



Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

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TURKEY DAY INSPIRES WILD FUN AT LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER *WILD TURKEYS AND THE GREAT HORNED OWL WILL FASCINATE KIDS AND FAMILIES*

Bay Village, Ohio --- Two Thanksgiving-inspired programs will elevate the beloved Turkey from the table to center stage at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center in Bay Village this month (November). Children ages 5 – 6 will gather in the Center's backyard Log Cabin to talk turkey on Monday, November 17 from 1 – 2 p.m. The special Log Cabin Discoveries series of programs is aimed at the kindergarten and pre-K set looking for nature and wildlife adventures, including, in this case, a live turkey encounter! The program requires pre-registration and costs \$15 per child; \$10 per child for Nature Center members.

The Nature Center's popular Weekend Explorers program (for children ages 1 – 5 *with* an accompanying adult) also delves into the world of wild turkeys. The one-hour, Let's Talk Turkey program on Saturday, November 22 at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. includes a turkey craft, story and a visit to the Center's resident gobblers. (Careful, your kids might wind up asking for tofu at your holiday table!) All Weekend Explorers programs require advance registration and cost \$15 per child with a \$5 discount for Center members.

The day after the "Turkey Day" holiday, November 28, another of nature's winged wonders will be featured at the Center's free Meet An Animal program. Families can escape the throngs of "predators" hunting down Black Friday bargains at the mall and come nose to beak with one of nature's most powerful raptors, the Great Horned Owl. This special Friday after Thanksgiving edition of Meet An Animal begins at 3 p.m. Director of Wildlife Dave Wolf says the "Tiger of the Woods," as they are nicknamed, always inspires young and old alike.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center provides wildlife exhibits and rehabilitation, planetarium and nature education programs to more than 140,000 visitors every year. The non-profit Center relies on donations to maintain free admission, rehab services and its full slate of exceptional educational programming.

Event Listings:

Discover Turkeys

For children ages 4 - 6

Monday, November 17

Turkey-style creativity, natural adventure and a visit to Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's resident gobblers is all part of the fun at this Log Cabin Discoveries program from 1 - 2 p.m. Pre-register for \$15 per child, with a \$5 discount for Center Members. Get more information is at www.lensc.org or 440-871-2900.

Weekend Explorers - Let's Talk Turkey

For children ages 1 - 5 *with* an adult

Saturday, November 22

10 - 11 a.m. OR 1 - 2 p.m.

Fee: \$15/child; members \$10/child

It wouldn't be Thanksgiving without turkeys, but how much do you really know about these elusive birds? What is their habitat? What do they eat? Can they fly? Learn the answers, visit our resident gobblers and make a turkey craft. We'll also discuss all the things we're thankful for in nature! Pre-registration required.

Meet An Animal - The Great Horned Owl

Friday, November 28

3 p.m.

Free!

People seem to be particularly intrigued by owls, especially the awesome Great Horned Owl. In this program, we will discuss interesting facts about the "Tiger of the Woods" while viewing one up-close and personal. Free, family friendly program!