TICK TALK & WOODS SAFETY

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Mom! Dad! Terry's Stuck!!
What IS a tick?

Ticks are ARACHNIDS – 1st cousins to spiders and mites
Ticks have 8 legs – insects have 6
Ticks are parasitic
Ticks are found world-wide – most in warm, humid regions
There are 900 different kinds of ticks worldwide
Ticks find their meals (hosts) with their HALLER’S ORGAN
Three Major Tick Species Virginia

- American Dog Tick *Dermacentor variabilis*
- Lone Star Tick *Amblyomma americanum*
- Black-legged Tick *Ixodes scapularis*

Two Other Species Found in Virginia
- Brown Tick *Rhipicephalus sanguineus*
- Gulf Coast Tick *Amblyomma maculatum*
Tick-Myths: True or False

1. Ticks Jump  False
2. Ticks can sense CO2  True
3. Ticks fly  False
4. Ticks live in Trees  False
5. Ticks prefer humans to other mammals?  False
6. Ticks suck  True
7. Ticks are insects  False
8. Perfume & cologne can attract ticks  True
9. Ticks are born with Lyme disease  False
10. Ticks will regrow their bodies if their heads come off  False
11. All black legged ticks have Lyme disease  False
12. Ticks are not active in winter  False
13. Ticks need deer to complete their life cycle  False
Tips for FEWER Ticks!!

SPRAY on GAITERS
DO NOT SPRAY ON ‘GATORS!!!
Prevention Education & Awareness (P.E.A.)

BIG DEET

Little DEET

No DEET
CEDAR OIL
NOT TICK FREE ZONES

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What can we do?

☑️ Prevention
☑️ Education
☑️ Awareness

- Increase diversity
- Reduce/Remove Invasive Plants
- Do not create tick/mouse habitat in human areas
- Keep trails out of potential high tick areas
- Encourage predators of mice
Non-Tick Safety Tips
or – Things that DON’T Suck!

Plants

Poison Ivy *Toxicodendrom radicans*

Poison Oak *Toxicodendrom pubesens*

Poison Sumac *Toxicodendrom vernix*
DO Educate Yourself About Local Flora & Fauna

Does this vine feel as fuzzy as it looks?
THE final word!!!!
HYDRATION!!!!!!!!
Hydrate!!!
DO NOT NOT Pee in the Woods
Non-Thought of Attractors!

Perfumes

Make Up
Thank you and Bee careful out there!!!