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OUTDOOR SERIES FOR KIDS: Get a bug's-eye view of twilight

Bring your kids for a pre-bedtime, twilight exploration of Skywood Park during Brodhead Watershed Association's special event, a "Bug's-eye View of Twilight," to be held 6 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16.

"At a time of day when kids are usually coming indoors, all kinds of cool things are happening outside," says Roger Spotts of Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center. "Skywood Park at dusk is beautiful and full of life – a great place to explore for kids and adults."

Children and their grownups will enjoy roaming this 40-acre park with a Kettle Creek educator. Learn surprising things about your drinking water, find out how fallen leaves underfoot protect water, and perhaps see migrating hawks.

Look for woolly-bear caterpillars getting ready for cold days ahead. Do they really predict how bad the winter will be? Do they really freeze solid? Listen for crickets and katydids. Turn over rocks and logs to find worms, bugs, fungus and decaying leaves. Look for signs of raccoons, deer, squirrels, and other creatures. Are hawks flying by? Learn why trees are changing color, and how trees "recycle" rainwater. Find out how what happens here affects Paradise Creek and the water we drink.

"Everything we see in the forest affects the water in the creek," Spotts says. "Having fun outdoors at twilight is one terrific way to learn."

IF YOU GO: A Bug's-eye View of Twilight

WHEN: 6 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16

WHERE: Skywood Park off Route 191 North, Paradise Valley

COST: Free, but registration is required and limited.

DETAILS: Suitable for elementary-age children, who must be accompanied by parent or guardian. Families are welcome to bring a picnic supper at 5:30 and enjoy views over the Delaware River watershed to Delaware Water Gap. This conserved land protects the pure, safe waters of Cranberry and Paradise creeks.

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.

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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.