



Nature News

Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center

Summer 2020

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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We are extremely excited to announce that construction has recommenced on our building addition at the Nature & Wildlife Center! We are now under roof thanks to the efficient and hard work of Ken's Standing Seam whose team did a beautiful job on our metal roof! We want to thank everyone who has helped us get to this point, we could not have done it without the support of our amazing community!

We have been working diligently to acquire grant money for our displays and have been successful for our wildlife viewing window area! We are still looking for funding for our live animal display, in which we plan to house several animals including reptiles, amphibians, insects, and arachnids. Having live animals will greatly improve our ability to educate visitors on the importance of preserving native wildlife through conservation efforts. We are also looking for sponsors of our geology and cave display, which will include the natural history of how the Lake Erie Islands were formed and current interesting geological formations, like the glacial grooves and especially island caves and the remarkable ecosystems within them. If you are interested in sponsoring any part of a display (see budgets on next page) please contact us! These new displays will be an amazing opportunity to improve our ability to serve the community as a source of education and outreach while also becoming a popular destination for families!



Although we are allowed to open per the Governor's order, due to ongoing construction we are unable to open for the time being. We apologize for the inconvenience, but we are looking forward to reopening with our finished building addition! We will be doing FREE back porch programming featuring a beautiful geology display and presentations on pollinators and salamanders. Gift shop items will also be available as well as our adventurous Island Explorer Packs! Check our Facebook for days and times. We ask that visitors please wear a mask while on the back porch with us as we continue to observe the highest level of safety precautions during this pandemic.

Nature Camp Update: PIB Camps 30% off!

Due to COVID-19, we will not be holding in-person camp as usual, but will instead be providing activity kits for campers to do at home and around the islands. These kits will have all the activities (and more!) that they would have done during camp. Camp kits include: a nice drawstring bag, butterfly net, magnifying bug jar, notebook, stickers, s'mores kit, & so much more! We hope you will consider supporting the Nature & Wildlife Center by registering your kids for camp this summer! **It's not too late to register!** Find the forms on our website.

Wild Tuesdays:

We are currently doing as virtual events, but we are continually reassessing as the situation changes!

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
July 7	Kristin Stanford: OSU Stone	Snakes
July 14	Renee Market: Naturalist	Amphibians
July 21	Lisa Brohl: LEI Conservancy	Dragon &
July 28	TBA	Pollinators
Aug. 4	Jay Reynolds: Cleveland State	TBA



Please help us welcome our AmeriCorps Intern for the 2020 season: Olive O'Rourke Scherf! Olive will split her time and duties between the LEINWC, Lake Erie Islands Conservancy, and the Put-in-Bay Township Park District. She will be a familiar face this summer at our preserves and at the Nature and Wildlife Center. Olive is a resident of Middle Bass Island and recently graduated from Lawrence Upper School. She will be majoring in Environmental Science at St. Mary's College this fall. Olive started with the Conservancy with Nature Camp at the age of 4. She has been a counselor for the Lake Erie Islands and Nature Center's Nature Camp the last few years as well as a volunteer for the Middle Bass Music Festival to benefit the Conservancy. Her parents are David Scherf and Shanny O'Rourke Scherf of Middle Bass. She has a love for wildlife, our environment, sustainability, gardening, music, reading, theater, and friends and family. Olive is quite excited to start off her job as the AmeriCorps Intern this summer! We wish to thank Julene Market, John and Paula Ladd, Helen Brohl, Mary Brohl Nah an, David and Barb Nostrant and Joseph and Judith Janicki for their donations toward the AmeriCorps intern program.



How can you help?

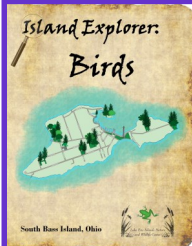
With the difficulties of the Covid-19 pandemic, **we need your help more than ever!**
There are lots of ways to support the LEINWC, choose what works best for you!

Wishlist:

Help Sponsor Expenses or Donate Needed Items

Trash Pickup (Lake Disposal).....\$205	Utilities (electric, water).....\$1800
Website Redesign.....\$835	Water Bottle Fill Station.....\$1200
Microsoft Software.....\$100	Small Refrigerator
OE Meyer Propane.....\$500	Microwave
Newsletter Printing.....\$500	Toilet Paper
Newsletter Postage.....\$450	Paper Towels
Spectrum (Phone, Internet).....\$840	Hand Sanitizer

Island Explorer Packs Available Now!



The LEINWC presents: **Island Explorer Packs!** Go on a fun & educational adventure around South Bass Island! Follow the map to complete challenges,

then send a photo with your completed Pack to receive a prize! Packs include: Explorer booklet, explorer gear (binoculars, compass, flashlight, & magnifying glass), colored pencils, & more, all in a reusable tote bag for only \$15! The Bird-themed pack is available now, coming soon: Geology and Pollinators! Go to lakeerieislandswildlife.com/shop

to purchase from our online shop or call for more details!



Sponsor a Display in our Addition

Live Animal Display

Item	Cost
Tanks	\$ 375
Tank Accessories	\$ 274
Food Prep/Cleaning Area	\$ 750
Display Wall	\$ 1,088
TOTAL	\$ 1,399

Geology Display

Item	Cost
Interactive Animated Film	\$3,000
Touch Screen Monitor for Film	\$475
Acrylic Boxes for Rock Samples	\$1,086
Wall Mounted Illustrated Sign	\$2,500
AV Equipment	\$1,500
TOTAL	\$ 8,561

Online Gift Shop & LEINW Merchandise

Our gift shop is now online! Go to lakeerieislandswildlife.com/shop for all the great LEINWC items! Choose "Local pickup" for curbside pickup!



Check out our Spreadshirt Shop for cool LEINWC merchandise shop.spreadshirt.com/lei-nature-wildlife-center



A portion of each purchase goes to LEINWC

Square Meter of LEINWC Grounds

- ◆ Receive a unique piece of the Nature Center property for only \$50!
- ◆ You can acquire adjacent squares.
- ◆ Call or visit our website to "close the deal."



Adopt a LEINWC Display Animal

- ◆ Your name will be displayed with your adopted animal
- ◆ You get a LIFETIME membership to the Nature Center (NEW!)
- ◆ Your name will go 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	LEVEL TWO	LEVEL THREE
\$500	\$1,000	\$2,500

50 Animals from Grey Fox to Wood Duck	22 Animals from Badger to Wolverine	11 Animals from Moose to Grizzly Bear
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For a full list of animals still available for adoption, please visit our website: lakeerieislandswildlife.com

Other ways to Help

- ◆ **Kroger Community Rewards**
It's easy with your Kroger Plus Card! Sign in or create an account at Kroger.com, then enroll/update your Community Rewards in Account Settings. You save, Kroger gives back!
- ◆ **Amazon Smile**
shop at smile.amazon.com and register the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center as your charity and Amazon will donate a portion of what you spend!
- ◆ **Create a Facebook Fundraiser**
For your birthday or just because!
- ◆ **Follow us on Social Media!**
For news, updates, and fun activities!



[@LEINWC](https://www.facebook.com/LEINWC) [@LEINWC](https://www.instagram.com/LEINWC) [@LEINWC2](https://twitter.com/LEINWC2)

- ◆ Join our #EataMayfly challenge by posting a video using the hashtag or donating to the fundraiser on Facebook or through PayPal!

Traditional Donation

Send check or donate on our website through PayPal. Donations of \$500+: your name on a scale of our Donor Fox Snake, Lifetime Membership, & credit towards an adoption!



2020 Island Green Week

August 1-8

A celebration of natural beauty, ecology, and history

The LEINWC, Lake Erie Islands Conservancy, OSU's Stone Laboratory, and Put-in-Bay Township Park District host an array of events to support and highlight our islands Natural, Historical and Cultural Resources. The Lake Erie Islands are a high traffic tourist destination, with many opportunities for truly amazing and unique experiences. Please join us for Island Green Week to see what our islands have in store for you! ***ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO COVID-19***

Historic Lonz Winery Tours

Saturday Aug 1, Sunday Aug 2, Saturday Aug 8
11am-4pm on Saturdays, 11am-3pm on Sunday, Middle Bass Island;
Cost - FREE.



Tour the iconic Lonz Winery Cellars, Lonz Boat House, and the grounds of the Lonz Mansion as well as Middle Bass Island State Park and the newly renovated Lonz Winery Pavilions. The Sonny-S Boat Line Inc. is available from the Boardwalk at Put-in-Bay to the main dock on Middle Bass. Sonny S Ferry prices: One-way, Adults: \$7, Children (6-12): \$3, Children under 6: Free. CASH ONLY.

Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center

Saturday August 1, Sunday August 2, and Saturday August 8: 11am-3pm.
Cost – FREE

Although the inside is closed due to construction, the back porch will have free programming with displays on geology, pollinators, and salamanders. Gift shop items & Island Explorer Packs will also be available! More days may be added depending on construction status. Check our website & Facebook for updates.



Lantern Tour of Historic Hotel Victory Grounds

Sunday August 2:
7:30- 9pm
Cost: FREE.



Renee Market will lead a Lantern Tour of the infamous Hotel Victory grounds at the South Bass Island State Park . This family event starts with a beautiful sunset and ends at the Hotel Victory Swimming Pool Pavilion. The tour will highlight various features of the Hotel Victory, a history of the grounds, and exciting facts about life at the Hotel.

Eco-Tour: Put-in-Bay

Monday August 3: 11am-4pm;
Cost: \$10 adult, children FREE



The tour starts at the South Bass Island Lighthouse, with stops at Jane Coates Wildflower preserve for tour and wildflower lesson, Massie Cliffside Preserve for a hike, and ends at Scheeff East Point preserve with a wine & cheese plate, group photo, and migratory bird talk. Goodie bags include tour booklets, freebies, and coupons for restaurants, attractions, and gift shops. Proceeds benefit Put-in-Bay Township Park District.

Stargazing Event

Monday Aug. 3
8:30-11pm
Cost: \$15
Ticket Pre-Purchase Recommended



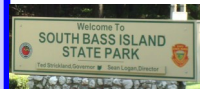
As the stars light up the sky, astronomer, Jay Reynolds, will engage with guests about the planets & stars. Telescopes will be provided to offer guests an amazing opportunity to enjoy the show from outer space. **BYO chair, beverages, & food.** Call LEINWC for more details, 419-285-3037 .

Island Explorer Packs

EVERYDAY!
August 1-8
Cost: \$15
See pg. 2 for more details

Historic Hotel Victory Grounds Tours

Tuesday August 4
1:30-4:30pm
Cost: FREE



Renee Market will lead tours of the infamous Hotel Victory grounds at the South Bass Island State Park . Tours start at the beautiful cliffs of the Park and end at the Hotel Victory Swimming Pool Pavilion and will highlight features of the Hotel Victory, a history of the grounds, and exciting facts about life at the Hotel.

Pig Roast

Wednesday Aug. 5
6pm
Cost: \$15 Pick up, \$18 Delivery



Rob Hard will be cooking up a delicious slow spit-roasted pig & we'll have amazing sides from local restaurants for pick up or delivery. **Limited tickets available!** An online auction will feature an array of unique island prizes!

Painting at Lonz Pavilion: MBI

Friday August 7: 6pm
Cost: \$30

Come to the beautiful Lonz Pavilion for an evening of painting & history. We supply the materials, Mother Nature supplies the subject matter. Island artists will guide you to create a one of a kind painting. Ages 13+ welcome. **BYOB.**

Historic South Bass Island Lighthouse Tours

Saturday Aug 8, 11am-5pm
Cost: FREE

Tour the South Bass Island Lighthouse grounds, learn about its history, & see beautiful views including the Monarch Watch certified butterfly garden. On the National Register of Historic Places, this lighthouse is sure to impress

Painting at LEINWC

Thurs. Aug. 5
6pm
Cost: \$20

Come to the LEINWC Back Porch for an evening of painting & nature. We will supply materials, Mother Nature will supply the subject matter. Island artists will guide you to capture your subject on canvas. This event is open to ages 13+. **BYOB event.**

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Thank You to our Recent Donors and Welcome to our New Members!!

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Building Addition Fund
 \$ _____ for furnishings & displays.
Animal Adoption
 _____ I would like more information.
Square Meter
 \$ _____ for _____ Square Meters (\$50 ea.)
Nature Camp Fund
 \$ _____ for expenses and equipment.

2020-2021 Membership registration

_____ **Black Squirrel \$15.00 Individual Member:** LEINWC Season Pass
 _____ **Monarch Butterfly \$25.00 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 ***Limited Time Only: FREE LEINWC reusable shopping bag & hat with Membership!***

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City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Please make checks payable to LEINWC, send to: **PO Box 871, Put-in-Bay, Ohio 43456** Donations are tax deductible. ***Memberships good through 2021***

Thank You!