



Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

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LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER CONNECTS FAMILIES AND NATURE FOR A JUNE 3 FESTIVAL OF FUN!

May 14, 2007 -- Bay Village, Ohio ---The possibilities for getting the kids off the couch and into some awesome outdoor fun will be multiplied at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's Family Fun Fest on June 3 from noon to 5:00 p.m.

Families can cheer a flotilla of yellow rubber ducks racing down Porter Creek; have close encounters with a magnificent bald eagle or an 18-foot python during free live animal shows, enjoy free star shows in the world class Walter Schuele Planetarium or head out under the trees for free nature hikes.

"This event is a fun way to get families out to connect with the natural world, which is the aim of all our programs," said Larry Richardson, executive director of Lake Erie Nature & Science Center.

Families also will find nature crafts, carnival games, a treasure hunt, bounce house and festive food, all in one, action-packed afternoon.

Family Fun Fest also features appearances by Radio Disney, with dancing and prizes, as well as The Wild Birds Unlimited mascot.

The Great Duck Race will be held at 2:30 p.m. as a part of Family Fun Fest. Rubber duck entries are being sold at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center and True Value Hardware Stores in Bay Village and Avon Lake. Ducks cost \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. Duck sponsors do not have to be present to win. Prizes for the winning ducks include cash, Indians tickets, center memberships, a giant rubber duck, gift certificates to various restaurants and much more. Corporate sponsorships are also available.

Admission and many activities are free. All proceeds from the Great Duck Race, as well as sales of tickets for games and other select activities, will support the mission of the non-profit nature center, which is "to educate Northeast Ohio children and the community at large through engaging classes, hands-on discovery, specialized planetarium programming and up-close wildlife experiences to inspire appreciation of and responsibility for our natural universe—one participant at a time."

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is located at 28728 Wolf Road on the grounds of the Cleveland Metroparks' Huntington Bay Reservation in Bay Village.

For more information about the Great Duck Race and Family Fun Fest, call Lake Erie Nature & Science Center at 440-871-2900.