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Caption: Polyphemus moth

Credit: Darryl Speicher

OUTDOOR SERIES FOR KIDS: Insect Safari

In all the animal kingdom, there is no group larger and more diverse than the insects — beetles to butterflies and everything that wiggles and squiggles in between!

On the evening of Friday, Aug. 17, children and their families can explore ForEvergreen Nature Preserve in Analomink, Pa., in search of these tiny creatures.

Armed with nets and jars, participants will take to the fields and forest edges to find everything that creeps, crawls, flies, buzzes, and chirps.

Humans tend to dwell on mosquito bites and bee stings, but insects provide far more services that benefit us. They pollinate the plants that give us food. They even consume our road kill!

There are more than 500,000 types of insects in the world — with more than 450 species found in Pennsylvania in summer. About 10,000 new species are found and named every year by amateur and professional naturalists across the globe.

Safari participants will seek all stages of these shape-shifters — from eggs and larvae to pupae and adults.

This event is part of the Water Wiser Kids Series sponsored by Brodhead Watershed Association, funded by a Dr. Claus Jordan Endowment Grant from Lehigh Valley Health Network Pocono Foundation.

IF YOU GO: Insect Safari

Join Darryl and Jackie Speicher of Pocono Avian Research Center on an Insect Safari. Bring your butterfly net. If you don't have one, we will have some to share.

WHEN: 7 to 8:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 17, 2018, at ForEvergreen Nature Preserve, Analomink.

NOTE: Wear sturdy shoes and dress to be outside. If you wish, bring a picnic supper to enjoy before the program.

COST: Free, but registration is required and limited. Register for directions.

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Brodhead Watershed Association is a nonprofit environmental organization formed in 1989. BWA is dedicated to protecting and preserving water resources and the environment of the Brodhead watershed, and the water quality of the Brodhead, Cherry, Marshalls, McMichael, Paradise and Pocono creeks and their tributaries. BWA assists municipalities, residents, businesses and groups with protecting natural resources through education, workshops, seminars, public programs and stream monitoring. For information: info@brodheadwatershed.org or 570-839-1120.