

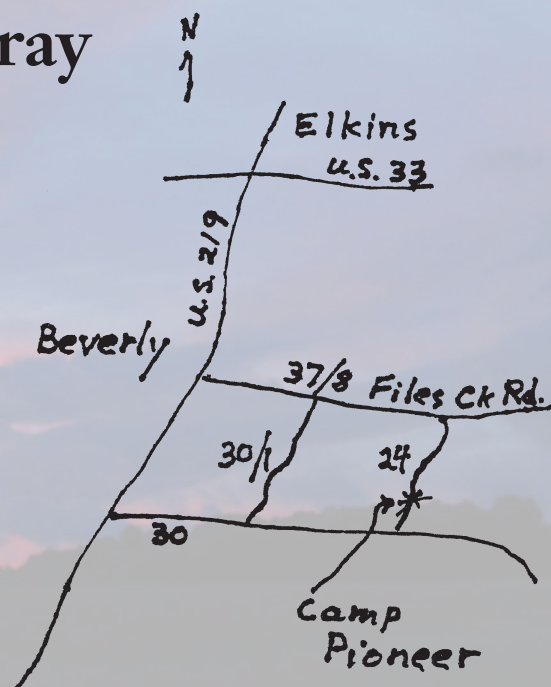
Announcing the

BROOKS BIRD CLUB

85th Annual Foray

May 31 - June 6, 2026

Camp Pioneer
Beverly, WV



Transportation to camp will be up to each individual. Camp is located on County Road 24 east of Beverly, Randolph County, WV. Travel about six miles south of Elkins on U.S. 219 to Beverly and turn left on County Rd. 37/8, Files Creek Road. Continue east on Files Creek Rd. to County Road 24 and turn right. Camp Pioneer is less than a mile south on 24.

Traveling from the south on U.S. 219, turn right on County Rd. 30 and then turn left on County Rd. 24 and continue north to Camp Pioneer. Watch for BBC signs.

Foray address: Camp Pioneer

38 Pioneer Circle, Kings Run Road • Beverly, WV 26253 • Telephone: 304-636-3638
38.820359, -79.852231

In order to attend Foray, you must be a current dues-paid BBC member.

Cost of camp includes lodging, meals, snacks, and registration. Please fill out application form completely and be sure to enclose your check, including membership fee if applicable. Fill out any applicable Scholarship Applications as well prior to camp and turn in with your reservation. Each participant must include their name, address, emergency contact name and phone number, and also list any known allergies or health conditions on their application.

All minors must stay with their respective parent or guardian at all times during Foray.

All reservations are due by May 10, 2026, and will be acknowledged. **Do not come without a reservation.**

If you have any questions, call or write to:

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Janice Emrick • 52713 SR 800 • Jerusalem, Ohio 43747 • 740-472-5212 • emricksj@gmail.com

Mary Murin • 1730 Woodland Drive • Vienna, WV 26105 • 575-993-8222 • sloinnm@yahoo.com

Beth Mankins, Registrar • 21 Mound Manor • St. Marys, WV 26170 • 304-299-1488 • bbc.wv.treasurer@gmail.com

MAY 31-JUNE 7, 2026 FORAY – MISCELLANEOUS CAMP INFORMATION

Headquarters for the 2026 Foray will be 4-H Camp Pioneer located east of Beverly, West Virginia, in Randolph County, May 31-June 6, 2026. Randolph County is a mountainous county with Rich Mountain in the west and Cheat Mountain to the east. Elevations exceed 4,000 ft in the mountainous parts. The elevation at Beverly is 1,946 ft, and elevations down the valley to the south are all less than 2,000 ft. One finds a remarkable diversity of bird life and plants in Randolph County because of the diversity of habitats available.

Much of Randolph County is in the Monongahela National Forest. Foray participants may explore Kumbrabow State Forest, the Rich Mt. Civil War Battlefield, the High Falls of the Cheat, Otter Creek Wilderness, and the Swiss village at Helvetia.

Accommodations include a large dining hall and meeting room with adequate space for library and lab and housed in dormitories for the men and women. There are no single rooms available for separate accommodations. Plenty of hot and cold running water in the showers and indoor flush toilets make this a comfortable camp. There's plenty of room for camping if desired, and electric, water, and sewage hook-ups available for RVs and camping trailers in the adjoining campground.

The program will emphasize birds. You will have opportunities to join in the Breeding Surveys, Bird Population Studies and Early Morning Bird Walks. There will be fieldwork in Flowering Plants, Mammals, Reptiles, Amphibians and other natural history studies. A program of lectures and field trips for campers who wish to participate will be part of the daily activities. Foray Directors will be Martin Tingley, Janice Emrick and Mary Murin. You will be asked to help. Come prepared!

Many of the participants at Foray are experienced field biologists, some professional, others amateurs, but all specialists in their field of nature. Their informal leadership and enthusiasm to help people should make Foray both enjoyable and educational.

Rules governing Foray are few. We expect you to contribute your share towards making Foray a success. All precautions will be taken to safeguard each participant, and all attendees will be covered by general liability insurance.

Meals will be furnished by our camp cooks. There will be early morning snacks for the early birds. There will be all-day excursions for which bag lunches will be supplied.

Things to take: Towel, soap, rain gear, walking shoes, boots, cameras, binoculars, hangers, flashlight, and notebook. You will need to take bedding, including pillow and sleeping bag. Take books on natural history to loan to the library. Be sure your name is in them! Remember to plan for both warm and cool weather, as we do move through elevations. If you have a 2-way radio(s), please bring them, as they are helpful when two or more cars are traveling together

Silent Auction – A silent auction will be held during Foray as a means to raise scholarship money. Donated items to auction are needed and much appreciated. The donor may put a minimum bid on donations, if desired.

Mug Contest – Don't forget to bring a cup or mug to use while you are in camp in the name of conservation. Prizes are always memorable.

T-Shirt Contest – We will be having a t-shirt contest. Bring your interesting, colorful and kooky nature-related t-shirts to wear for judging.

Extra Binoculars – We may have young adults attending that don't already have binoculars. If you have an old pair to lend out, please bring them to Foray. Thanks!

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Information for 2026 Foray may be found on the BBC Webpage. You may also submit an online application to 2026 Foray and use the Paypal link provided.

See you at Camp!

APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT

For Office Use Only

Date Recv'd. _____

ANNUAL FORAY

May 31-June 6, 2026

Camp Pioneer

Beverly, WV 26253

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Full Time Adult \$ _____

Full Time Child \$ _____

Part Time Adult \$ _____

Part Time Child \$ _____

Membership \$ _____

(if applicable)

Total \$ _____

All reservations must be received by **May 10, 2026** and accompanied by check for full amount. Make check payable to: **The Brooks Bird Club, Inc.** and mail to: **Brooks Bird Club • P.O. Box 25 • St. Marys, WV 26170 • Telephone 304-299-1488**

NAME (Please Print) _____ **PHONE** _____

EMAIL _____

ADDR/CITY/ST/ZIP _____

NAMES OF ALL ATTENDING _____

Special interests in nature _____

(Bird Population Studies, Breeding Bird Surveys, Plants, Trees, Shrubs, Ferns, Mosses, Mammals.)

Special dietary needs (vegetarian, gluten, nut allergy, etc.) _____

The Foray begins with registration at Camp on Sunday, May 31st at 3:00 pm (DST). Sunday dinner at 6:00 p.m. will be the first official meal. The Foray will close with a short meeting after breakfast on Saturday, June 6th. Campers must provide their own bedding: sheets, pillow, blankets, sleeping bag, and towels.

Adult Full Time – 5/31– 6/6 _____ @ **\$395.00 each** \$ _____

If a child 14 or under is accompanied by a paying adult, the child comes free. If child is over 14, they must complete a Scholarship Application.

Part Time (3 Meals + 1 overnight) _____ @ **\$116.00 per day** \$ _____

***Tent/Trailer Full Time – Adult** _____ @ **\$395.00 each (Camping includes all meals)** \$ _____

Tent and Pop-Up Campers will pay same fees as above. All campers requiring water/sewer/electric hook-ups will be responsible for their reservations at the adjoining campground. BBC did not reserve the campground. Meals for those using the campground will be \$35/day per individual. Individuals can go directly here to reserve a campsite: <https://campioneerwv.com/rental-facilities/campground-and-pavilions/>

Tent/Trailer Part Time _____ @ **\$116.00 per day (3 meals + 1 overnight)** \$ _____

Single meals only _____ @ **\$20.00 each** \$ _____

ALL MEALS & LODGING YOU RESERVE MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE – NO REFUNDS

FOR NON-MEMBERS & SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS INCLUDE *MEMBERSHIP

*Individual \$35.00 / Family \$40.00 / Student \$20.00 \$ _____

I expect to arrive May/June _____ for _____ Breakfast _____ Lunch _____ Dinner **TOTAL** \$ _____

I expect to depart June _____ after _____ Breakfast _____ Lunch _____ Dinner

*For the good of all concerned, every camper attending the Foray **MUST** be a member of the Brooks Bird Club. Your dues entitle you to membership in the Club for the calendar year for which you will receive the **REDSTART** (official club scientific publication); the **MAIL BAG** (club news journal); and various other bulletins.

***SIGNED** _____ **DATE** _____

***THE BROOKS BIRD CLUB IS RELEASED OF ALL LIABILITY**



THE BROOKS BIRD CLUB

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2026 Foray Notice



*2019 Randolph County Foray
Photos by Ryan Tomazin*

PROSPECTIVE 2026 FORAY SCHEDULE AND SPEAKERS *(subject to change)*

*Monday-Friday mornings - Breeding Bird Surveys/
Singing Male Census/Early Morning Bird Walk*

Sunday, May 31st
Arrival/Registration

Monday, June 1st
All-Day trip to Bickle Knob and Stuart's Knob
Brian Streets presentation on WV Wildflowers

Tuesday, June 2nd
Butterfly presentation and outing by Janice Emrick
All-Afternoon trip to Cheat Bridge area and
White Meadow Run with Kevin Campbell
Martin Tingley presentation on Herpetology

Wednesday, June 3rd
Jo Santiago presentation with Raptors
Kevin Dodge presentation on "Night Sounds"

Thursday, June 4th
All-Day Trip with Ashton Berdine (Destination TBA)
Rich Bailey on WV Birds

Friday, June 5th
Fern Walk with Dawn Fox
Zack Fowler presentation on Plant Ecology and Flora
of WV
Bonfire and marshmallow roast

Saturday June 6th
Clean up, pack up and go home