



Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

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FIND YOUR CABIN FEVER CURE AT LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER

Owls or Opossums, Animals and Ice Cream or Sparkling Stars All Ready to Inspire, on President's Day, too!

Bay Village, Ohio --- Suffering from cabin fever? You'll find a natural remedy at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center in February. Choose your "prescription." A dose Kestrels, Owls or Opossums, Animals and Ice Cream or Sparkling Stars!

On Saturday, February 6 at 10 a.m., Lake Erie Nature & Science Center begins Spring Session enrollment for its four School-year programs. The Frogs & Polliwogs parent and tot program, Nature Nuts preschool, Log Cabin Explorers for Kindergarteners and After School Adventures for kids in Grades 1 - 3 and 3 - 4 will begin filling any openings that remain for the Spring Session which begins March 1. Call ahead at 440-871-2900 to inquire about specific day and time slot availability. All other spring programs are registering now.

On Saturday, February 13 at 3 p.m., the American Kestrel takes center stage at the free, family-friendly Meet An Animal program. This small bird of prey is Ohio's most common falcon. Drop in and experience the Kestrel in an unusually up-close, "live" encounter. Wildlife Director Dave Wolf will also teach you ways to see a Kestrel in the wild, even the "suburban wilds."

Monday, February 15, President's Day holiday programs will include special, \$2 per person planetarium star shows throughout the day and drop-in crafts in the Log Cabin for \$2/person. The Center plans to have docents providing up-close encounters with live animals, as well. Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week and admission is free. Donations to the non-profit Center are welcomed.

On Saturday, February 27 at 3 p.m., the Center's Meet An Animal program returns featuring the Opossum. The lives of these ubiquitous, trash-eating suburban animals are poorly understood by most people. After listening, seeing and touching, you will leave with a newfound appreciation for these unique animals. Wildlife Director Dave Wolf hosts Meet An Animal which is a hands-on, family friendly, FREE program.

If you like live animals, lots of audience participation and ice cream, you can't go wrong with "Animals a la Mode" returning Friday, February 26 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Maggie Watson hosts this ever-changing, upbeat, interactive show which is topped off with some delicious ice cream! Each recurring "Animals a la Mode" program is unique and includes a different mix of animals. Pre-registration is required at a \$5/person fee (children under 1 free) and you can make reservations by calling 440-871-2900.

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Throughout February, you can also enjoy a tour of the night sky from the always-starry Schuele Planetarium at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. The whole family, even your toddler, will enjoy Twinkle Tots on Thursdays and Saturdays at 11 a.m. while Stellar Stars on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and Saturdays at Noon, appeals to ages 2 and up.

Backyard Astronomy, held every Saturday at 1 p.m., is aimed at school-aged kids and up while Monthly SkyQuest star shows are for anyone who wants to delve a little deeper into space and astronomy topics and can sit for a 30 - 45 minute presentation. In February, everyone's favorite dwarf planet, Pluto, takes center stage on the planetarium dome at all Monthly SkyQuest programs, every Saturday at 2 p.m. and first and third Saturdays at 7 p.m. Don't forget free telescope viewing at 8 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Saturday nights, if weather conditions cooperate. Keep in mind, the planetarium will be open for family-friendly star shows throughout the day on President's Day, Monday, February 15. Call ahead for times.

Planetarium tickets go on sale 30 minutes before each program begins on a first-come, first-served basis. Twinkle Tots is \$1 per person, Stellar Stars and Backyard Astronomy are \$2 per person and the admission to Monthly SkyQuest is \$2 at 2 p.m. and \$3 at 7 p.m.

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