



# Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

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## **FAMILIES ENCOURAGED TO BECOME HUNTINGTON BEACHKEEPERS** *LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER ORGANIZES OFFICIAL CLEAN-UP*

Bay Village, Ohio --- Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is enlisting the help of families to clean and monitor the health of Huntington Beach in Bay Village. The Center is leading an official Adopt-a-Beach clean-up on Saturday, September 6. Children ages 8 and up with at least one adult are encouraged to join the cleaning crew from 10 a.m. to Noon.

Carla Roth, who's leading the effort for the Center, says volunteers will spend the morning picking up garbage along the Lake Erie shoreline and counting and tallying the litter. The finished data will be sent to the Adopt-a-Beach program, which is spearheaded by the Chicago-based Alliance for the Great Lakes.

"The final tabulations compiled by Adopt-a-Beach officials will give us insight into how healthy our lakes are, and what else we can do to take action," said Roth, Education Program & Administrative Specialist. "During the morning, we'll also be assessing the quality of the Lake Erie water using both simple and sophisticated tests, including a screen for E coli bacteria."

The guided volunteer program is free, but you are encouraged to let the Center know you're planning to be part of the crew in advance. Call 440-871-2900 with questions or to sign up.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center provides wildlife exhibits and rehabilitation, planetarium and nature education programming to more than 190,000 visitors every year. Although the Center is located in Huntington Reservation, it is a separate, non-profit organization and relies on donations for financial support. Find out more about Lake Erie Nature & Science Center online at [www.lensc.org](http://www.lensc.org).