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The mission of the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center is to promote conservation of and education about the flora, fauna, and lands of the Lake Erie Islands ecosystem.

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Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center

Fall 2018

WE NEED YOU
Every dollar donated will be matched up to \$60,000.00.

Your donation will provide room for new and current interactive displays



relevant to the Lake Erie Islands, and more space for the outreach and



By reaching this goal we will be able to dramatically move forward on our building addition and provide more for the islands and their communities.

educational programs we provide each year for thousands of visitors and participants who benefit from the Wildlife Center.



Wildlife Programs

NATURE CAMP

Jackie Taylor

The Nature Camp mission is to encourage children’s natural curiosity of the outdoors by engaging them in fun and educational activities. Nature Camp seems like a bubble, an intentionally built community, and there are usually many in the community who love and care about the magic that is the nature camp experience. It takes a village and begins with the Wildlife Center’s board and staff, community leaders, camp alumni, colleagues, and donors who make camp possible and provide a great experience each year.

The Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center has successfully been doing this since 2003 for youths 4-14 years old, reaching out to over 150 campers each year on Middle Bass and South Bass Islands to help them learn about the Lake Erie Island’s ecosystem. Topics we have covered over the years have included bats, snakes, turtles, fish, butterflies and moths, slugs, caves, and much more. This year Nature Campers learned all about Lake Erie!

The Middle Bass Island Nature Camps were June 25-28 for campers 4-10, Put-in-Bay Nature Camps were July 16-18 for campers 4-6, July 23-26 for campers 7-10, and a combined camp for Middle Bass and Put-in-Bay campers 11-14 was July 30-August 2.



Nature Campers explored the science of Lake Erie through investigation and observation. We went into the ponds on Middle Bass Island and into Lake Erie where we dipped for micro and macroinvertebrates creating “enclosed



ecosystems” from our findings. We were able to find dragonfly and damselfly larva, scuds, tadpoles, beetles, fly larva, and much more. Rangers from Perry’s Monument came over for a day to Middle Bass and campers on Put-in-Bay went to the monument and visited the top of the monument!

The rangers had activities about predatory animals that depend on water as a food source and discovered how all creatures are connected through water- including us! Campers had a fun time with biologists from OSU’s Stone Laboratory. On Middle Bass they came over for a day, and brought salamanders, turtles, and fishes native to the islands. The Put-in-Bay campers met them for a day at the Historic Fish Hatchery with a private tour of the facility. Both camps were able to have



before heading back to Middle Bass Island. Our campout was canceled due to bad weather, but we saved the day and cooked s’mores over the fire, and cooked pancakes, bacon, and eggs the following morning. Put-in-Bay Environmental Adventure Camp I. (9-10 years old) kayaked



hands-on and up-close interactions with these animals which depend on the islands’ habitats. Fishing was a nice bonus for both camps: we were able to catch bass, perch, and freshwater drum/sheep head.

The Middle Bass Environmental Adventure Camp I. (9-10 years old) took the Sonny S Ferry to Put-in-Bay for an

afternoon to Kayak. Although it was a little windy with chop on the water, we had a blast paddling around Gibraltar Island: we ended the day with a much deserved ice cream treat

around Gibraltar, took a break to get ice cream on the island, and did some swimming before we paddled back to Kayak the Bay. There was nice weather for our campout. We cooked hotdogs, and everyone’s favorite s’mores. We had a good time swimming, and taking an evening sunset hike to Massie Cliffside Preserve.

Environmental Adventure Camp II. (11-14) had quite the adventures. Middle Bass Campers came to Put-in-Bay by boat to the Historic Fish Hatchery for a morning. Thank you to Krissy Hart and Eddie Sheller for the transportation. Miller Ferry, with Captain Glenn Cooper, transported 22 campers, 10 chaperones, all of our gear, and drinking water to North Bass Island for two days and one night for our campout. Although there were high possibilities of rain, we lucked out with hardly any. The last day of camp we finished the camp season with kayaking. We circled around Gibraltar Island and, played a fun game of ‘kayaking tag.’”



Schneider, Amanda O’Laughlin, Olive O’Rourke Scherf, Larissa Swonger, and Aidan Ptak.

Thanks to: Glenn Cooper for being the chase boat for our kayaking days and transporting Middle Bass Nature Campers to the bay for kayaking, Kayak the Bay for hosting Nature Campers each year. Thanks to our hardworking staff: Jackie Taylor, Kate Ptak, Debbie Larcey, Jenna Prahst, Tatey Kowalski, Renee Market, Jenna Prahst, and Maddie Heart. We could not put camp together without all their great ideas and support! Thanks to our community supporters - The Middle Bass School Board, The Put-in-Bay Recreation Committee, Miller Boat Line and The



This year we started the Wildlife Center Nature Camp Counselor Program. This is a curriculum-based project geared toward youth 15 and older. This program offered our counselors a one-of-a-kind opportunity to become involved with the Wildlife Center’s education and conservation efforts of the Lake Erie Islands. Counselors experienced all components of the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center, from learning about the islands’ wildlife, presenting educational programs, working with wild animals, creating displays, and much more. The counselors were a great asset to the camp program. There was no way we could have had as much success without this team of wonderful help and support! The 2018 counselors were: Emily Beal, Sydney Ralofsky, Lizzie Rader, Lucille



Sonny S for passage for speakers and for Transportation, the Ohio Division of Wildlife for books, CD’s, magazines and tattoos, The Ohio State University’s Stone

Laboratory and Cathey Webber for support and extra staff, North Bass Island residents for helping with a great campout, as well as our staff and volunteers at LEINWC for copying and stapling. We really appreciate all the help we get in teaching kids about the beautiful islands they live and play on! With 160 plus kids who participated in Nature Camp this year, we were bursting at the seams at the LEINWC. Please consider a donation to our Building Addition Fund so that we can continue these great programs.

Wildlife Events

ISLAND GREEN WEEK

Jackie Taylor

This week-long celebration, Island Green Week, 2018, ran from August 4 to August 11. The Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center, Lake Erie Islands Conservancy, OSU's Stone Laboratory, the Put-in-Bay Township Park District, and, the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society, collaborated to produce a week of Ecotourism, Adventure Travel, Agritourism, and History sponsored by the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce, the Put-in-Bay Gazette, Miller Boat Line, Jet Express, Park Hotel, Frosty Bar, Cameo Pizza, The Boardwalk, and Island Bike Rental. The LEINWC hosted our annual Stargazing Cruise aboard the Miller Ferry, the Pig Roast, Wild Tuesdays, and for the first time a "Plein Air" Art event on our back porch. Proceeds from these events benefited the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center's Building Addition.



unique and interesting natural phenomena. Passengers had an amazing opportunity to enjoy the show as Captain Glenn Cooper steered the ferry boat away from the storm. We made a new plan to dock at the Lime Kiln dock; Chip Duggan came to the rescue with the bus to transport everyone back to downtown! Although we did

about the importance of snakes on the islands. This is always a really "wild" family event loved by everyone.

Our 7th Annual Pig Roast at the Goat was a nice success despite an early rain, many community members came out to support the Wildlife Center that evening. Participants were treated to a slow spit-roasted hog with corn and baked potatoes along with tasty sides donated by Island restaurants. Popular island entertainers Drew LaPlante and Jamison Smith featured



not escape without getting rained on, everyone had an amazing time. A special thanks to Heineman Winery for donating wine. Delicious hors d'oeuvres were donated by Frosty Bar and Cameo Pizza. Thanks to deck hands: Don Massey, Doug Wilhelm, and Captain Glenn Cooper.



performances of favorite songs, and new songs about our Lake Erie. There was a silent auction with a variety of unique island prizes such as: a trip for two to Rattlesnake Island, Ferry Passes, a bi-plane ride, a five-course dinner for eight at a local restaurant, and hand-crafted art work. The proceeds from this event went towards the Building Addition Fund for more space at the Wildlife Center so we can better carry out our mission educating youths and adults about the unique ecology of the islands.

The 4th Annual Miller Boat Line Stargazing Cruise was a successful adventure. On Monday August 6, 2018, the ferry cruise left from the downtown Miller Boat Line dock at Put-in-Bay about sunset. The stars were not what lit up the sky this evening... instead we were able to watch a remarkable storm move closer to the islands as we made our way towards North Bass Island. Cleveland State University instructor and astronomer, Jay Reynolds, engaged with the guests sharing information about the storm's



A special **Wild Tuesday** program, Snakes, was presented by Dr. Kristin Stanford and Sue Bixler from OSU's Stone Laboratory. Kristin was at the Nature Center with the Lake Erie Watersnake and other native snakes to teach





The following businesses generously donated discounts for Island Green Week activities. Please support them during your visit to Put-in-Bay, Middle Bass Island, Gibraltar Island, and Kelleys Island!

- Ohio's Lake Erie Shores & Islands**
<http://www.shoresandislands.com>
- Park Hotel**
<https://www.parkhotelpib.com>
- Miller Boat Line**
<https://www.millerry.com>
- Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce**
<http://www.visitputinbay.com>

- Frosty Bar**
<http://frostys.com>
- Cameo Pizza**
<http://pitinbaycameopizza.com>
- Topsy Turveys**
<https://topsyturveys.com>
- Goat Soup & Whiskey**
<http://www.soupandwhiskey.com>
- The Forge**
<http://theforgepib.com>
- Put-in-Bay Brewery**
<http://www.putinbaybrewery.com>

The last IGW event that was a fundraiser for our building addition fund was an ***Introduction to Painting*** with watercolors. Celeste Mykoskie, an experienced island artist and art teacher, first got everyone relaxed with a string painting exercise, then led the participants through the fun stages of painting with watercolors. By the end of each session everyone had several pieces of artwork to take home. We had a small turnout: two aspiring young artists in the first session and three people in the second (one child and two adults). Everyone enjoyed the experience and the artwork produced was most impressive. We plan to repeat the event next year so you can join us.

- The Boardwalk**
<http://the-boardwalk.com>
- Ohio State University's Stone Laboratory**
<https://stonelab.osu.edu>
- Island Bike Rental**
http://www.ibrcarts.com/public/bike_cart_rental
- Put-in-Bay Gazette**
pibgazette@frontier.com
- Put-in-Bay Historical Society**
<http://www.leihs.org>
- Jet Express**
<https://jet-express.com>
- E's Golf Cart**
<https://www.esputinbaygolfcarts.com>
- Ohio State Parks**
<http://parks.ohiodnr.gov>



Wildlife Volunteers

Teagan Kowalski (pictured with her cousin)
 Brad Titchener
 Sue Prahst
 Jenna Prahst
 Amy Huston
 Renee Market
 Kate Ptak



Cathey Webber
 Lisa Brohl
 Peggy and Jon Leopold

Wildlife Maintenance

Scott Pugh
 Richard Gump
 Mark Nemec

Sponsors & Donors

Your support is invaluable to us. Thank you for believing in our mission.

BLACK SQUIRREL

Barb Chrysler
 Bella Kleinfelder
 Will Leightey
 Ashton Clark
 Teagan Kowalski

MONARCH BUTTERFLY

Donald & Jill Hubbard
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 John & Dianne Demer
 Simona & Nick Michael
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 Eric & Kelly Halterman
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L.E. WATERSNAKE

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 Joe & Jill Janicki
 Aaron Schroeder

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Nework for Good
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 Lenore Frederick

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Adopting & Fostering Animals at the Wildlife Center

The Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center (LEINWC) has been fundraising for additional space at the Nature Center building on Meechen Road.

More display space is needed to help the LEINWC grow into a true nature center featuring more lively interactive displays as well as space for a storage area, and a library. The LEINWC Board's plans are to add 20 more feet

beyond the present building to serve those needs. Due to past fundraising efforts, we were recently able to build a back porch that has been a great resource for the center.

This year we were given a challenge grant of \$60,000.00 and have been busy trying to raise funds to match the challenge. So far, our efforts we have raised over \$22,000.00 but the match offer will run out this December 31st.

WE HAVE THREE EASY WAYS TO HELP

ONE Adopt or Foster a Wildlife Center Animal Display

This would be a great present for Christmas, Birthdays, etc.

The animals in our Center are divided into three levels (see chart below).

Visit the Center or our website lakeerieislandswildlife.com for a complete list of the animals available for adoption or foster care.

Your name will be displayed with your chosen animal on a plaque, you will receive a nice certificate, and information about the animal.

PLEASE NOTE: Until 12/31/2018 all categories are half price to take advantage of the matching funds challenge.

ADOPTING VS FOSTERING AN ANIMAL

ADOPTION

Animals are the displays that have a connection with Ohio. An animal that is adopted is a lifetime relationship. The adoption plaque will be permanently placed with the animal.

FOSTER

Animals are the displays that do NOT have a connection with Ohio. These animals are "fostered" for a set number of years that is defined when you foster that animal. Like fostering children or pets, you know that the one you are fostering may be placed in a permanent home.

Level 3 Foster animals are a 10 year commitment **Level 2** Foster animals are a 5 year commitment **Level 1** Foster animals are a 3 year commitment

LEVEL ONE (\$1,000.00)	LEVEL TWO (\$2,000.00)	LEVEL THREE (\$5,000.00)
LYNX	BLACK BEAR	TIMBER WOLF
RACCOON	2 BOBCATS	STONE SHEEP
SWAN	ELK SHOULDER	MOUNTAIN LION

Come out to our center or send an email to us at leinwc@gmail.com to choose the animal you want to adopt or foster.

Wildlife Wish List

- Screens for our new covered back porch
- Cleaning at the Wildlife Center during the busy season

- New Computer
- New Printer
- Wildlife Center Manager

Mary Ann Meyers

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817 Westshore Blvd. PO 316
Put-in-Bay, OH 43456
H: 419.285.8485 C: 614.565.6601
www.marykay.com/flexibleflyers



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140 Mikes Dr
Put In Bay, OH 43456
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419-285-2306
www.arborinnpib.com



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419.285.4448
Firstislandson.com

TWO SQUARE METER OF LEINWC GROUNDS

You will receive a designated piece of the island for a \$50.00 donation

Your deed of ownership can be passed on for generations

Come visit us at the Wildlife Center

Email us at leinwc@gmail.com

or mail to:

PO Box 871, Put-in-Bay, OH, 43456



THREE TRADITIONAL DONATION

No minimum amount, no maximum amount
No muss, no fuss; your check or cash will help us build our addition.

Thank you for considering these opportunities to help us build the addition to our Center. Your generous donation will also help the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center grow into a more versatile nature center serving the residents and visitors to our Islands.

Donation Forms

Please detach the form below and mail in with preferred payment

_____ Adopt-an-Animal program

Please send me more information on

_____ Level I Animals

_____ Level II Animals

_____ Level III Animals

_____ **Square Meter(s)** Please fill out contact information below

In addition, I would like to donate to:

Nature Camp Fund

I would like to contribute \$ _____ to the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center, to be used only for expenses and equipment related to the Nature Camp Program.

Building Addition Fund

I would like to donate \$ _____ to help build an addition to the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center.

Please make checks payable to (LEINWC) Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center

Name: _____ Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

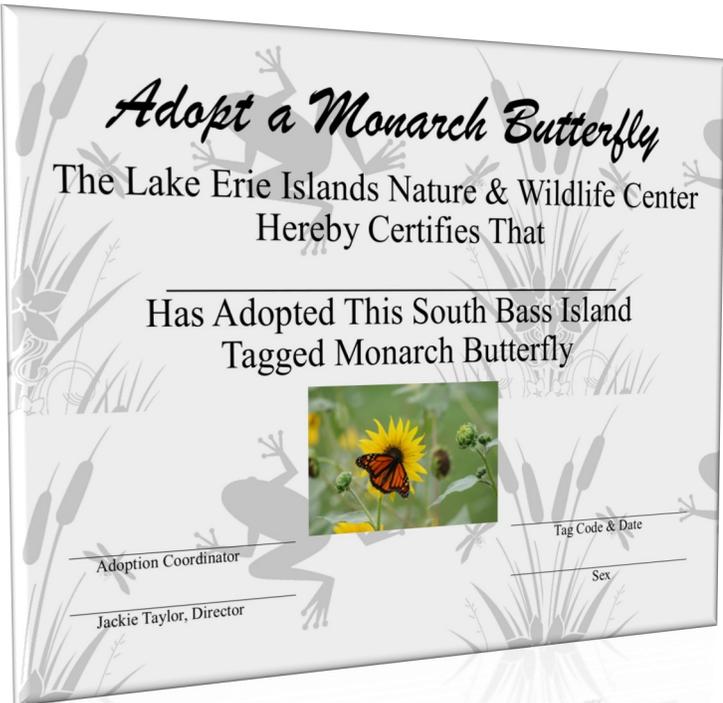
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Adopt a Monarch Butterfly

The Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center
Hereby Certifies That

Has Adopted This South Bass Island
Tagged Monarch Butterfly



Adoption Coordinator

Jackie Taylor, Director

Tag Code & Date

Sex

Adopt a Monarch Butterfly

Support Wildlife and The Wildlife Center!
Adopt a monarch butterfly as they migrate
over 2,000 miles to Mexico for the winter.
The funding goes toward the Lake Erie
Islands Nature & Wildlife Center to benefit
monarchs and other wildlife. You will
receive a nice certificate and a picture of
your tagged butterfly. You can follow your
butterfly journey on Monarchwatch.org.
Contact us 419.285.3037 or
leinwc@gmail.com for more information.

This year was one of the largest monarch butterfly
migrations witnessed in a long time on the Lake
Erie Islands!

*We will have a full report of the migration posted
on our website.*