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LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER SUMMER STAR SHOW TIMES BOW TO THE SUN *Schuele Planetarium's later-starting Monthly Skyquest focuses on Pluto in the month of June*

Bay Village, Ohio --- The Walter R. Schuele Planetarium's schedule of star shows undergoes some changes for the summer starting in June. The planetarium, located at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, will add a Friday 1 p.m. Backyard Astronomy show for students to enjoy on summer break and will also move the evening Monthly Skyquest program and star parties to accommodate the later setting summer sun. The start time for bi-monthly Saturday evening Skyquest programs will move from 7 to 8 p.m. beginning in June.

"These programs are followed by free outdoor telescope viewing if the weather cooperates," says Schuele Planetarium Director Jay Reynolds. "The later start time will give us a much shorter wait for a dark sky."

Monthly Skyquest programs in June feature the topic: "We blew up Pluto!?" "We are constantly surprised by how many people ask if we blew up Pluto or if we have space explorers on the way to visit," says Reynolds. "This program will explain what is *really* happening with Pluto, why it's known as a "dwarf planet" and why Pluto is so special."

You can catch a *Monthly Skyquest* planetarium program on Saturday, June 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 2 p.m. and on June 6 and 20 (1st and 3rd Saturday) at the new 8 p.m. summer start time. Telescopes will be out for free viewing after the 8 p.m. show, weather permitting.

Also in the Schuele Planetarium in June:

- **Twinkle Tots** is a popular program that includes the toddler in your family. Watch lights dance across the sky and learn what's new in space. This program, on Thursdays & Saturdays at 11 a.m., is \$1 per person, including infants.
- **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** delights family audiences of all ages on Fridays (June – August) and Saturdays at 1 p.m. Explore the late spring/early summer night sky as it appears from your very own backyard! Admission is \$2 per person.

Planetarium tickets are available at the front desk 30 minutes before the program begins on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors close promptly at the start of the show. With the exception of Twinkle Tots and Stellar Stars, programs may not be appropriate for very young children who are unable to sit through a 30-minute presentation. Monthly Skyquest is designed for older children and adults. 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.