



# Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

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## **HAYRIDE NIGHTS AND HALLOWEEN LASERS PROVIDE AUTUMN FAMILY FUN** *POPULAR LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER TRADITIONS RETURN IN OCTOBER*

The autumn season at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is a special time with preschool and after school classes back in session and special events on tap to celebrate the season. Although Fall Session classes are already underway, you can still enroll in the remaining preschool class spots at pro-rated fees until mid-October. There's also still time to get in on one of the most popular autumn activities at the Center – Fall Family Hayride Nights - but you'll need to pre-register soon!

The first of two **Fall Family Hayride Nights** takes place on Friday, October 9 and begins with a full pizza dinner. Participants also enjoy hay wagon rides around Huntington Reservation, kid-friendly seasonal crafts, planetarium star shows and live animals. Children are encouraged to wear their costumes to the second Family Hayride event on Friday, October 30 when a trick or treat trail through the Center's backyard Wildlife Gardens provides additional fun. Both of these all-inclusive hayride nights run from 6 – 9 p.m. and require advance registration. Fees are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids.

The second Hayride night will also include laser lights because it coincides with a two weekend run of **Halloween Laser Light Shows** in the planetarium. The animated Skylase laser lights and music take on a Halloween theme during full-dome shows on October 24, 25 and 31 and November 1. Six shows each day begin at 11:30 a.m. with seatings at half past the hour every hour through 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 per person.

Kids ages 4 – 6 who would like a seasonal nature program of their own, can choose to enroll in the Tuesday, October 27 **Log Cabin Discoveries** class that's all about bats! Bat Discoveries takes place from 10 - 11 a.m. or 1 - 2 p.m., space is limited and pre-registration at \$15 per child (\$10 for members) is required.

Families who want to color autumn "green" may choose to sign up for the **Composting Workshop** on Wednesday, October 14 from 6 – 8 p.m. Adults and families with kids ages 8 and up will be guided through the process of building a composting barrel and frame for turning. The \$80 fee includes all the materials needed to create your composter to start turning common household waste into healthy compost to nourish your garden. Get details on these classes and much more at [www.lensc.org](http://www.lensc.org) or call 440-871-2900 with questions or to register.