



Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

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MID-WINTER HOLIDAYS HEAT UP AT LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER *RAD REPTILES, GROUNDHOGS, SKUNKS, TERRIFIC TREES AND DINO FUN ON TAP*

Bay Village, Ohio --- You can escape the confines of your winter den and head over to Lake Erie Nature & Science Center for warm and wild seasonal fun throughout January and February, including most school holidays. On **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**, Monday, January 19, find out if a snake is actually slimy or if a toad has ears at **Rad Reptiles and Awesome Amphibians**, a special school holiday program celebrating our cold-blooded comrades.

Participants in three age categories and times will head out on a fun scavenger hunt to find and experience up close real reptiles and amphibians. The Center will welcome children ages 1 - 5 with an adult from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.; in Grades K – 2 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. and in Grades 3 – 5 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. You'll need to pre-register and the cost is \$5 per child.

Be prepared to look for your shadow and find a real, live groundhog home on **Groundhog Day**, Monday, February 2! Get the scoop on groundhogs including all their aliases. This program is just for ages 1 - 5 with an adult and runs from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. There's a \$5 per child fee with advance registration required.

Celebrate **Valentine's Day** by falling in love with a striped skunk! Experience a LIVE, up-close meeting with this often-misunderstood animal as Center Wildlife Director Dave Wolf presents a FREE, family friendly **Meet An Animal** program on Saturday, February 14 at 3:00 p.m. According to Dave, as skunks become more common in our backyards, it's more beneficial for us to understand them. Drop in and come nose to nose with a sweet-smelling skunk!

On **President's Day**, Monday, February 16, a very special and thought-provoking book for all ages, Shel Silverstein's **The Giving Tree** will inspire a "tree-rific" program. Get ready for spring by doing some leaf rubbings from native trees and enjoy a cool craft and live animal encounter. The fee is \$5 per child and you must sign up in advance for one of three different times geared to your child's age: ages 1 - 5 with an adult from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.; Grades K - 2 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.; Grades 3 - 5 from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The day *after* President's Day, Tuesday, February 17, your 4 - 6 year old can explore the world of dinosaurs in the Jurassic edition of **Log Cabin Discoveries!** Your child will become a paleontologist and hunt for dinosaur bones, put together "bones" to create a dino-creation and touch a live animal that probably feels a lot like those scaly and long-instinct creatures. Pre-registration required and fee is \$15 per child with a discounted member price of \$10 per child.

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Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is located at 28728 Wolf Road in Bay Village. More than 100 other live animals are on display inside and out seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free! Find more at www.lensc.org or call (440) 871-2900.

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Event Listings-

Rad Reptiles and Awesome Amphibians

Monday, January 19 (MLK Day)

Ages 1 - 5 with an adult from 10 - 11 a.m.

Grades K – 2 from 1 - 2 p.m.

Grades 3 – 5 from 3 - 4 p.m.

Ever wonder if a snake is actually slimy or if a toad has ears? Learn more about our cold-blooded comrades during our special Martin Luther King Jr. Day Program. Head out on a fun scavenger hunt to find and experience up close the reptiles and amphibians that call Lake Erie Nature & Science Center home.

Instructor: Carla Roth

Fee: \$5/child

Groundhogs

Ages 1 - 5 with an adult

Monday, February 2 (Groundhog's Day)

10 - 11 a.m.

Let's look for our shadows and find a real, live groundhog home! Will our resident groundhog come out to look for his shadow? What does Groundhog Day really mean? How many names are there for groundhogs and what is their natural history that makes them such a nuisance "around the house?!"

Instructor: Carla Roth

Fee: \$5/child

Meet An Animal - The Striped Skunk

For all ages

Saturday, February 14 (Valentine's Day)

3 p.m.

Come and celebrate Valentine's Day by falling in love with a skunk! Experience a LIVE up-close meeting with this often-misunderstood animal. As skunks become more common in our backyards, it becomes more beneficial for us to understand them. This program promises to be a "sweet smelling" time!

Presenter: Dave Wolf

Free!

The Giving Tree Program

Monday, February 16 (President's Day)

Ages 1 - 5 with an adult from 10 - 11 a.m. OR

Grades K – 2 from 1 - 2 p.m.

Grades 3 – 5 from 3 - 4 p.m.

A very special and thought-provoking book for all ages, Shel Silverstein's *The Giving Tree*, will inspire our discussion of the importance of trees in our lives. Although it's cold outside, we'll get ready for spring by doing some leaf rubbings from some of our native trees. A craft and a live animal encounter will also be included in this "tree-rific" program!

Instructor: Carla Roth

Fee: \$5/child

Log Cabin Discoveries - Dinosaurs

Tuesday, February 17

10 - 11 a.m.

For children ages 4 – 6

Discoveries are waiting in the Log Cabin for 4 – 6 year olds who are ready for nature adventures of their own! Your child will become a paleontologist and hunt for dinosaur bones, put together "bones" to create a dino-creation and touch a live animal that probably feels a lot like those scaly and long-instinct creatures.

Pre-registration required.

Instructor: Bev Walborn

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

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