



Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

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EXPERIENCE NATURE'S TREASURES AT LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER

Bay Village, Ohio --- Experience the late spring treasures of the natural universe at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. The May and June program line-up includes up-close animal encounters and planetarium star shows, as well as Family Fun Fest and the Great Duck Race. Here's the late spring/early summer line-up:

Meet An Animal: The Ins and Outs of Wildlife Rehabilitation

Saturday, May 15 at 3 p.m.

Hear about the Center's Wildlife Education & Rehabilitation Program and find out what you should and shouldn't do to help wildlife in need. You'll also have a close encounter with some of the Center's permanent wildlife residents who started out in wildlife rehab. Family-friendly for all ages and FREE!

Meet An Animal: The Striped Skunk

Saturday, May 29 at 3 p.m.

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 FREE program is family-friendly for all ages and promises to be a "sweet smelling" time!

Meet An Animal: African Giant Black Millipede

Saturday, June 12 at 3 p.m.

There is always something fascinating about really big bugs and this sure is one of them. Not only will you learn where and how this animal lives, but you'll also have a chance to feel hundreds of tiny feet crawl across your hand. FREE family-friendly program.

Meet An Animal: Barred Owl

Saturday, June 26 at 3 p.m.

This program features one of Ohio's lesser known owls. Come for a daylight, up-close look at this mysterious denizen of the woods. We'll talk about "who cooks for you," silent flight, and other "head-turning" facts about owls. This program is FREE, family-friendly for all ages.

Junior Naturalist Classes

For ages 10 - 13 and in Grades 5 - 7

Your wildlife and nature loving middle schooler will enjoy exploring the natural world at a more advanced level in this interactive class. Hands-on activities, games, team building exercises, animal encounters, hikes, and experiments are included.

Level 1 - Spring Botany and Bugs, Saturday, May 8 from 9 a.m. – Noon

Level 2 - Interdependence & Web of Life, Saturday, May 15 from 9 a.m. – Noon

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Walter R. Schuele Planetarium

Enjoy a tour of the night sky in Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's always-starry planetarium. Tickets go on sale 30 minutes before each program begins on a first-come, first-served basis. Door closes promptly at the posted start time.

- **Twinkle Tots** - Thursdays and Saturdays at 11 a.m. A star show for the whole family, even a toddler who can sit for 10 - 15 minutes. (\$1/person) (Special notice: No show May 6)
- **Stellar Stars** - Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and Saturdays at Noon. Appeals to ages 2 and up. (\$2/person)
- **Backyard Astronomy** - Saturday at 1 p.m. (and, starting in June, just for the summer months, Fridays at 11 a.m.) Suitable for ages 5 and up. (\$2/person)
- **Monthly SkyQuest** - Saturday at 2 p.m. and the 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 7 p.m. Our most in-depth public astronomy program, with a new timely topic each month. Recommended for ages 8 and up. (\$2 at 2 p.m. and \$3 at 7 p.m.)
 - **May SkyQuest topic: Australian Skies (May 1*, 8, 15*, 22, 29)** - G'day, mate! Have you ever wondered where the Southern Cross is? Why can't we see it in Ohio? Come listen to the narration of Paul Curnow of Adelaide Planetarium in Australia as you view the sky sites and hear the astronomy folklore of the land down under.
 - **June SkyQuest topic: A Really Cool Star Called Arcturus! (June 5*, 12, 19*, 26)** Arc to Arcturus -- that's a saying frequently used by sky watchers but this close relative is more than just the fourth brightest star in our night sky. It is one of 1,000 of our closest stellar neighbors! Saturn, Mars & Venus are all in our evening telescopes right now.
- **Telescope Viewing** - 1st and 3rd Saturday nights at 8 p.m. in May; moves an hour later to 9 p.m. for the summer starting in June. Free viewing takes place outside in the field across from the Center, if weather cooperates.

Family Fun Fest & the Great Duck Race

Sunday, June 6 from Noon - 4 p.m.

This summer family extravaganza includes The Great Duck Race, bounce houses, obstacle course, nature crafts, carnival games and prizes, nature discovery hikes, live animal programs, planetarium shows, food and more. Proceeds from the event benefit the nonprofit Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. Activity tickets are \$1 each, 12/\$10 or 26/\$20. Ducks are \$5 each or 5/\$20. You could win exciting prizes if your duck races down Porter Creek to the front of the pack! Activity tickets and ducks can be purchased now at the Center's Welcome Desk. Cash-only for refreshments day of event.

Summer Camps

Kids ages 3 - 14 can comb the beach at Lake Erie, hike the woods and meadows, discover the stars, feel the heartbeat of a live animal and launch a real rocket at a Lake Erie Nature & Science Center summer camp! Sign up now for the Harry Potter-inspired "**Wizardry of Science Camp**" coming up July 6 - 9 and prepare to join "housemates" in creating "Potions," practicing "Divination" in the planetarium and learning the "Care of Magical Creatures." Log on to www.lensc.org for complete details on summer camps and programs.

Registration for all these programs and many more 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.