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## 2018 FIELD TRIP ANNOUNCEMENT

The MES field trip will be held on Saturday, June 16th, 2018 with a rain date of June 17th. All members and guests with any level of interest are welcome.

The location will be Green Ridge State Forest, Allegany County, MD. We will meet in a small parking area as you turn onto 15 Mile Creek Road (see directions below) at approximately 10:00 AM, spend some time in that area and then move on to different locations in the State Forest as well. Bring a bag lunch, drinks, water, as we will be away from any amenities, and bug spray. We anticipate returning to the Baltimore area at about 6 or 6:30 PM.



**Car-pooling** may be available in the Baltimore area by meeting at the Park-and-Ride at the eastern end of I-70 (inside the beltway) by 8:00 AM. For more information and confirmation of your attendance, please contact Phil Kean at (410) 944-4630, or [baltobugman131@gmail.com](mailto:baltobugman131@gmail.com). Some of the roads we will be traversing are rough and only suitable for high ground clearance vehicles.

**Directions:** I-70 west through Hancock continuing to I-68 west past Sideling Hill mountain cut and eventually exiting toward 15-Mile Creek Road (1st exit after M.V. Smith Road). At the end of the ramp turn right (the old scenic Rt. 40) and follow the road about 1/2 mile, then turn left onto 15-Mile Creek Road. We will meet in a parking area just as you come onto this dirt road.

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**MES VOLUNTEER REQUESTED FOR TWO  
AFTERNOONS AT THE MARYLAND  
AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE COUNCIL SUMMER  
CAMP**

Dear Maryland Entomological Society,

I'm Kelcey Trewin, the summer camp director for Maryland Agricultural Resource Council (MARC). I am in the process of gathering volunteers and planning the curriculum for their 2018 summer camp.

In light of this, campers will spend an afternoon exploring the wonderful world of insects. This is where we hope you will come into play! We would like to find someone who specializes in this area of expertise and may have an interest in working with children. The two dates for this activity are on July 31 and August 7 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

If there is an individual who has worked with students before please have them reach out to me either via phone, (410) 830-0339, or via email, [kelcey.trewin@gmail.com](mailto:kelcey.trewin@gmail.com). If there is not an individual or two that may be interested, but you have some resources I could use in order to develop some curriculum for the camp, that would be greatly appreciated as well.

Thank you so much for your time, I will be looking forward to hearing back from you soon!

Thanks again,  
Kelcey Trewin

Maryland Agriculture Resource Council  
Farm Camp Director  
(410)-830-0339  
[kelcey.trewin@gmail.com](mailto:kelcey.trewin@gmail.com)

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**MES REVIEWER REQUESTED FOR NEW INSECT  
BOOK**

Dear Maryland Entomological Society,

My name is Nathan Thomas and I work for [Exisle Publishing](#). We have a new book coming out shortly [October 2018] which I thought would be of interest to your organization: *Minibeasts - True rulers of our world and the key to our survival*, by Alan Henderson of Melbourne Museum.

Entomologists, both amateur and professional, will love the over 100 color photographs in this hardcover book that offer astonishing, up-close insight into the exotic transformers that surround us unnoticed. The photos are accompanied by text which explains the importance of these invertebrates in our everyday life, from their crucial role in our ecosystem to their use in science and medicine.

Would you be interested in reviewing a sample copy? If so, just let me know and I'll have one sent to you.

Kind regards,  
Nathan Thomas

Exisle Publishing  
[nathan@exislepublishing.com](mailto:nathan@exislepublishing.com)

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**Central Maryland Beekeepers Association**

*Supporting and promoting beekeepers and the viability of honeybees in central Maryland*

**MEMBERS MEETINGS**

**Tues, 10 July 2018; 7:00 p.m.**

David Papke speaks on "How to Deal with Beehive Health Problems"

Members meetings are held at the [Oregon Ridge Nature Center, 13555 Beaver Dam Road, Cockeysville, MD.](#)

Additional information can be found at:

<http://www.centralmarylandbees.org/meetings-3/membership-meeting-schedule/>

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**ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON  
PUBLIC MEETING**

**Thu, 5 July 2018; 7:00 p.m.**

Topic: TBA

Speaker: TBA

National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC

<http://entsocwash.org/>

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**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND ENTOMOLOGY  
LAUNCHES 'INSECT DRAWINGS' WEBSITE**

The University of Maryland is excited to announce the launch of UMD Entomology's latest website – "Insect Drawings." The news article can be found at: <http://entomology.umd.edu/news/umd-entomology-launches-insect-drawings-website> and the actual website can be found at: <http://insectdrawings.umd.edu/>.

*Submitted by MES member John Bocan*

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**HOWARD COUNTY BIRD CLUB BUTTERFLY  
WALKS**

**June 20, Wed, 11 am 2-3 hours.**

[Meadowbrook Park](#) Butterfly Walk.

Meet at Park & Ride parking lot (first lot). Leader: Kathy Litzinger. (Email [Linda Hunt](#) for notification of last minute changes.) Paved paths. Facilities available. Take precautions against ticks, chiggers, mosquitoes and sunburn and bring water. Cancelled if raining.

Find more information at:

<http://www.howardbirds.org/butterflies/index.htm>

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### FORT INDIANTOWN GAP REGAL FRITILLARY BUTTERFLY TOURS

This June and July 2018, visitors are invited to come see the only population of regal fritillary butterflies in the eastern United States at Fort Indiantown Gap, near Annville, Lebanon County. The tours allow the public a guided opportunity to see this rare butterfly and its associated grassland habitat on military training ranges.

This year's free guided tours will be on June 29, 30 and July 6, 7. No reservations are required, and no rain dates will be scheduled. Please arrive no later than 9:30am. For the address and other information, please visit:

<http://www.dmva.pa.gov/dmvaoffices/Environmental-Resources/Pages/Regal-Fritillary-Butterfly-FTIG.aspx>

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### EAGLE HILLS INSTITUTE NATURAL HISTORY SEMINARS

#### Steuben, Maine

During the summer, the Eagle Hills Institute offers intensive week-long field-based seminars and workshops on the coast of Maine taught by experts in their respective fields. This summer, several of these courses will be related to arthropods.

#### July 1-7

Dragonflies and Damselflies: Field Techniques and Identification

Instructor: Bryan Pfeiffer and Michael Blust

#### July 8-14

Spiders: Identification, Biology and Ecology

Instructor: Kefyn Catley

#### July 8-14

Native Bees: Biology, Ecology, Identification, and Conservation

Instructor: Sara Bushmann and Kalyn Bickerman-Martens

#### July 22-28

Microlepidoptera: Collection, Preparation, Dissection, Identification, and Natural History

Instructor: Jason Dombroskie

#### July 29 – Aug 4

Tracks & Sign of Insects and Other Invertebrates

Instructor: Charley Eiseman

#### Aug 5-11

Aquatic Entomology

Instructor: Steven Burian

More information about the courses, rates and registration may be found at:

<https://www.eaglehill.us/programs/nhs/nhs-calendar.shtml>

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### MASSAUDUBON FIREFLY WATCH

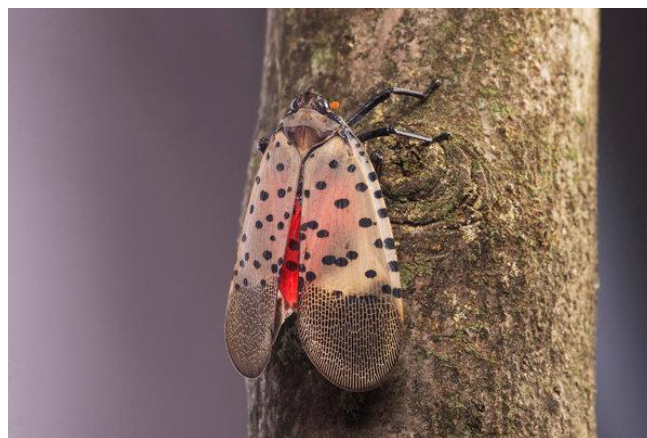
Firefly Watch combines an annual summer evening ritual with scientific research. Join a network of volunteers by observing your own backyard and help scientists map fireflies found in New England and beyond. Mass Audubon has teamed up with **researchers from Tufts University** to track the fate of these amazing insects. It's easy to participate in Firefly Watch. All you need to do is spend 10 minutes once a week during firefly season observing fireflies in one location (your backyard or in a nearby field). All firefly sightings—or lack thereof—are valuable.

Find out how to participate and get more information at:

<https://www.massaudubon.org/get-involved/citizen-science/firefly-watch>

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### LANTERNFLIES EAT EVERYTHING IN SIGHT. THE U.S. IS LOOKING DELICIOUS.



In case you missed it, the New York Times had a recent article about the Spotted Lanternfly:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/05/21/science/lanternflies-pennsylvania-crops.html>

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### OCT 2017-SEP 2018 MES MEMBERSHIP YEAR OFFICERS

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### SUBMITTAL DEADLINES

JULY 2018 issue of the *Phaëton*:

Please send member news items by 10 July 2018.

Send e-newsletter drafts to Addie at [aditid26@gmail.com](mailto:aditid26@gmail.com).

SEP 2018 issue of *The Maryland Entomologist*:

Please send first drafts of articles and notes ASAP. Send

journal drafts to Gene at [ejscarp@comcast.net](mailto:ejscarp@comcast.net).

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### FIREFLIES

By Frank Ormsby

The lights come on and stay on under the trees.  
Visibly a whole neighbourhood inhabits the dusk,  
so punctual and in place it seems to deny  
dark its dominion. Nothing will go astray,  
the porchlamps promise. Sudden, as though a match  
failed to ignite at the foot of the garden, the first  
squibs  
trouble the eye. Impossible not to share  
that sportive, abortive, clumsy, where-are-we-now  
dalliance with night, such soothing restlessness.  
What should we make of fireflies, their quick flare  
of promise and disappointment, their throwaway  
style?  
Our heads turn this way and that. We are loath to  
miss  
such jauntiness in nature. Those fugitive selves,  
winged and at random! Our flickery might-have-  
beens  
come up from the woods to haunt us! Our yet-to-be  
as tentative frolic! What do the fireflies say?  
That loneliness made light of becomes at last  
convivial singleness? That any antic spark  
cruising the void might titillate creation?  
And whether they spend themselves, or go to  
ground,  
or drift with their lights out, they have left the  
gloom,  
for as long as our eyes take to absorb such absence,  
less than it seemed, as childless and deprived  
as Chaos and Old Night. But ruffled too,  
as though it unearthed some memory of light  
from its long blackout, a hospitable core  
fit home for fireflies, brushed by fireflies' wings.