



Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

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NEW ACTIVITIES ADD TO LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER'S FAMILY FUN FEST

Annual Family Event, Including The Great Duck Race, Returns to Bay Village On Sunday, June 6

Bay Village, Ohio --- A thousand rubber ducks are waiting to be released into Porter Creek as Lake Erie Nature & Science Center prepares to bring back its popular Family Fun Fest Sunday, June 6. The Great Duck Race is a highlight of the event that also features live animal and planetarium shows, nature crafts, carnival games, bounce houses, nature hikes, face painting, food, and new this year: an obstacle course and balloon twisters.

Also for the first time, the *PNC Grow Up Great* Mobile Learning Adventure (MLA) is coming to Family Fun Fest. The MLA is a traveling exhibit of fun, free interactive activities that reinforce the importance of early childhood education. A "Mom Squad" from ClevelandMomsLikeMe.com will also host a "mom and me" activity table.

Family Fun Fest's non-stop activities will run from Noon – 4 p.m. During the 2:30 p.m. Great Duck Race, a swarm of yellow rubber ducks (1,000 last year!) will "dive" into Porter Creek and bob to the finish line where cash and great prizes, await the cheering winners. (You don't need to be present to win.) Individuals can sponsor a duck at \$5 for one duck or 5 for \$20. Duck sponsorships are on sale through 1:30 p.m. race day or until they sell out.

Family Fun Fest is part community "happening" and part fundraiser to support the nature education, wildlife rehabilitation, live animal exhibits and planetarium at the nonprofit Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. Duck sponsorships are a key part of the fundraising effort. The race is supported by dozens of community businesses that donate gift certificates and other great prize packages. The Center is still accepting prize donations to add to the growing list of cash, sports and event tickets, gift certificates and much more.

Admission to Family Fun Fest is free, but many activities require a ticket. Activity tickets are \$1/ticket, \$10/12 tickets or \$20/26 tickets. Activity tickets are now available for presale at the Center's Welcome Desk. Cash only is accepted as payment for food. For more information call 440-871-2900 or log on to www.lensc.org.

(Short Summary)

Family Fun Fest

June 6, Noon – 4 p.m.

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

Information at (440) 871-2900 or www.lensc.org

Kick off summer with carnival games, bounce houses, obstacle course, nature crafts, food, guided hikes, planetarium programs, live animal shows, face painting, balloon twisters and PNC's Grow Up Great Mobile Learning Adventure! Enter the Great Duck Race and you might win cash and other great prizes! Duck sponsorships are on sale now through 1:30 p.m. on race day.

Admission is free but most activities require tickets: \$1/ticket, \$10/12 tickets or \$20/26 tickets. This is a fundraiser to support the nature education programs, wildlife rehabilitation, live animal exhibits and planetarium at the non-profit Lake Erie Nature & Science Center.