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VULTURE'S STOMACH TURNING HABITS ON DISPLAY AT FREE ANIMAL PROGRAM

Turkey Vulture Featured at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's March "Meet An Animal"

Bay Village, Ohio --- Nose-picking, "bed-wetting" and throwing up to scare off predators make the Turkey Vulture a favorite creature for kids who are both fascinated and grossed out by unusual animal behavior. Families can get up close to this cool creature at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's next free, *Meet An Animal* program on Saturday, March 14 at 3 p.m. -- one day before Buzzard Day, a celebration of their annual return from winter break to the cliffs at Hinckley.

With the help of "Vern," the Center's resident Turkey Vulture, Director of Wildlife Dave Wolf will explore the misconceptions and truths about this commonly misunderstood animal, including the sudden change in its family tree. Turkey Vultures have the distinction of dining on road kill and other carrion. Hearing the vivid description of this bird's messy and sometimes smelly behavior in the wild is not for the weak of stomach but all ages are welcome!

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is located at 28728 Wolf Road in Bay Village. For more information on *Meet An Animal* and other Center programs, pick up a lobby flyer, log on to www.lensc.org or call (440) 871-2900.

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Event Listing:

The Turkey Vulture: Buzzard, Bird-Of-Prey, Or Stork?

March 14 at 3 p.m.

Free family-friendly program for all ages

With the help of "Vern," Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's live Turkey Vulture, we'll explore the misconceptions and fascinating truths about this commonly misunderstood animal. Director of Wildlife, Dave Wolf, will explain how this animal's family tree suddenly changed ancestors. We'll also discuss vomiting, bed-wetting, even nose-picking! Are we talking about children or wildlife? Not for the weak of stomach but everyone welcome! Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is located at 28728 Wolf Road in Bay Village. For more information on *Meet An Animal* and other Center programs log on to www.lensc.org or call (440) 871-2900.