



Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

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SUMMER STARS AND ASTEROID EXPLOSIONS FILL THE PLANETARIUM DOME AT LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER

Bay Village, Ohio --- Ever wonder what you're seeing when you look up on a starry summer night? You can stay on top of the changing seasonal sky this summer by catching a Monthly Skyquest star show in the world-class, Walter R. Schuele Planetarium at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center in Bay Village. In addition to the current night sky, Skyquest star shows during the month of June focus on a "Big Explosion In Russia." Planetarium Director Jay Reynolds says you can find out about the largest asteroid impact in modern times – a large rock that exploded and caused massive damage in Russia. Can Earth be struck again? Learn about asteroids and how astronomers are trying to find them before they strike again!

In July, the Skyquest focus shifts to "Our Summer Sky." NASA's Messenger spacecraft will show you new photos of the surface of Mercury and you'll find out where to spot the jewels in the constellation Sagittarius. Skyquest shows run every Saturday at 2 p.m. and 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 7 p.m. Free telescope viewing follows the 7 p.m. shows, weather permitting. Nominal fees are charged: 2 p.m. is \$2 per person and at 7 p.m. entry is \$3 per person.

Also in the Schuele Planetarium this summer:

Twinkle Tots – Now back at 11 a.m. on Thursdays and Saturdays! This popular program is for the toddler in your family. Watch lights dance across the sky, see some magic and learn what's new in space. This program is just \$1 per person! Thursdays & Saturdays at 11 a.m.

Stellar Stars - Grab your passports and tour our solar system! This program is great for children 2 years and up and takes place Wednesdays at 11 a.m. & Saturdays at Noon. Tickets are \$2 per child.

Backyard Astronomy adds a Friday star show at noon just for the summer and continues to run on Saturdays at 1 p.m. Explore the night sky as it appears from your very own backyard! View summer constellations and other celestial objects visible in the Northeast Ohio sky. Fee is \$2 per person.

The last chance for special Skylase laser light and music shows is June 21! Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is located at 28728 Wolf Road in Bay Village. For more information, visit the Center's website at www.lensc.org or call (440) 871-2900.

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