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LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER SEEKS SPONSORS AND PRIZE DONORS *PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY FOR THE GREAT DUCK RACE & FAMILY FUN FEST 2010*

Bay Village, Ohio --- If you stop by the Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, you'll find dozens of bright yellow rubber ducks floating from the ceiling and lining the walls! Hundreds of the orange-beaked quackers are ready to be released into Porter Creek as the Center prepares to bring back its popular Family Fun Fest June 6. Fun Fest planners are now inviting individuals and businesses to sponsor an entry in the 2010 Great Duck Race, a highlight of the summer event which also features live animal and planetarium shows, nature crafts, an obstacle course, carnival games, bounce houses, nature hikes, food and much more!

Family Fun Fest's non-stop activities will run from Noon – 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 6. During the 2:30 p.m. Great Duck Race, a swarm of yellow rubber ducks (1,000 last year!) will dive into Porter Creek (with a little human help) and bob to the finish line where cash and great prize packages, 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 now 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 non-profit 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 generously provide gift certificates and other great prizes. The Center is currently accepting prize donations.

Prizes already on the list for 2010 include tickets for the African Safari Wildlife Park, Akron Art Museum, Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh, Children's Museum of Cleveland, Cleveland Botanical Garden, Cleveland Cinemas, Columbus Zoo & Aquarium, Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, Dunham Tavern Museum, Fairview Lanes, Ghostly Manor Thrill Center, Lake County Captains, Miller's Boatline, National Inventors Hall of Fame, Pro Football Hall of Fame and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame! There are also certificates for Donato's Pizza and Malley's Chocolates, #1 Express Car Wash, Strollerfit and Candlewood Suites, plus a Channel 3 jacket, courtesy of Fun Fest media sponsor, WKYC-TV/Moms Like Me.

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 will be available for presale beginning May 1. Cash only is accepted as payment for food on the day of event. For more information call (440) 871-2900 or log on to www.lensc.org.