



Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

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BACKYARD BASH BENEFITS LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER

2009 Annual Benefit Invites Guests To "Discover the Universe In Your Backyard!"

Bay Village, Ohio --- Escape to Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's big backyard for a benefit barbecue that features lip-smacking food and drink, live music, backyard bonfire and games, enticing auction items, a round-trip airfare raffle. The non-profit Center's 2009 Annual benefit invites guests to "Discover the Universe in Your Backyard" on Saturday, September 12 from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Smokey Bones has signed on to cater a barbecue buffet for the event, while Mojo's is whipping up a variety of sweet endings. Thirst quenchers will include beer, wine, soft drinks and a signature drink, with frosty souvenir mugs for sale.

Entertainment for the evening will fit the backyard vibe with live music performed by guitarist/singer Dave Bruns, bonfire and games like cornhole and croquet. Football fans will be able to keep an eye on the OSU-USC game, which will be screened in the Center's planetarium, with a game of squares adding to the excitement. [Danielle Serino](#), anchor/reporter for WOIO-WUAB TV and host of Action News Animals, is the evening's special guest.

An incredible array of enticing auction items will be up for bid during live and silent auctions, including an Indians Suite with food and beverage included, Disney Park Hopper passes, golf outing for 4 at Grey Hawk Golf Club and a complete spa day at Charles Scott Salon. The evening's coveted raffle prize is roundtrip airfare for two, courtesy of Continental Airlines! The lucky winner will be able to escape to a backyard anywhere Continental or Continental Express flies in the contiguous U.S., Alaska, Mexico, Canada, Central America or the Caribbean!

According to benefit co-chairs, Marianna Orro and Alison Muth, the focus of the casual evening is on fund-raising and friend-raising. "Our party always brings together people who value the wonderful resource that Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is to the community and we have a great time supporting the cause," said Orro. This year's backyard discovery theme mirrors the Center's mission.

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For six decades, Lake Erie Nature & Science Center has connected Northeast Ohioans to the natural world through interactive nature and science programs, live animal exhibits, free wildlife rehabilitation and a world-class planetarium. It is an independent non-profit and is not tax funded.

Tickets to the “Discover!” Backyard Benefit are just \$50 per person and include two drink tickets. Guests can also support the Center as a \$150 Event Patron, which includes entry into a VIP Happy Hour Under the Stars in the planetarium. The appetizers and drinks for VIPs will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Benefit reservations can be made using the online donation form at www.lensc.org or by calling 440-871-2900. The Center is still accepting unique auction donations, as well as Corporate Underwriters for its biggest fundraising event of the year.

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Event Listing-

You're Invited to Discover the Universe in Your Backyard!

What: 2009 Annual Benefit & Auction

When: Saturday, September 12, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m.

Where: Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Road, Bay Village

Catering by Smokey Bones, desserts by Mojo's, beer, wine and a signature drink, live music, cornhole, OSU-USC on screen, live and silent auctions with Indians luxury suite, Disney Park Hopper passes and much more, Continental Airlines airfare raffle! Tickets are \$50 person or \$150 Patron which includes 5:30 p.m. VIP Happy Hour. Make benefit reservations using the online donation form at <http://www.lensc.org>. Questions? 440-871-2900 or info@lensc.org.