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WILDLIFE INSPIRES ARTISTS OF ALL AGES TO CREATE & COMPETE *DESIGN CONTEST WINNER WILL EARN \$100 AND BE FEATURED ON CENTER T-SHIRT*

BAY VILLAGE, OHIO --- Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is calling on area artists of all ages to create animal-inspired original art for the official, 2009 Center t-shirt design contest. The winner will receive \$100 and a copy of the limited edition t-shirt featuring the first place design. New this year: all finalists will win Walter R. Schuele Planetarium star show passes for four.

Contest guidelines require designs to include 3 or more of the Center's resident animals and be colorful, fun and kid-friendly. Artwork cannot be larger than 8" x 10" and should be completed on plain, white paper (please do NOT use a t-shirt outline around your art). This year, the official Lake Erie Nature & Science Center logo and name will be added to the t-shirts during production, so you should leave these elements (and the "LENESC" acronym) out of your design.

Last year's winner was a Westlake High School student but the contest is open to all ages! Entries must be submitted by February 28. The shirt with the winning design will debut for sale at the annual Family Fun Fest at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center on Sunday, June 7.

Entry forms and contest guidelines are available in the lobby of Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Road in Bay Village or online at www.lensc.org (click on Special Events or Featured Event in the Quick Links on the Homepage). Photocopied forms and multiple entries per person are acceptable. Artwork is not returned.

Finalists will be on display by mid March both at the Center and online in the Kids Corner Nature Art Gallery at www.lensc.org. To weigh in with your favorite finalist, stop by Lake Erie Nature & Science Center to fill out a ballot, leave a comment on the Chirp & Chatter blog or email info@lensc.org. The winner will be chosen and notified by March 31.