with nets and bug boxes to see what kinds of creatures you can discover! Registration for this program will open at 12:00 PM on April 6, 2026. Registration will be online only. We are not able to accept walk-in or phone registrations. Please choose only one week of camp to sign up for. There is a non-refundable \$25.00 registration fee for this camp.

Summer Day Camp (Ages 9-12) Session One: STEM Camp

Tuesday, July 28 thru Friday, July 31, 2026 9am to 12pm

Build, create, and investigate! Campers will engage in different activities centered around conservation and sustainability in this Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics, (STEM)-inspired, day camp. We will explore renewable alternatives to plastic, energy, and solve mysteries at Jacobsburg! Registration for this program will open at 12:00PM on April 6, 2026. Registration will be online only. We are not able to accept walk-in or phone registrations. Please choose only one week of camp to sign up for. There is a non-refundable \$25.00 registration fee for this camp.

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