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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/>

Jacobsville Environmental Education Center Community Programs, June 2026 Weekly Weeders

Mondays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026
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. We provide instruction, tools, and weeding mats. This is a seasonal opportunity. Registration is required through the DCNR Calendar of Events or the Conservation Volunteer system <https://dcnrvolunteers.pa.gov/>.

Water Quality Testing Workshop
Saturday, June 6, 2026 10am to 2pm

Join the Northampton County Conservation District for a hands-on water quality workshop at Jacobsville Environmental Education Center. Participants will learn how to assess stream health through visual observations and by using water quality testing equipment, with time spent sampling in the Bushkill Creek. Participants will gain practical skills to better understand how everyday activities impact water quality and ways to help protect local waterways. Portions of the program will take place outdoors. Please dress for the weather and wear appropriate footwear for walking in and around the stream. Space is limited to 30 participants. Registration is required.

Hike for Health

Wednesdays, 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 Jacobsville! 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 jacobsvillegsp@pa.gov.

Family Science Night - Creek Critters
Friday, June 12, 2026 6:30pm to 8pm
 Join us to learn about the fascinating creatures living in Bushkill Creek. Equipment to study these animals will be provided. Wear close-toed shoes that can get wet and expect to be in the water up to your knees. This program is best for families with children ages 5 and up. Registration is required. Please register all members of your party including adults and children as space for this program is limited.

Family Fly Fishing

Saturday, June 13, 2026 9am to 2pm
 Join local anglers Brian Wagner and Bruce McCutcheon from the Forks of the Delaware chapter of Trout Unlimited for a beginner and family-friendly intro to fly fishing! Learn the anatomy and assembly of your fly rods, basic fish I.D., knot tying, get tips and tricks on fly's, and an opportunity to practice casting! There will be a break in between for lunch with limited time, please be prepared with lunch, water, and snacks for the day. We will meet at the environmental education center building on 400 Belfast Road in the morning and travel to a local pond in the afternoon. Participants will be responsible for providing their own transportation to our afternoon location- about 3 miles from the EE center. This program is best suited for families with children aged 12 and older.

Butterflies of Jacobsville
Saturday, June 13, 2026 9:30am to 11:30am

Join us for this walk through the fields of Jacobsville in search of these flying gems. We'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, and sunscreen are recommended. This program is best for families with children ages 8 and up. Registration is required.

Basics of Geocaching

Saturday, June 13, 2026 1:30pm to 3pm
 Learn how to use a hand-held Geographical Positioning System Unit (GPS) to find hidden caches at Jacobsville! This program is best for visitors ages 10 and up and will teach them the basic skills and ethics of geocaching. A limited number of GPS units will be available to borrow and registration is required. Please make a note in your registration if you will need to borrow a GPS unit.

Educator Workshop - Facilitating Inquiry in the Outdoors for 3rd-8th Grade
Tuesday, June 16, 2026 9am to 2pm
 Teachers and non-formal educators are invited to learn how to facilitate scientific inquiry outdoors. We'll spend time outside learning science routines, practicing investigations, and engaging in collaborative scientific discussions. This workshop draws

on Lawrence Hall of Science Better Environmental Education Teaching, Learning, and Expertise Sharing (BEETLES) Program. Certified teachers are eligible to receive 4 hours of professional development in accordance with Act 48. Coffee and tea will be provided, pack your own lunch and snacks as there are no restaurants or stores near our meeting location. This workshop is best for adults who teach students in grades third through eighth. Registration is required. Contact Lauren Forster laforster@pa.gov 610-746-2801 with questions.

Fishing Equipment Available

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

Where: Jacobsville Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth

Borrow fly rods, spinning rods, fly boxes, and tackle to use in Jacobsville'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 jacobsvillegsp@pa.gov.

Discovery Backpacks Available

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

Where: Jacobsville Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth

Borrow a backpack full of kid-friendly tools to explore Jacobsville! 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 jacobsvillegsp@pa.gov.

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 Jacobsville 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

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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 Jacobsville! 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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Thursday, July 2, 2026 6pm to 7:30pm
 Join volunteer educator and long-time conservation enthusiast, Catherine Folio, as we present common bats of Jacobsville and discuss how to monitor them! This program is for adults only. Registration is required.

Weekly Weeders

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Butterflies and Blooms

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Family Night: Blinking Lights on Summer Nights

Friday, July 10, 2026 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 5 and up. Please wear comfortable walking shoes. Registration is required.

Dams, Water Wheels, and Raceways
Saturday, July 11, 2026 9am to 10:30am

Discover the hidden technologies of the past! Participants will walk along Jacobsville's trails to uncover the remnants of historical sources of energy used by the Henry family. Craft included! Participants are highly encouraged to be prepared to walk in the creek up to knee-height with appropriate footwear and clothing. This program is best suited for families with children aged 5 or older. Registration is required.

Volunteer Program: Knotweed Knockdown
Saturday, July 11, 2026 12pm to 3pm

Do you enjoy using machetes? Have you always dreamed of slashing through thick stands of plants? Join the crew at Jacobsville for our annual Knotweed knockdown event! Tools and gloves will be provided. Adult-only participants are encouraged to wear long pants, closed-toed shoes, and avoid loose-fitting clothing or jewelry. Registration is required.

Northampton County Junior Conservation School

Sunday, July 12 – Saturday, July 18, 2026
 This week-long, overnight, residential school for teens ages 13-17 teaches leadership skills and provides hands-on experience with conservation issues and careers. The conservation school is staffed by a group of dedicated volunteers composed of sportsmen, returning students, community leaders, organizations, and state agencies including Jacobsville Environmental Education Center. There is a \$50.00 refundable application fee. Please fill out the online application to register for the 2026 session or visit the Parents/Students/Sponsors link at NCJCS.org for more information. Students from any county in Pennsylvania are invited to apply.

Crayfish Quest

Saturday, July 18, 2026 2pm to 5:30pm
 Join us to learn about the fascinating lives of crayfish as we explore the creek for these unusual creatures. Equipment will be provided. Wear close-toed shoes that can get wet and expect to be in the water up to your knees. This program is best for families with children ages 8 and up. Registration is required.

Living Light in the Forest Night

Saturday, July 18, 2026 8:30pm to 9:30pm
 It's not easy to spot but our night forests can be brighter than we realize. Join us as we search for bioluminescent and phosphorescent plants, animals, lichen, and fungi that call our fields and forests home. Please bring water, a snack, a flashlight, wear sturdy shoes and dress appropriately for the weather. Registration is required.

Fishing Equipment Available

When: Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 3:30pm

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