



Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

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HOLIDAYS ARE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE AT LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER *"TIS THE SEASON FOR WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS AT A HOST OF CHILD AND FAMILY PROGRAMS*

Bay Village, Ohio --- Close encounters of the animal kind are a highlight of holiday season programming at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. Free, family-friendly Meet An Animal programs in November and December will feature a bird that's faster than a speeding bullet, snakes that squeeze, jumbo cockroaches that hiss and more.

Wildlife Director Dave Wolf will feature the Peregrine Falcon at the Saturday, November 21, Meet An Animal. Kids and adults will come nose to beak with this speedy "hunter of the sky" at the free 3 p.m. program. On November 27, during a special "Black Friday" edition of Meet an Animal, you can meet the Squeezers, instead of feeling the squeeze on your wallet at the mall. Families will get to touch the Center's "huggable" boas and pythons at the free, 3 p.m. program on the day after Thanksgiving.

On Saturday, December 12 at 3 p.m., Meet an Animal will feature the Beaver using a mounted specimen and other hands-on materials to aid both children and adults in understanding the life of North America's largest rodent. A week later, on Saturday, December 19, you can hold a giant Madagascar Hissing Cockroach as you learn more about their fascinating survival strategies. As always, this family-friendly Meet An Animal presentation starts at 3 p.m. and is free (as is admission to the Center!)

If you prefer ice cream and lots of audience participation with your animals, you'll be happy to know that Animals a la Mode with Maggie Watson returns Thursday, December 17 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Live creatures will captivate the whole family as they (and maybe YOU) take center stage in this ever-changing, upbeat, interactive show which is topped off with some delicious ice cream! Each program is unique. Pre-registration is required at a \$5/person fee (children under 1 free).

A live, woodland animal is part of the Holiday Happenings in the Log Cabin program, which recreates the seasonal fun enjoyed by the Ingalls family in their "Big Woods" log cabin. Children will enjoy pioneer holiday tales, stay warm with hot cocoa and cookies and make a special take-home craft. Ages 4 – 6 can attend the Log Cabin Holiday program on either Monday, December 14 or Tuesday, December 15 from 10 – 11 a.m. while children in Grades 1 – 3 can sign up for Monday, December 14 from 4 – 5 p.m. Pre-registration is required. The program fee is \$15 per child with a \$5 discount for Center Members.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is located at 28728 Wolf Road in Bay Village. For more information on these and other programs, visit the Center's website at www.lensc.org or call 440-871-2900.