



Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

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HOLIDAYS ARE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE AT LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER *'TIS THE SEASON FOR WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS AT FAMILY-FRIENDLY PROGRAMS*

Bay Village, Ohio --- Close encounters of the animal kind are a highlight of holiday season programming at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. Drop in for the Saturday, December 12 “Meet an Animal” program and find out all about the Beaver. Wildlife Director Dave Wolf will use a mounted specimen and other hands-on materials to aid both children and adults in understanding the life of North America’s largest rodent. A week later, on Saturday, December 19, you can hold a giant Madagascar Hissing Cockroach in your hand as you learn more about this jumbo bug’s fascinating survival strategies. Both of these family-friendly Meet An Animal presentations start at 3 p.m. and are free (as is admission to the Center!).

If you prefer ice cream and lots of audience participation with your animals, you’ll be happy to know that “Animals a la Mode” with Maggie Watson returns Thursday, December 17 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Live creatures will captivate the whole family as they (and maybe YOU) take center stage in this ever-changing, upbeat, interactive show which is topped off with some delicious ice cream! Each recurring “Animals a la Mode” program is unique. Pre-registration is required at a \$5/person fee (children under 1 free) and you can make reservations right over the telephone by calling 440-871-2900.

A live, woodland animal is part of the “Log Cabin Holiday” program, which recreates the seasonal fun enjoyed by the Ingalls family in their “Big Woods” log cabin. Children will enjoy pioneer holiday tales, stay warm with hot cocoa and cookies and make a special take-home craft at the Monday, December 14 program. Children ages 4 – 6 can attend “Log Cabin Holiday” from 10 – 11 a.m., while children in Grades 1 – 3 can sign up for the 4 – 5 p.m. program. Pre-registration is required. The program fee is \$15 per child with a \$5 discount for Center Members. Register by phone at 440-871-2900.

Looking ahead to January, it’s not too early to make plans for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Lake Erie Nature & Science Center invites you to celebrate with an “Animal Parade” on January 18, 2010. Live animals will march to the beat of their own drum for this holiday parade! In addition to meeting some animals, participants will move like the animals and make a craft to take home. Children ages 1 - 5 with an adult may sign up for “Animal Parade” at either 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. OR 11 a.m. – Noon, while children in Grades K – 2 may register for the 1 – 2 p.m. program. The program fee is \$5/child.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is located at 28728 Wolf Road in Bay Village. For more information on these and many other programs, visit the Center’s website at www.lensc.org or call 440-871-2900.