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MAKE WILD ANIMAL GIFTS OR ENJOY A ‘BIG WOODS’ STYLE CELEBRATION
CELEBRATE THE SEASON AT LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER

Bay Village, Ohio --- Two classic stories spark natural holiday celebrations at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center in Bay Village. Author Laura Ingalls’ holiday traditions from the “Big Woods” books inspire the fun in Lake Erie Nature & Science Center’s own cozy log cabin. Kids in two age categories can sign up for “Big Woods” style merriment including a special log cabin craft and a woodland animal encounter, along with hot cocoa and cookies. You’ll need to pre-register for this program and space is limited. For children ages 4 - 6, there are two date options, either December 8 or 9 at 10 a.m., with an after-school program for Grades 1 - 3 on December 9 from 4 - 5 p.m. The fee is \$15/child with a \$5 discount for Center members.

On December 16, Lake Erie Nature & Science Center brings another classic holiday story to life. The heartwarming wildlife tale of *The Night Tree* creates the magic at this holiday event for families with children ages 3 and up. *The Night Tree* program includes hands-on appearances by some of the wild animals featured in the story. Just like the book, families will prepare delicious treats for the wildlife to eat and enjoy their own afternoon snack of holiday cookies and warm beverages. The 3 – 4:30 p.m. program costs \$10 per child and requires advance registration.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center provides wildlife exhibits and rehabilitation, planetarium and nature education programs to more than 140,000 visitors every year. The non-profit Center relies on donations to maintain free admission, rehab services and its full slate of exceptional educational programming.

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Event Listings:

“Big Woods” Holiday Happenings

For ages 4 – 6 on Monday, December 8 OR Tuesday, December 9 from 10 - 11 a.m.

OR

For Grades 1 – 3 on Tuesday, December 9 from 4 - 5 p.m.

Fee: \$15/child; member \$10/child

Enjoy holiday pioneer fun in our cozy log cabin as we travel back in time with the Ingalls family to their log cabin in the “Big Woods.” Hear tales of their special holiday together as you stay warm with hot cocoa and cookies. Meet a woodland animal that shared the woods with the Ingalls and create a special log cabin craft to take home. Celebrate a log cabin holiday!

The Night Tree
For ages 3 and up *with an adult*
Tuesday, December 16
3 - 4:30 p.m.
Fee: \$10/child

You won't want to miss *The Night Tree*, the heartwarming story of one family's tradition of sharing the true spirit of the holidays with nature. Hear the telling of *The Night Tree* in the Schuele Planetarium and have a close encounter with some of the animals featured in the story! Prepare yummy treats for the wildlife to eat and enjoy your own afternoon snack of holiday cookies and warm beverages.