THE INSECT WORLD: HIDDEN LIVES IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS

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The Insect World OLLI Study Group starts September 3

Hi:

We are one week from the start of our OLLI Study Group – The Insect World: Hidden Lives in Central Illinois. I wanted to reach out again with some reminders and updates.

As a reminder, our first meeting will happen on **September 3** at **Peoria NEXT Innovation Center – Room A114**. The address is 801 W. Main Street, Peoria. We will begin at **9:30 a.m**. This will be our only meeting at Peoria NEXT; remaining sessions will be outdoors at either Forest Park Nature Center or Tawny Oaks/ Singing Woods.

I know some of you have already completed these tasks. For those who have not… Before our first session, it would be great if you:

- Obtain a copy of the optional textbook – How Insects Work by Marianne Taylor. You will find a link at the web page I plan to use for this study group.
- Once you have the optional book, please **read chapters 1 and 2.** If you are unable to access the book, no worries; it is optional.
- Take a moment to review the web page we will be using - https://**insectsmatter.net/olli/olli-26/**. This page will grow as we discuss and encounter insects in our excursions.
    - There are some initial tasks on the page to complete prior to September 3. These include **adding an entry to our synonymy** and **answering one question**.
    - You will also find links to download a copy of the syllabus, a review of what to bring and wear to our excursions and some materials for our meeting on September 3.

If you have any questions prior to the start of our sessions, please reply to this email. During or after our sessions, I have also created a quick form to ask your questions on the above website.

I'm looking forward to our discussions/ observations about insects (especially those found in central Illinois). During our first session, I hope we all can take a couple of minutes to introduce ourselves to each other and let everyone know why this study group is of interest. If anyone is curious, there are 19 study groups with at least 324 people signed up for all these groups. I'm glad you chose to be a part of the insect study group. See you on September 3!