



# NATURE NEWS

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## LEINWC BY THE NUMBERS

We've had a lot of questions recently about the number of visitors we get, how much outreach we do, and how we generate income. We are very proud of all our programs and outreach so we are happy to share this information. We also want to be fiscally transparent and show the huge impact made by the support we receive!



**10,000**

Visitors per  
year since 2021



**4.5 Star**

Google rating



**885** Kids taught  
in school groups



**142**

Nature  
Campers

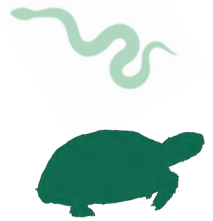
**95**

Road  
Scholars



**1,360**

People  
educated  
in our



**28 FREE** programs  
this year



**\$150**

Average cost to us  
for free programs  
(Contact us to sponsor!)

**180** Volunteers  
put in over  
**800** hours  
this year

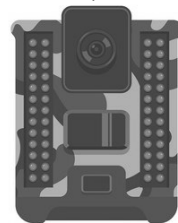


Island Critter Cam

Zooniverse Community  
Science Project:

**12,147** Pictures

reviewed by



**1819** global participants  
who identified **11** Species

## Income Sources

(not including Road  
Scholar and Nature Camp  
which fund themselves)



**Tax funding**



**Donations**



**Admissions**



**Fundraisers**



**Other:** Gift shop,  
grants, memberships



# 2023 PROGRAMS & EVENTS

## ROAD SCHOLAR By Emily Beal



This year, we hosted 4 weeks of Road Scholar programs on South Bass & Kelleys Island! Birders came to the islands from all over the U.S. to enjoy spring & fall migration. With almost 100 participants, we saw over 150 species including oven-birds, ospreys, and even a golden-winged warbler. We got to visit Heineman's Winery, and OSU's Stone Lab. Kelleys Island participants learned all about the island's glacial grooves. We concluded each program with a trip to the boardwalk at Magee Marsh, and our final spring program ended with a trip to Pelee Island! Our fall program

includes owl banding with bander Tom Bartlett & his team. This year's staff included Lisa Brohl, Val Chornyak, Nancy Welter, John Lortz, Shane & Laura Roberts, Dawn Soldner, Sean Williams, Kelly Williams, and Diana Steele.

We're already looking forward to 2024! All programs will be on South Bass, and the dates are as follows:

### Program 12641: Birding the Islands & Shores

Apr 28-May 3

May 5-10

May 12-17

Sept 8-13

Sept 22-27

Enrollment is now open!

For more information about Road Scholar programs, please visit [www.roadscholar.org](http://www.roadscholar.org)



## WILD TUESDAYS

Tuesdays were positively WILD this summer at the Nature & Wildlife Center! Every Tuesday for nine weeks this season, we hosted our free Wild Tuesday program on the back porch and had around 800 visitors in total! We had different topics each week including snakes, raptors, snapping turtles, spiders, invasive species, native plants, and even visits from both Back to the Wild and Nature's Nursery who brought lots of great ambassador animals! We are very grateful to our guest experts who brought so many remarkable critters and thrilled our visitors. We are also incredibly grateful to the Miller Ferry for sponsoring travel costs! We look forward to more exciting WILD Tuesdays next year!

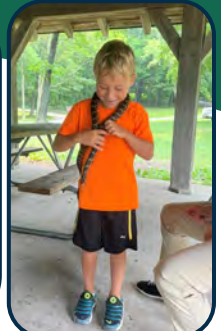




# NATURE CAMP by Emily Beal



Another great year of camp has wrapped up! This year our theme was the 5 Senses: Making Sense of Nature. With over 140 campers ages 4-14 from Middle Bass and South Bass we learned about a different sense each day. Topics included snakes and their sense of smell,



wild edible plants, and how insects' vision differs from ours.

Environmental Adventure Camp I camped out on their "home" islands, and Middle Bass campers even got the chance to meet Coyote Peterson! Environmental Adventure Camp II camped out on Kelleys Island where they explored the glacial grooves, went swimming, and put our sense of sight to the test with a night hike at the state park. All campers had the opportunity to hold Bernadette - OSU's Eastern Fox Snake, go fishing, and make their own harmonicas; and EAC II met Crumb the Alligator Snapping Turtle. Despite some rainy campouts and windy kayaking days, fun was had by all!



Thank you to all of the staff & volunteers that made camp possible this year; Amanda O'Loughlin, Sydney Ralofsky, Nola Sellers, Kelly Moomaw, Viktoriya Skeans, Madison Doyle, Caleigh Naylor, Anna Burghardt, James Sweat, Molly Domer, Teagan Kowalski, Lisa & Russ Brohl, Sue Bixler, Rusty Reed, Missi Kowalski & Lisa Berrens. As always, support from the Middle Bass school board and Put-in-Bay recreation committee is greatly appreciated and makes it possible for us to keep Nature Camp affordable!



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## 2023 EVENTS by Hayley Rinearson



### PAINT N' SIP

The Nature Center hosted a Paint N' Sip led by local artist Juli Parsons. Participants were provided all supplies and guidance

needed to create a canvas painting of a Great Horned Owl perched on a tree.



### BUILD A BUG HOTEL

Visitors helped build a bug hotel for insects to seek shelter using what they could find in nature (pinecones, leaves, sticks, etc.) and recycled materials found around the house (toilet paper rolls, bottles, string, etc.).



### ARCHERY WAS A HIT!

Jaron Beck, Abby Ditomassi and their team from ODNR Division of Wildlife brought their archery trailer for a great day of target practice! Kids (and adults) of all ages came out to try the bows and learn to shoot from the pros. Thank you to our friends at ODNR for providing this awesome activity, we definitely plan to bring this exciting event back next year!



### MBI MUSIC FEST - NATURE ART

At the Middle Bass Music Fest, the Nature Center prepared an art activity where visitors created their own collages using reclaimed materials. The activity featured paints from a company that extracts iron oxide pollution from Ohio waterways and uses that pollution to produce paint pigments. The collages were also made using invasive plant species.



### GEOLOGY WALK

The walk was held at Cooper's Woods where we discussed Ohio's natural and geological history starting at the formation of Earth. Participants also got a close-up look at extinct plant and animal fossils found in Ohio.

### LIVE ANIMAL PROGRAM

At South Bass Island State Park, the LEINWC brought our ambassador animals (fox snake, American toad, and box turtle) and animal artifacts (furs, skins, shells) for visitor interaction.



### REUSABLE BAG MAKING

A reusable-bag making activity was held at South Bass Island State Park where visitors

learned how to make their own bags from recycled t-shirts in hopes to reduce the amount of single-use plastic used in their everyday lives.



### MICROCLIMATES AND FRUIT BELT WALK

The nature walk was held at a local island vineyard where visitors walked throughout the vineyard and discussed how the Great Lakes create their own microclimates suitable for fruit production. Participants were also able to try local concord grapes.





# 2023 ISLAND GREEN WEEK

## NATURE WALK - ALL ABOUT ANTS!

We were so excited to welcome the team from Dr. Rachele Adams' ant lab at OSU to guide a nature walk and teach visitors about our tiny little friends! They took some collections and we now have data on different ant species on the island. A great way to kick off Green Week!



## STARGAZING EVENT



The Stargazing Cruise is one of the Nature Center's most popular fundraisers each year. In collaboration with the Miller Ferry, we cruise around Lake Erie with an astronomer to point out stars, constellations, and anything else floating in space.



However, we had the unfortunate luck of bad weather, so the Miller Boat Line had to make the difficult decision of canceling the cruise portion due to high winds. But that didn't stop us from having a great night! The Crew's Nest kindly provided their beautiful pavilion to host the event. Our astronomer Heidi Westrick from University of Toledo, led a fascinating astronomy presentation. Lucas Guy, island musician, played before and after the presentation.



Despite the event not being what people expected, a good time was had by all who attended. Thank you to the Crew's Nest for hosting, Frosty's and Chef Fred Futrell for the delicious food, Heidi Westrick, Lucas Guy, and our volunteers Emily Beal, Mary Winkle, Vivian Price, Adrianna Burghardt, Addie Thompson, and Caleigh Naylor.



## 11TH ANNUAL PIG ROAST



On Wednesday August 9th, we held our 11th annual Pig Roast. This event is one of our biggest fundraisers, and always a part of Island Green Week. With beautiful



weather and the tickets selling out the day of, we knew it would be a great evening! As always, the Pig Roast was hosted at the Goat Biergarten. We had some amazing raffle baskets and a 50/50 raffle. Thank you everyone who donated to the baskets and purchased raffle tickets, congrats to all the winners!



There are a lot of people that go into making this event successful, but we want to especially thank Scotty and Caroline Jackson for hosting this event at the Goat (and the cheesy potatoes!), Rob & Maria Hard and Jordan Beck for the delicious spit roasted pig, David Hill for salad, Cameo for salad, James Stasa for buns, sauce and corn (and Russ Brohl for cooking it!), Peggy Leopold for watermelon, Pauline Garsteck for desserts, and Lucas Guy for the beautiful music. Thank you also to our awesome volun-



teers Kristin Stanford, Emily Beal, Pauline Garsteck, Amy Alford, James Stasa, Mary Winkle, Anna Burghart, Vivian Price, Addie Thopson, Sue Bixler, Lisa Brohl, Peggy Leopold, Desi Erdody, Olive O'Rourke-Scherf, Jenny Fuchs, and Melissa & Ava Fiorilli; and Kate Byrnes & Brian Alford for taking wonderful photos!





# 2023 ISLAND GREEN WEEK & EVENTS CONTINUED



## LAKE ERIE AWARENESS DAY

The third annual Lake Erie Awareness Day took place during Island Green Week to bring the magic of Lake Erie's history, culture, and natural resources to Put-in-Bay. Visitors spent the day touring South Bass Island while learning about Ohio's greatest water resource and visiting education stations to learn about island history, water quality, native plants and animals, and the dangers of plastic pollution. The Nature & Wildlife Center hosted a display on wildlife entanglement, run by Calen Campbell of OSU's Stone Lab and LEINWC staff Vivian Price and AmeriCorps intern Anna Burghardt. Thank you to everyone who came out for this fun and educational event!



## BARBERSHOP CONCERT

The celebrated annual visit of the Barbershop Quartets to Put-in-Bay again thrilled their audience at Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church! The groups were kind enough to select the LEINWC as the benefiting charity and we collected around \$500! Thank you to everyone who donated and enjoyed the concert!

## WATER QUALITY

Harmful algal blooms (HABs) cause major environmental and economic issues in and around Lake Erie. We tested and compared the pH of tap water and Lake Erie's water to discuss the effects algal blooms have on Lake Erie's water quality and the consequences of those effects.

## BASH PARKING

This sure was a Bash to remember! With a quick pop-up storm in the afternoon; Pitbull cutting his set short due to a massive storm coming in; finally, the second day of the concert being cancelled because of storm damage—we are thankful for how well the fundraiser went! Thank you to volunteers Mary Winkle, John Sabo, Lucas Guy, Sue Prahst, Lenore Frederick, Jenny Fuchs, Sara Hill, Brian & Terry Macho, Jen & Joe Blumensaadt, Hope & Sue Cooks, and Emil Michael, and of course a big thank you to our partners, Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church!

## BIRD WALK WITH NATURE APPS

The nature walk took place at Scheeff East Point Nature Preserve during peak times for warbler migration. We incorporated the use of crowdsourcing apps such as iNaturalist, eBird, and Merlin Bird ID to help us with identification and to familiarize participants with community science contributing to conservation efforts.



## BIG DAY CRAFT TABLE

At Big Day at the Bay, participants made wearable crowns decorated with items collected from

nature such as flowers, leaves, pine needles, tree bark, and acorns.



## MONARCH TAGGING

Another great event tagging monarchs at Duggan's field! We tagged 50 monarch butterflies as they began their southern migration. Kids and adults came to help catch butterflies and learn about the tagging process which aids in research on the migratory patterns of monarchs, vital information for conservation work!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CLOTHING SWAP SHOP

**WEDNESDAYS STARTING NOVEMBER 1ST**

**3 – 5 pm, Nature & Wildlife Center**

Our Clothing Swap this spring was such a hit that we decided to bring it back, but for the whole winter! Starting November 1st, we will be open Wednesdays from 3-5 for people to drop off clean and gently used clothing and to “shop” for some great new-to-you items! Clothes will be free, but donations are strongly encouraged. We’re excited for this new winter program!

### GIVING TUESDAY

**TUES, NOVEMBER 28TH**

**4 - 7 pm, Nature & Wildlife Center**

Join us at the Nature & Wildlife Center for a fun Giving Tuesday event! We’ll have drinks and appetizers and we’ll also be kicking off a new and exciting fundraiser!

### HOLIDAY BAZAAR

**THURS, NOVEMBER 16TH**

**3 - 7 pm, Town Hall**

The LEINWC along with the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy, are again hosting our traditional Holiday Bazaar! Get started on your holiday shopping with unique gifts from local small businesses and artisans. The Conservancy will have its 2024 calendars for sale and the Nature and Wildlife Center will have gift shop items and some fun and festive handmade items for sale! For interested vendors: \$10 per space, to reserve your spot call or text Lisa Brohl at 419-366-2087 or email her at leiconservancy@gmail.com



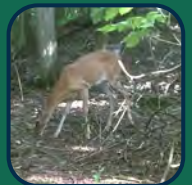
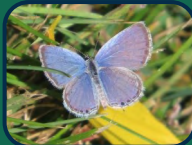
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### FALL YOGA

Fall sessions have begun! Community Chair Yoga at 10am Mondays, a Restorative class at 6pm on Mondays, and Slow Flow Yoga on Wednesdays at 6pm. All classes will be held at the Nature & Wildlife Center. \$15 drop in rates or 10-class punch card for \$100. Private classes for groups up to 5 for \$50. A portion of all class proceeds benefit the LEINWC. Contact Patricia at 419-967-2800 or check the South Bass Island Yoga page on Facebook for more information.

### iNATURALIST PROJECT

[www.inaturalist.org/projects/lake-erie-islands-community-science](http://www.inaturalist.org/projects/lake-erie-islands-community-science)

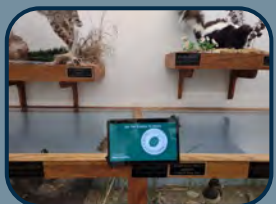


Did you know? The Nature Center now has an iNaturalist Project! If you have an iNaturalist account and make an observation within the Lake Erie Islands ecosystem, your observation is automatically added to the project! Check it out to see over 2,700 species of plant, animal, and fungi that call the Lake Erie Islands home., then add your observations! If you don’t use iNaturalist, download the app on your phone or visit the website above, you’ll love being a part of this global community science project!



### OCCF GRANT

We are hugely grateful to the Ottawa County Community Foundation for the grant awarded this year to the Nature & Wildlife Center for matching funds towards the Shores & Islands Ohio grant for the new interactive displays for our taxidermy exhibits. These have been well received and a fantastic educational tool for visitors. We are honored to have received grants three years in a row, last year for Nature Camp, and the year before for the geology animation. We are so grateful for the support from the OCCF, not only to the LEINWC but to all the worthy organizations and projects that they fund in Ottawa County! If you would like to sponsor a display for the 2024, contact us for more information!





## MAMMALS ON SOUTH BASS ISLAND By Amy Alford



White-tailed Deer are ever present on South Bass Island. The Nature Center will have two opportunities this winter for Island residents to monitor and report deer on their property. First, the Nature Center has numerous trail cameras to loan and hope to have cameras monitoring any deer movement on ice this winter. Second, we have a simple deer pellet survey to estimate deer activity on the Islands. So, if you are interested in borrowing a camera (or have a trail camera already!) or counting deer poop this winter, contact Amy at [leicommunityscience@gmail.com](mailto:leicommunityscience@gmail.com).

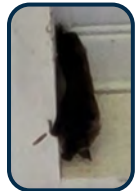


This past summer the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center supervised a Stone Lab Research Experience for Undergraduates Student to evaluate the mammal community on South Bass Island. Juan Flores, an undergraduate student from the University of Notre Dame was advised by LEINWC Volunteer Research Coordinator, Amy Alford, and Director, Renee Fultz.



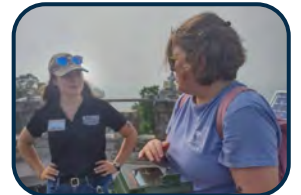
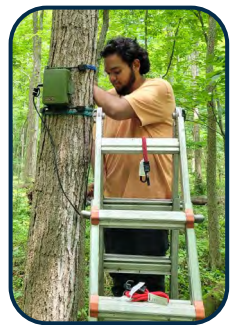
Juan surveyed PIBTPD preserves for White-tailed Deer scat (poop!) and established camera trap stations. Juan estimated the White-tailed Deer population on South Bass Island is currently around 48 individuals or 20 deer per square mile. A majority of the bucks were spending the summer in and around Cooper's Woods. Male White-tailed Deer will often form 'bachelor groups' during the summer to either form breeding hierarchies or to allow fawns to graze in higher quality habitats with less predators. Juan also found evidence of coyote (via scat) and few fawns in Cooper's Woods, suggesting does were rearing young away from predators.

Many Island residents often ask "how many deer should South Bass Island have?" The carrying capacity, that is how many deer the Island can support, is dependent on numerous factors including food availability, predator occurrence, and Island residents' attitudes to having deer on their property. However, for a well-managed deer population with ample food resources, biologists suggest a density of about 15-30 deer per square mile and the average density of deer in Northwest Ohio is about 15 deer per square mile. The current South Bass White-tailed Deer population seems to be at a normal population level.



In addition to estimating the White-tailed Deer population on South Bass Island, Juan also monitored bat activity with equipment from the Ohio Division of Wildlife. Bats use echolocation to feed and navigate the evening sky. While these calls are undetected by the human ear, ultrasonic microphones have been developed to record bat echolocation calls. We mounted these microphones at 8 locations. We then used a specialized sound analysis program to tell us what species of bats were recorded. At least 5 of the 10 known bat species found in Ohio were on the islands this summer. Some bats like the Eastern Red Bat, Silver-haired Bat, and Hoary Bat are migratory and use the islands for rearing young during the summer. Others like the Big Brown Bat and Little Brown Bat are resident species that find winter hibernacula in caves and tree cavities. This is great news as it indicates the islands provide a variety of habitats for bats throughout their life cycle. Since bats are great at controlling insect pests, our islands benefit from their presence - a win-win for everyone!

*Remember to never handle a bat. If you come in contact with a bat or have a bat in your house, contact your local health department or animal control agency for professional assistance.*





# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

## PAPERLESS NEWSLETTER REMINDER

We've been working hard to reduce waste in many ways at the Nature and Wildlife Center, one part of this venture is to reduce paper waste by decreasing the number of paper newsletters we mail. We are happy to mail them out to people who still want a paper copy, but if you are willing to switch to digital only, please let us know! And thank you to everyone who has switched so far! We hope to reduce our paper mailings by half by the spring. We hope you understand and support our efforts to be more environmentally friendly. Please let us know if you prefer a physical or digital copy of our newsletter. You can email us at [leinwc@gmail.com](mailto:leinwc@gmail.com), mark on the donation form, or call us at 419-285-3037. We will be sending a special mailer in the winter to anyone who hasn't yet responded to make sure we reach everyone! Newsletters will always be posted on our Website and Facebook page as well.



## POND UPDATE

We are still absolutely thrilled with the beautiful outdoor pond that was built by Aquascape Inc. last summer. We are happy to report that we aren't the only ones loving this wonderful water feature, we have witnessed a multitude of wildlife using the pond throughout the year. We have seen deer drinking from it, found baby Lake Erie watersnakes swimming in it, observed dragonflies laying eggs, spotted frogs jumping into the water, and beheld many species of birds bathing in the fresh flowing water. We actually had a lot of migratory birds stay and nest nearby, much more so than usual, and we are convinced it is because of the access to water (especially after the drought we had in May). Some of the nesting species observed were indigo buntings, black and white warblers, yellow warblers, common yellowthroat warblers, and cedar waxwings!



## THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS

Amy Alford  
Barb Leopold  
Ben Sayer  
Betsy Brohl  
Brian Alford  
Brian Macho  
Caleigh Naylor  
Cheryl Beal  
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Missi Kowalski  
Molly Domer  
Nola Sellers  
Olive O'Rourke-Scherf  
Ophelia Kruse  
Peggy & John Leopold

Sara Hill  
Sue Bixler  
Sue Cooks  
Sue Prahst  
Teagan Kowalski  
Terry Macho  
Viktoriya Skeans

Welcome to the board Amy Alford!  
We are so excited to have you as our new board Chair!

## THANK YOU KRISTIN!!

We want to say a huge THANK YOU to our friend Kristin Stanford for being on the LEINWC board since its inception and for performing the role of chair for the past 4 years. Kristin has been instrumental in the development and growth of the LEINWC and we will miss her greatly! We are so excited for her to thrive in her new role as Wildlife Diversity Coordinator with the Ohio Division of Wildlife. Good luck Kristin and thank you for your years of service on our board!





# THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS & DONORS!

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## **LEMONADE FOR THE WIN!**

These amazing kids blow our minds every year with their generosity! They ran a lemonade stand this summer for the 5th year in a row to raise money for the Nature & Wildlife Center. Thank you so much to Vivian, Xavier, Theo, and Dafne Janicki for all your hard work and kindness with your donation of \$335! And thank you to grandparents Joe and Judy Janicki for hosting this incredible venture every summer!



## **THANK YOU REEL BAR!**



Andy and Angie Christian-  
sen once again blew us  
away with their Reel big  
donation with funds  
raised from the Island Idol  
contest, a whopping  
\$5,000! Thank you so much

to them as well as everyone who donated  
and voted at this awesome event!



## **AMERICORPS SUMMER RECAP** by Adrianna Burghardt

Throughout my time serving as the AmeriCorps intern for Lake Erie Islands Conservancy, Lake Erie Island Nature and Wildlife Center, and Put-in-Bay Township Park District, I was exposed to a lot of different programs. Put-in-Bay has so much to offer in terms of research and wildlife education. I learned way more than I'd ever imagined I would. Working at the Nature & Wildlife Center, Renée taught me how to be a good educator to the public. Public speaking and outreach is a crucial skill one must have in the science world. With the help of Renée, I also created the compost pile for the LEINWC. I cannot wait to see the impact and influence that will have on visitors looking to start their own.

During the beginning of the summer, I monitored the Purple Martin and Tree Swallow nests with Paula Zieberth. Paula taught me everything I know about how to properly monitor and handle young birds. My favorite

part was learning how to bird band which will be a vital part of my future work in the ecology field.

I was also able to help with the Emerald Ash Borer Parasitoid release and recovery project with Lisa. This was my passion project through out the whole summer. I have done field work before, however, this exposed me to something new. Learning how to identify Ash trees and be able to help them made me feel like I had a true purpose. I hope to be pursuing similar work in my future.

I want to thank Lisa Brohl and Renée Fultz for giving me the most educational and best summer. I truly learned so much that will help me finish my undergrad and pursue my masters. Put-in-Bay is my second home, I hope to come back one day and make as big an impact as they both have on the community and wildlife.



# HOW CAN YOU HELP?

As a private 501c3 non-profit, we do not receive any tax or government funding. We rely solely on admissions, gift shop income, donations, fundraisers, & grants. There are lots of ways to support the LEINWC, choose what works best for you!

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- ◆ Makes a great gift for any nature lover!

Membership	Price	Pass	Discounts	Other
 <b>Black Squirrel</b> <i>Individual</i>	<b>\$20</b>	2024 Season		
 <b>Monarch Butterfly</b> <i>Family</i>	<b>\$30</b>	2024 Season	5% off Nature Camp	
 <b>Lake Erie Watersnake</b> <i>Business</i>	<b>\$100</b>	2024 Season	10% off Nature Camp	Ad in quarterly newsletter & on website, social media promos
 <b>Bald Eagle</b> <i>Lifetime</i>	<b>\$500</b>	Lifetime Pass	25% off: Nature Camp, Stargazing Cruise, Pig Roast	Name on Donor Fox Snake, \$500 adoption credit

## ADOPT A LEINWC DISPLAY ANIMAL

- ◆ Your name will be displayed on a plaque with your adopted animal
- ◆ You get a LIFETIME membership to the Nature Center
- ◆ Your name on a scale of our Fox Snake on the back porch
- ◆ Great present for Christmas, Birthdays, etc.
- ◆ Adoptable animals are divided into three levels:



LEVEL ONE \$500	LEVEL TWO \$1,000	LEVEL THREE \$2,500
39 Animals from Beaver to Sandhill Crane	18 Animals from Red Fox to Opossums	9 Animals from Mountain Lion to White-tailed Doe

For a full list of animals available for adoption, visit:  
**lakeerieislandswildlife.com/how-to-help-2**

## CONSIGNMENT SALES

Our consignment sales were a hit this season! We are excited to continue with them next year to support local artisans and offer a better variety of local products to our visitors. If you are interested in selling in our gift shop, please contact us at leinwc@gmail.com.

## SQUARE METER

- ◆ Receive a unique piece of LEINWC property for only \$50!
- ◆ Acquire adjacent squares.
- ◆ Call or visit to "close the deal."

## DONATION

Send a check or donate on our website through PayPal. With donations of \$500 or more, you get your name on a scale of our Donor Fox Snake, Lifetime Membership, & adoption credit!



- ◆ **Kroger Community Rewards**  
Enroll/update your Community Rewards at [Kroger.com](https://www.kroger.com/rewards)

- ◆ **Create a Facebook Fundraiser**
- ◆ **Follow us on Social Media!**

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- ◆ **Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center**







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### General Fund

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### Sustaining Fund

\$\_\_\_\_\_ for LEINWC wages

### Discretionary Fund

\$\_\_\_\_\_ for outstanding needs

### Nature Camp Fund

\$\_\_\_\_\_ for expenses and equipment.

### Respect the Snake

\$\_\_\_\_\_ for snake education & research.

### Wildlife Fund

\$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ general animal care or  
\_\_\_\_\_ Barb Chrysler birdseed fund

## 2024 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

\_\_\_\_\_ **BLACK SQUIRREL \$20 Individual Member:** LEINWC Season Pass

\_\_\_\_\_ **MONARCH BUTTERFLY \$30 Family Member:** Season Pass, 5% Nature Camp Discount

\_\_\_\_\_ **LAKE ERIE WATER SNAKE \$100 Business Member:** Season Pass, Ad in Newsletters, Website, Social Media Promotion, 10% Nature Camp Discount

\_\_\_\_\_ **BALD EAGLE \$500 Life Member:** Lifetime Pass, 25% Discount on sponsored events: Stargazing Cruise, Pig Roast, & Nature Camp, Name on a Scale of the Eastern Fox Snake on the back porch, \$500 Credit towards Animal Adoption

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Send me newsletter by E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ or I would like paper copy: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **LEINWC**, send to: **PO Box 871, Put-in-Bay, Ohio 43456**

Donations are tax deductible. **Thank You!**