



# 2026 EVENTS CALENDAR



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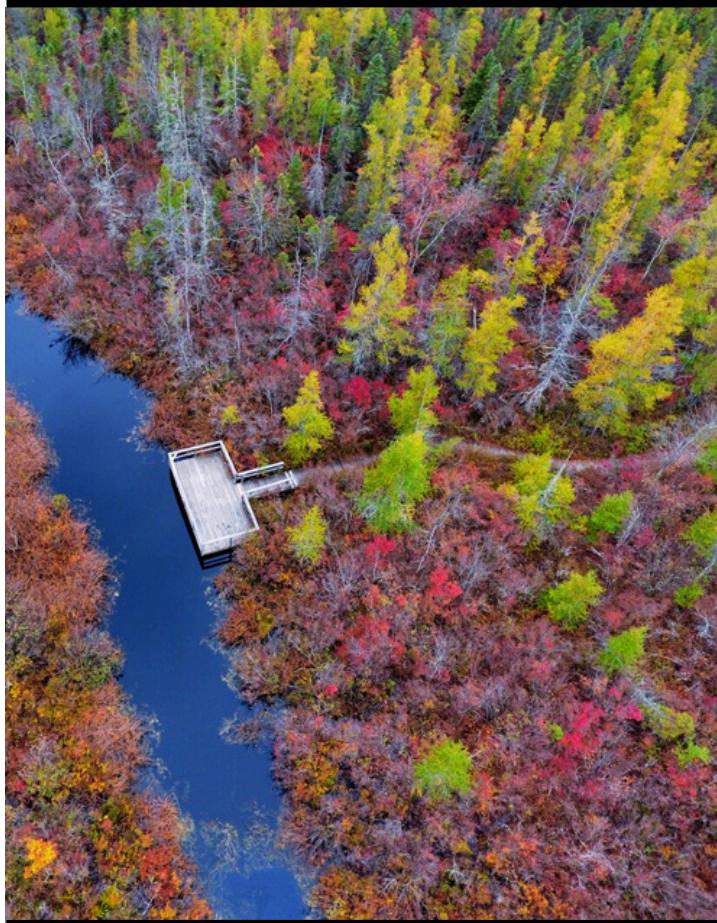


MONROE COUNTY  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

# WEEKEND HOURS

**Select Saturdays | 9 AM - 1 PM:**

January 10, January 24  
February 7, February 21  
April 11, April 18  
May 2, May 16  
June 6, June 13  
July 11, July 18  
August 1, August 15  
September 12, September 26  
October 10, October 24  
November 7, November 21  
December 5, December 19



## WEDNESDAY BOG WALKS \*

Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center invites you to attend a guided public walk into the Tannersville Cranberry Bog each Wednesday between June 3 and November 4! Learn about its formation, interesting plant and animal life, and the role the local Preserve Committee and The Nature Conservancy play in its protection.

**June 3 - September 9 | 10 AM - 12 PM**  
**September 16 - November 4 | 1 PM - 3 PM**



\$6 per person. The bog is open by guided access only.

**Hours of Operation:** M-F 8 AM - 4:30 PM  
Closed On All Federal Holidays.

Open Select Saturdays, Check Schedule.

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## LET'S MAKE FIRE CIDER! DIY WORKSHOP

**Saturday, January 10**

**10 AM - 11:30 AM**

**\$20** 

Fire cider is a traditional and beloved herbal tonic made with apple cider vinegar, honey, and other ingredients to support digestion, circulation, and immunity. It's fun and simple to prepare once you know how. Join us to learn about its history and benefits and make your own custom blend with the help of a local herbalist. Pre-registration required by Wednesday, January 7th.

## OWL PROWL

**Saturday, January 10**

**6:30 PM - 9 PM**

**\$20, Ages 12+**

Explore the mysterious world of owls! We'll begin at Kettle Creek with an introduction to owl biology, owl pellet dissection, behavior and identification. Then we'll head to the Tannersville Cranberry Bog for a nighttime search for owls with Darryl Speicher from Pocono Avian Research Center. Participants may carpool with staff on the bus (Limit 12 seats) or drive separately. Participants should bring a flashlight.

## KETTLE CREEK FOR KIDS: HOOTS AND HOWLS FOR SNOWY OWLS

**Tuesday, January 13: 10 AM - 11 AM**

**Tuesday, January 13: 1 PM - 2 PM**

**\$7, Ages 3-6**

Join us in learning about a rare and majestic wintertime visitor to the Poconos—the snowy owl. This lesson will include a short outdoor adventure, story time, and a craft.

## KETTLE CREEK FOR KIDS: CLUES IN THE SNOW

**Tuesday, January 20: 10 AM - 11 AM**

**Tuesday, January 20: 1 PM - 2 PM**

**\$7, Ages 3-6**

Become an animal track detective! We will explore how different wild animals move, take a walk to look for tracks and other signs, and finish by crafting our own animal track guide to take home.

# JANUARY

## EAGLE WATCH BUS TRIP

**Friday, January 23**

**8:30 AM - 4 PM**

**\$35**

Take a trip along the Upper Delaware River in search of our national symbol, the Bald Eagle. Once a rare sight, many wintering and resident eagles now inhabit this region and the probability for sightings is high. Participants should pack a lunch. Limited binoculars available upon request.

## POCONO WILDLIFE

**Saturday, January 24**

**10 AM - 11:30 AM**

**\$5** 

Join locally-renowned naturalist and former KCEEC Coordinator Roger Spotts for a look at the great variety of creatures that share the Poconos with all of us.

## KETTLE CREEK FOR KIDS: FEATHERED FRIENDS FEAST

**Tuesday, January 27: 10 AM - 11 AM**

**Tuesday, January 27: 1 PM - 2 PM**

**\$7, Ages 3-6**

Discover how birds get ready for winter, explore foods they eat, and learn how different beaks help them survive the cold season. Each child will create their very own bird feeder craft to take home and help out feathered friends through the winter months!

## FULL MOON WALK

**Saturday, January 31**

**6:30-8:30**

**\$5**

Take a walk under the light of a full moon on a clear winter night. Even though it is the middle of winter there are many things going on outside at Kettle Creek. This is a walk for the whole family to enjoy. Participants should bring a flashlight.

# FEBRUARY

## EAGLE WATCH BUS TRIP

**Friday, February 6**

**8:30 AM - 4 PM**

**\$35**

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## MEET THE ARTIST: "Community Conservation"

**Saturday, February 7**

**11 AM- 1 PM**

**No Charge** 

Curated by our Watershed Specialist, Charles Kelshaw. The exhibition features artworks and maps created by local conservation partners from watershed associations and fishing clubs to educators and beyond.

# MARCH

## MAPLE SUGARING COMMUNITY DAY

**Saturday, March 7**

**Saturday, March 14**

**9:30 AM - 3 PM**

**\$6 Adults/\$4 Children Under 12**

Celebrate our 49th year of maple sugaring! Learn why sap flows this time of year and how people first learned to make syrup. Watch us turn sap into syrup, then taste it on pancakes as you celebrate this sweet tradition with us!

**This Program Takes Place at Meesing Outdoor Site.**

## MIDDLE CREEK BUS TRIP

**Friday, March 27**

**8 AM - 4 PM**

**\$35**

Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area is a major stop-over for tremendous numbers of Snow Geese— their huge flocks in flight sometimes create a “blizzard” of birds. Join us on this trip to observe a truly stunning spectacle of nature. In addition, a variety of waterfowl, raptors, and other birds should be seen. Participants should pack a lunch. Limited binoculars available upon request.

# APRIL

## MEET THE ARTIST: "Waterways and Byways"

by Jeff Koopman

Saturday, April 11

11 AM - 1 PM

No Charge 

Nature-oriented oil paintings with an emphasis on waterways. The subjects will be mostly but not all local.



# WAY

## BOG BIRDING \*

Wednesday, May 6

7 AM - 9:30 AM

\$6

Spend the morning with us on a guided bird walk at the Tannersville Cranberry Bog. Learn the basics of birding while discovering the unique and fascinating bird species that visit this rare habitat. Perfect for beginners and anyone looking to enjoy birds in a truly special place. Limited binoculars available upon request.

## FAIRY GARDEN WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 18

10 AM - 12 PM

\$20 Ages 12+ 

Join us for a relaxing morning of creativity where we will let the magic of nature inspire our very own miniature enchanted gardens. Use a variety of small props and natural materials to bring your creation to life. All materials will be provided, but participants may bring a basket or jar to build their garden in.

## MEET THE ARTIST: "Connecting to Nature"

by Sherry Acevedo

Saturday, May 2

11 AM - 1 PM

No Charge 

Capturing the aesthetic beauty of natural landscapes and wildlife through photography. Through her camera lens she "chases the moon" and connects us to nature through the seasons.

## POND PEEKING

Saturday, May 2

10 AM - 11:30 AM

\$5

Bring your boots and your curiosity as we head to the pond to explore! Use a net to scoop into the water and discover the plants and animals that live there. Collect samples, look closely at what you find, and work together as we peek into the pond!

## **BIRDING BY BOAT**

**Friday, May 8**

**7:45 AM - 12 PM**

**\$15**

Grab your binoculars and meet us at the lake at Tobyhanna State Park for a unique birding experience on the water. Limited kayaks and equipment available upon request.

## **BOG BIRDING \***

**Wednesday, May 13**

**7 AM - 9:30 AM**

**\$6**

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## **CENTURY DAY BUS TRIP**

**Saturday, May 16**

**8 AM - 3:30 PM**

**\$35**

Spend a full day birding across Monroe County during this special bus trip. The goal of Century Day is to find 100 species throughout the day! We will explore forests, wetlands, fields and bogs to see which birds live in which environment and learn how to identify birds based off sight and call. All levels are welcome. Participants should pack a lunch. Limited binoculars available upon request.

## **APRIL SHOWERS TO MAY FLOWERS**

**Saturday, May 16**

**10 AM - 11:30 AM**

**\$5**

Come explore the colorful world of flowers and enjoy the beauty blooming all around us! Walk the trails to find flowers and learn what makes each one special.

## **WEEKEND BOG WALK \***

**Saturday, May 16**

**2 PM - 4 PM**

**\$6**

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## **BOG KAYAK TRIP \***

**Thursday, May 28**

**Saturday, May 30**

**10 AM - 1:30 PM**

**\$15**

Come explore where the river otters play and the pitcher plants grow! Take an adventurous two-mile paddle on the Cranberry Creek where we will get a unique perspective of the bog habitat in kayaks. Please note that trips are water level dependent and can be strenuous and challenging. Limited kayaks and equipment available upon request.



## **FULL MOON BOG WALK \***

**Saturday, May 30**

**6:30 PM - 9:00 PM**

**\$6**

Explore the Bog under the light of a full moon! Participants should bring a flashlight.

# SUMMER CAMPS



## GET IN TOUCH WITH NATURE CAMP

6/22-6/26, 7/6-7/10, 8/3-8/7

**\$170, Ages 7-10**

Get ready for a week of outdoor fun! Explore the trails at Kettle Creek and get comfortable in nature as you discover the plants and animals that live there. Learn new skills with new friends as you enjoy a different adventure each day!

## ADVENTURE CAMP

6/22-6/26, 7/6-7/10, 8/3-8/7, 8/17-8/21

**\$210, Ages 11-13**

Grab your gear and join us for an outdoor adventure! Paddle a kayak on the Delaware River and hike to beautiful views. Explore the Poconos and try something new as you make lasting memories with new friends this summer.



## CONSERVATION CAMP

7/18-7/25

**\$200 (Scholarships available), Ages 14 - H.S. graduate**

Get ready for an unforgettable week at our residential conservation camp at Stony Acres recreational facility! Campers will dive into adventure with ropes and challenge courses, camp along the Delaware River, and learn directly from a variety of outdoor and conservation organizations. It's an exciting opportunity to explore real-world conservation careers, build confidence, make new friends, and experience the outdoors like never before. A week packed with learning, teamwork, and nonstop adventure.



**REGISTRATION FOR ALL SUMMER CAMPS BEGINS FEBRUARY 2, 2026**

## MEET THE ARTIST: "Garden Art" by Eric Goins

**Saturday, June 6**

**11 AM - 1 PM**

**No Charge** 

Eric's digital photography show focuses on nature.

## WEEKEND BOG WALK \*

**Saturday, June 13**

**2 PM - 4 PM**

**\$6**

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## SUNSET BOG WALK \*

**Thursday, June 18**

**6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

**\$6**

Spend an evening journeying through the bog at golden hour. Learn about the unique plant life and crepuscular critters who call this habitat home.

## KETTLE CREEK FOR KIDS: Summer Series

**Dates: 7/2, 7/16, 7/30**

**Times: 10 AM -11 AM and 1 PM - 2 PM**

**\$7, Ages 3-6**

Cool off this summer with Kettle Creek for Kids! Bring a grown-up and splash into fun to learn all about water. Explore, play, and discover as you try a new, exciting activity at each session in July and August.

## MEET THE ARTIST: "Nature Tales" by Jean Marie and Gordon Perry

**Saturday, July 11**

**11:00-1:00**

**No Charge** 

Jean and Gordon Perry present an assortment of their original paintings, drawings and photographs in a new display depicting nature through the seasons. With assorted quotes and poetry to accompany the works, this series follows their previous exhibits, entitled "Nature Tales", at KCEEC. Much of Jean's artwork focuses on paintings completed for art classes which she has taught at Carbon County Environmental Education Center and photos taken locally and on trips. Gordon's photography and drawings concentrate on scenery as well as plants and animals in their natural surroundings.

# JUNE / JULY



## **WEEKEND BOG WALK \***

**Saturday, July 11**

**2 PM - 4 PM**

**\$6**

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## **KAYAK PADDLE AT PROMISED LAND WITH BROADHEAD WATERSHED ASSOCIATION**

**Saturday, July 11**

**10AM**

**Suggested donation of \$15 for BWA members,  
\$20 for non-members**

Enjoy a morning on the water with both the Kettle Creek and BWA community! Participants should pack a lunch. Limited kayaks and equipment available upon request. Visit [www.broadheadwatershed.org](http://www.broadheadwatershed.org) for details.



## **SUNSET BOG WALK \***

**Thursday, July 16**

**7 PM - 9 PM**

**\$6**

Spend an evening journeying through the bog at golden hour. Learn about the unique plant life and crepuscular critters who call this habitat home.



## **BUGFEST**

**Saturday, July 18**

**9:30 AM - 12 PM**

**12:30 PM - 3 PM**

**\$5, Ages 3-12**

Kettle Creek and our partnering organizations are excited to host another year of our BugFest event this summer! Join us to learn all about insects and their importance. Your passport to BugFest will take you to a variety of stations including live insect zoo, interactive games, crafts, butterfly tent and more! Costumes are encouraged!

# AUGUST

## KETTLE CREEK FOR KIDS: Summer Series

Dates: 8/4

Times: 10 AM -11 AM and 1 PM - 2 PM

\$7, Ages 3-6

Cool off this summer with Kettle Creek for Kids! Bring a grown-up and splash into fun to learn all about water. Explore, play, and discover as you try a new, exciting activity at each session in July and August.

## MEET THE ARTIST: "Into the Woods" by Colleen Lidon and Holly Jean Studios

Saturday, August 1

11 AM - 1 PM

No Charge 

Colleen is an environmental educator who expresses her admiration of the natural world through a wide variety of media. A photographic collection of beautiful, fleeting moments in the outdoors will be on display. Other art in the collection will include natural elements incorporated in home decor pieces such as wall hangings, pottery, stained glass, etc.

Holly Jean Studios is a collaboration between two lovers making folk inspired objects for the home. Together, they create pedestals for daily life, shrines to highlight artwork, nature and plants, & significant objects - a tribute to everyday magic in the form of colors and patterns - always made from locally sourced American hardwoods from the Lehigh Valley, PA.

## WEEKEND BOG WALK \*

Saturday, August 15

2 PM - 4 PM

\$6

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## CREEK SNORKELING AT BUCK HILL FALLS WITH BROADHEAD WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

August 8

1 PM

Suggested donation: \$5 for BWA members,  
\$10 for non-members

Here's your chance to see the privately-owned Buck Hill Falls and immerse yourself in Buck Hill Creek's Exceptional Value waters! The creek features pristine habitat for trout and eels and plays an important role in the Delaware River basin ecosystem. Snorkels and PFDs will be provided. Visit [www.broadheadwatershed.org](http://www.broadheadwatershed.org) for details.



## PADDLING THE DELAWARE RIVER

**Tuesday, August 25**

**8:30 AM - 4 PM**

**\$15**

Join us on this all-day paddle on the scenic Delaware River. We will paddle 10 miles of river from Bushkill to Smithfield Beach and immerse ourselves in the river environment.



This slow-paced paddle is good for beginners and experienced paddlers alike and will have time built in to examine the river habitat, swim, snorkel, and relax! Sturdy water shoes, swimwear, lunch, towel, sunscreen, and a water bottle are all you need to bring and limited kayaks and equipment available upon request. We will meet at the Bushkill Access on the river at 8:30 AM. Please note there is a \$10 parking fee per vehicle at the Bushkill Access. Registration deadline is Friday, August 21

## SUNSET BOG WALK \*

**Friday, August 28**

**6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

**\$6**

Spend an evening journeying through the bog at golden hour. Learn about the unique plant life and crepuscular critters who call this habitat home.

# SEPTEMBER

## MEET THE ARTIST: "Wildlife in the Poconos" by Nancy Hopping

**Saturday, September 12**

**11 AM - 1 PM**

**No Charge** 

"I built my wildlife and nature skills hiking, kayaking, and fly-fishing always with a camera nearby. There is no book that can teach you how to sit still and watch nature unfold. It is my hope to give you an inner sight to the wildlife that lives not far from our backdoor."

## FUNGI AT THE BOG \*

**Saturday, September 12**

**Sunday, September 20**

**2 PM - 4 PM**

**\$6**

Come out for a beginner-friendly exploration of fungi at the bog. Learn what fungi are, where to spot them, and why they're essential to healthy ecosystems. Discover a variety of mushrooms and other fungi that thrive in this unique habitat while gaining simple tips for observation and identification.



## **OVERNIGHT ELK BUS TRIP**

**Monday, September 14 - Wednesday, September 16**  
**Reservation and Pricing Details Coming Soon!**  
**Call us for more information.**

Join us on a three-day journey into the PA Wilds to view majestic elk during the prime bugling seasons. Stops will also be made at Bald Eagle State Park, Parker Dam State Park, Sinnemahoning State Park, the PA Grand Canyon, Quehanna Natural Area, and the Elk Country Visitor Center.

## **WEEKEND BOG WALK \***

**Sunday, September 20**  
**11 AM - 1 PM**  
**\$6**

Kettle Creek E.E. Center invites you to attend a guided public walk into the Tannersville Cranberry Bog! Learn about its formation, interesting plant and animal life, and the role the local Preserve Committee and The Nature Conservancy play in its protection.

## **ADVENTURE SURPRISE BUS TRIP**

**September 25**  
**8:30 AM - 4 PM**  
**\$35**

Adventure awaits around every corner on this unique Kettle Creek day trip experience. Participants will take part in moderate hiking and physical activity with surprise stops throughout Monroe County and beyond! The adventurous-at-heart won't want to miss out on this exciting excursion!

# **OCTOBER**

## **FALL FEST**

**Friday, October 9**  
**6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**  
**\$5**

Have an unforgettable evening at Kettle Creek's Friday night fall festival. Join us for activities centered around the fall season and nocturnal animal life. We'll end our evening by setting out for a night hike on our trails and making s'mores around a campfire. Participants should bring a flashlight. Costumes encouraged!

## **KETTLE CREEK FOR KIDS: Autumn Series**

**Dates: 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29**  
**Times: 10 AM -11 AM and 1 PM - 2 PM**  
**\$7, Ages 3-6**

Come along as we explore seasonal changes, learn how animals get ready for winter, and experience the sights and sounds of autumn. Enjoy a different activity each week!

## **MEET THE ARTIST: "Inspired by Nature"**

**by Claudia Hill and Joan Lech**  
**Saturday, October 10**  
**11 AM - 1 PM**  
**No Charge**

The gourds on display show how versatile this natural canvas can be. Gourds can be painted, carved, wood-burned, woven, beaded and sculpted. Using the hardshell gourd as a palette, Claudia and Joan use an arsenal of mediums to create their artwork. Joan is an experienced woodworker and makes many unique items.

## **WEEKEND BOG WALK \***

**Saturday, October 10**

**2 PM - 4 PM**

**\$6**

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## **FULL MOON BOG WALK \***

**Friday, October 23**

**6:30 PM - 9 PM**

**\$6**

Explore the Bog under the light of a full moon! Participants should bring a flashlight.



# **NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER**

## **MYSTERY HISTORY BUS TRIP**

**Friday, November 6**

**8:30 AM - 4 PM**

**\$35**

Set out on a day long journey with us throughout Monroe County and beyond! We'll learn and explore at various undisclosed locations of historical significance.

## **ART OPENING: Monroe County Natural Resources Photo Contest**

**Saturday, December 5**

**11 AM - 1 PM**

**No Charge**

Enjoy the entrants in our Monroe County Natural Resources Photo Contest. Enjoy a slideshow featuring all of the contest entrants. Winners will be revealed, and the top 12 photos will be available on a 2027 calendar. Proceeds from calendar sales will benefit environmental education programs at Kettle Creek. Exhibit runs through January 29, 2027.

## **WINTER SURVIVAL SKILLS FOR KIDS**

**Saturday, December 19**

**10 AM - 11:30 AM**

**\$5, Ages 8-12**

Test your skills and build new ones as we explore how to thrive outdoors in cold-weather conditions! Safely build a fire, create a simple natural shelter, and practice marking trails and finding your way alongside fellow adventurers! Adults must stay for the duration of the program.

# KCEF DINNER

**Thursday, September 17**

**5:30 PM - 9 PM, \$60**

Our Kettle Creek Environmental Fund's annual fundraising dinner will be held at Trout Lake. Join us for an evening of great food, fun games, and fabulous prizes!

## BIRD SEED SALE

**Saturday, October 24**

**9 AM - 1 PM**

Help feed the birds in your backyard while supporting Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center! Pre-order required.

## REGISTRATION POLICIES

- Registration opens at the start of the month prior to each program, unless otherwise stated.
- Pre-registration is required for all programs.
- Pre-payment is required for all bus trips, Kettle Creek for Kids sessions, and Day Camp programs.
- Call us at (570) 629-3061 for more information and to register!
- Dates, times, and pricing are subject to change. Contact us for the most current details.
- In case of low-attendance or weather-related cancellations, we will notify participants and refund payment as soon as possible.

# WINTER DAY CAMP

**Monday, December 28**

**9 AM - 3PM**

**\$35, Ages 7-12**

Join us for a fun filled day exploring the wonders of winter! Campers will have a chance to practice winter survival skills, learn about what the animals are up to in the cold months, and enjoy games and crafts. Make new friends and enjoy the magic of the season!



## SYMBOL KEY

 This program takes place in our ADA accessible building and/or on our accessible outdoor trail. Call us for more information or to let us know how we can best accommodate you!

 This program takes place at the Tannersville Cranberry Bog location.

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## ART GALLERY EXHIBITS

**January - Monroe County Natural Resources Photo Contest**

**February - Community Conservation** curated by Charles Kelshaw

**March - Nature in Fabrics** by Ellen Davis

**April - Waterways and Byways** by Jeff Koopman

**May - Connecting to Nature** by Sherry Acevedo

**June - Garden Art** by Eric Goins

**July - Nature Tales** by Jean Marie and Gordon Perry

**August - Into the Woods** by Colleen Lidon and Holly Jean Studios

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