



# Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

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## **NATURAL ADVENTURE AND SUMMER FUN AWAIT KIDS AND FAMILIES** *LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER READY TO INSPIRE IN JULY AND AUGUST*

Bay Village, Ohio --- In the *heat* of summer, nature beckons kids to explore and discover what's *cool* about the natural world. Lake Erie Nature & Science Center will offer up tons of nature and science adventure throughout July and August including free Meet An Animal encounters, Nature Adventure Day Camps for all ages and a Weekend Explorers beach hike for young children and their special grown-up.

On July 11 at 3 p.m., families can get nose to beak with the Barred Owl and hear about silent flight and other "head-turning" facts at a free "Meet An Animal" program. Just drop in to learn more and to peer into the eyes of this fantastic, feathered friend.

Owls will also be the focus of the July 18 Weekend Explorers program as kids, ages 1 - 5 with adult, get up-close to and learn about owls from 10 - 11 a.m. On August 8, Weekend Explorers will take to the beach for a special, extended program from 10 - 11:30 a.m. During Weekend Explorers- Summer Beach Hike, children, ages 1 - 5 with adult, will hike from the Center to Huntington Beach (strollers welcome) to beachcomb and discover Lake Erie wildlife. All Weekend Explorers programs require pre-registration and a fee of \$15/child with a \$5 discount for Center Members. Call 440-871-2900 ext 211 to register by phone.

Late summer Meet An Animal programs will focus on Ohio's largest bird of prey on Saturday, August 15th and take on an interactive game show atmosphere on Saturday August 22. Both the "Ohio's Eagles" and "True or False?" Meet An Animal programs are suitable for all ages, begin at 3 p.m. and are free!

Summer day camps for kids of all ages continue at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center throughout July and August and there are still openings in a few of these great programs that connect kids to nature, science and *The Great Outdoors!* Details on Kindercamps, Nature Adventure Camps for school-aged kids, plus Moon and Rocket camps are on Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's website at [www.lensc.org](http://www.lensc.org).

Registration for an exciting line-up of new and returning Fall classes and programs at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center also begins in July with School-year registration for members starting on Saturday, July 25. Regular Fall Member Registration begins on August 1 and opens to everyone on August 11.

## **July – August Events by Date:**

### **Meet An Animal - Barred Owl**

**July 11** at 3 p.m.

Free for all ages

This program features one of Ohio's lesser-known owls, the Barred Owl. Come for a daylight, up-close look at this mysterious denizen of the woods. We'll talk about silent flight, and other "head-turning" facts about owls.

### **Weekend Explorers - Owl on the Prowl**

**July 18** from 10 - 11 a.m.

For ages 1 - 5 with adult

Fee: \$15/child; members \$10/child (pre-registration required)

You'll be wide-eyed and your head will turn as you meet a resident owl and learn how these nocturnal creatures prowl the night. Can owls really turn their heads all the way around? A fun craft and story will round out the program. It'll be a hoot!

### **Weekend Explorer's Plus - Summer Beach Hike**

**August 8** from 10 - 11:30 a.m. *special extended time*

For ages 1 - 5 with adult

Fee: \$15/child; members \$10/child (pre-registration required)

An exciting hike from the Center to Huntington Beach promises to be a workout for the little ones, so be sure to bring a pack or stroller! Explore and discover beach life, including zebra mussels and birds, look for driftwood, rocks and more.

### **Meet An Animal - Ohio's Eagles**

**August 15** at 3 p.m.

Free for all ages

This program will take a look at Ohio's largest bird of prey; the Bald Eagle. We will discuss their history and current status in Ohio and other interesting tidbits about this awe-inspiring bird.

### **Meet An Animal - True & False**

**August 22** at 3 p.m.

Free for all ages

Come attend the Center's very own "game show." Find out what you know... and might not know... about wildlife as we join Wildlife Director Dave Wolf to look at some of the Center's animals. Audience participation is encouraged with T & F answer cards as we explore common facts and fallacies surrounding local wildlife.

### **Summer Nature Adventure Camps**

Plug into hands-on natural adventure, including hikes, beach walks and wildlife encounters in these great day camps for school-aged kids. Older campers will use GPS units and video recorders to enhance their experience in the Great Outdoors!

- **The Wonders of Water**  
**Tuesday - Friday, July 14 - 17** from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. for Grades 1 - 6
- **Moon Camp**  
**Tuesday - Friday, August 4 - 7** from 9 a.m. - Noon for Grades 1 - 2 and from 1 - 4 p.m. for Grades 3 - 4
- **Storybook Adventures Kindercamp**  
**July 28 - 30** from 9 a.m. - Noon OR 1 - 4 p.m. for ages 5 - 6
- **The Secret Garden Kindercamp**  
**August 11 - 13** from 9 a.m. - Noon OR 1 - 4 p.m. for ages 5 - 6

### **Rocket Camps for Beginners AND Advanced**

For children who have completed Grades 2 - 6

**Friday, July 31 OR Friday, August 14** from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.