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STILL TIME FOR SUMMER CAMP FUN AT LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER *CENTER'S PLANETARIUM ALSO HOSTS SUMMER STAR SHOWS AND ANNUAL PERSEIDS NIGHT*

School-aged kids who've completed Kindergarten through 8th Grade are invited to enroll in Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's one week "wizardry school." The Harry Potter-inspired "Science of Wizardry" Summer Camp groups students by age into "houses" and sends them to classes mixing "Potions," learning the "Care of Magical Creatures," exploring forest and field in "Herbology" and practicing the ancient art of "Divination" in the Center's Schuele Planetarium. The camp runs Tuesday – Friday, July 6 – 9. Call 440-871-2900 with questions or to register by phone.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center will host a second week of the highly praised Back-to-Nature Girl Scout Day Camp this year, with limited openings remaining in the camp that runs July 12 – 15 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Girl Scouts and their friends are invited to this all girl camp that includes six hands-on activity areas.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's always-popular Nature Nuts preschool camp has limited afternoon openings for the four-week session that begins July 19. Children ages 3 - 5 sing, paint, hike, explore and meet cool animals up close one day per week from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

An overnight camp for Middle Schoolers will make stops across Northeast Ohio as part of an exciting hands-on field biology experience led by Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. Wanderers Camp from 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 27 – 2 p.m., Saturday, July 31, includes non-stop action and unique behind-the-scenes access.

Discover the universe this summer at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. Children in Grades 1 and 2 can eat space ice cream, try on an astronaut sleeping bag and send up a water rocket at "Space Explorers" camp, which runs from Tuesday through Friday, August 3 – 6 from 9 a.m. – Noon. Hurry! Limited openings remain.

For 5 and 6 year olds, there are a handful of openings in themed Log Cabin Kindercamps at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, including Animal Adventurers, Tuesday – Thursday, August 10 - 12 from 1 – 4 p.m. Every Kindercamper (pre-K welcome too!) enjoys quality time stomping in the creek, combing the beach and enjoying the Center's animals.

Kids who've completed Grades 2 - 6 are eligible for beginner or advanced, one-day "Rocket Camp," where they'll build and launch a real model rocket. Camp runs Friday, August 13 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., led by the expert Schuele Planetarium staff at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center.

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Don't forget Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's Schuele Planetarium for drop-in summer fun! Throughout the warm weather months, you can enjoy a cool tour of the "always clear" night skies of the planetarium dome. 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. (and, just for the summer, on Fridays at 1 p.m.), is aimed at school-aged kids and up. *Please note that Wednesday – Friday, July 7 – 9, there will be no public planetarium programs to accommodate the Center's summer camp schedule.*

Anyone who wants to delve a little deeper into space and astronomy topics should make plans to attend a **Monthly SkyQuest** planetarium program, held every Saturday at 2 p.m. and on the 1st and 3rd Saturday nights at 8 p.m. Free outdoor telescope viewing follows the late evening programs, if weather conditions cooperate. In July, SkyQuest highlights a host of celestial activity, including great views of the Milky Way and a demonstration of the Total Solar Eclipse taking place in the South Pacific.

In August, Monthly SkyQuest takes aim at the four planets, a dwarf planet and the Perseid Meteors that are all visible in the current night sky. There's an extra weeknight SkyQuest program devoted solely to the Perseids. On Thursday, August 12, at the peak of the meteor shower, the planetarium offers a quick 8 p.m. presentation on the Perseids, including a chance to hold a real meteorite, followed by viewing in the field across from the Center. Bring a blanket.

Tickets for all star shows 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 admission to Monthly SkyQuest is \$2 at 2 p.m. and \$3 for the evening programs, including Perseids Meteor Night.

Registration for summer camps is taken in person during regular Center hours or by credit card over the phone. Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is located at 28728 Wolf Road in Bay Village. For more information, visit www.lensc.org or call 440-871-2900.

It's not too early to be thinking about Autumn Back to School at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. The Center's Fall Session Program Guide is now up online at www.lensc.org and publishing soon. Member registration for the full-school year begins Saturday, July 24 at a new 9 a.m. start time, with Member Fall Session Registration kicking off Saturday, July 31, also at 9 a.m. Phone-in and non-member registration begins Monday, August 2. Look for old favorites like Family Hayride Nights as well as new Family Exploration for ages 5 and up and programs for adults, too.