



NATURE NEWS

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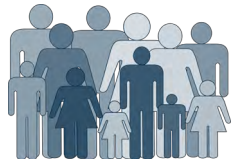
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2024 RECAP

We had another great season at the Nature & Wildlife Center! We were excited to have enough staff this year to be open daily. We provided a lot of great free programs in addition to our popular Nature Camp and Road Scholar programs. The numbers speak for themselves. See what the season looked like for us below!



22%

Increase in admissions from last year



126

Road Scholars over 5 weeks



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



550 Kids taught in school groups



148

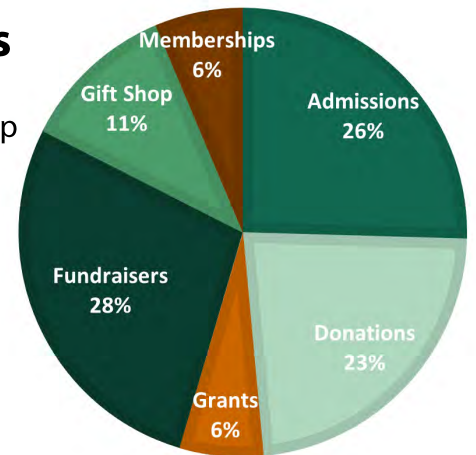
Nature Campers: **3** weeks on PIB, **2** weeks on MBI

Income Sources

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



Tax funding– we never receive any funding from taxes



1,835

People educated in our

26 FREE programs this year



\$200

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

MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL

Our Membership rates will be increasing next year. Purchase your 2025 membership by the end of this year to get them at the current low rates!

\$20 Black Squirrel - Individual

\$100 Lake Erie Watersnake - Business

\$30 Monarch Butterfly - Family

\$500 Bald Eagle - Life

2024 PROGRAMS & EVENTS

ROAD SCHOLAR By Emily Beal

This year, we hosted 5 weeks of Road Scholar programs on South Bass Island! Birders came to the islands from all over the U.S. to enjoy spring & fall migration. With over 125 participants, we saw over 150 species including merlins, American white pelicans, and even a Connecticut warbler. Visits were made to Heineman's Winery, the Island Grind on Middle Bass, & Perry's Monument & International Peace Memorial. Each week we finished our trip at the Magee Marsh boardwalk. Our fall program also included owl banding with bander Tom Bartlett & his team. This year's staff included Lisa Brohl, Val Chornyak, Diane

Nemec, Hayley Rinearson, Amy Alford, Shane & Laura Roberts, Kelly Williams, Dana Bollin, Tammy Martin, Talia Meade, and Diana Steele.

We're already looking forward to 2025! All programs will be on South Bass, and the dates are as follows:

Program 12641: Birding the Islands & Shores

May 4 - 9
 May 11 - 16
 May 18 - 23
 Sept. 7 - 12
 Sept. 21 - 26

Enrollment is now open!

For more information about Road Scholar programs please visit www.road scholar.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 500 visitors in total. The award for attending the most Wild Tuesdays goes to the Saunders, Wertenbach, and Dress families! We had different topics each week including snakes, birds, bats, 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



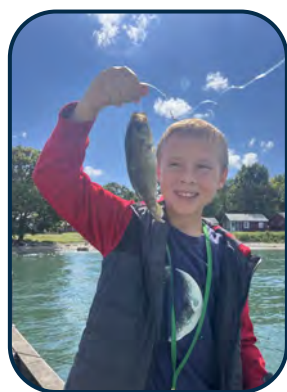
Another great year of camp has wrapped up! This year our theme was Tracks & Traces. With around 150 campers ages 4-14 from Middle Bass and South Bass we learned the tracks and traces left behind by humans and animals alike. Topics included orienteering, geocaching, and wildlife forensics. Campers got a chance to be a detective and solve an animal crime scene alongside staff from the Toledo Zoo! Environmental Adventure Camp I camped out on



their "home" islands and enjoyed a kayaking trip with rangers from Perry's Monument! Environmental Adventure Camp II camped out on North Bass Island where we played games at the schoolhouse and made dinner over a fire on the beach. Fun was had by all, and we are looking forward to next year!



Thank you to all of the staff and volunteers that made camp possible this year; Toledo Metroparks staff, Sydney Ralofsky, Nola Sellers, Caleigh Naylon, James Sweat, Sue Bixler, Mariah Sherer, Molly Walsh, Olive O'Rourke-Scherf, Tyler McClain, Wyatt Hann, Oliver Oglesbee, & Lisa Berrens. As always, we are so grateful for the support from the Middle Bass School Board and Put-in-Bay Recreation Committee; without their help, we could not have such a successful camp program while keeping the costs down for families!



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2024 EVENTS by Hayley Rinearson & Renee Fultz

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Thank you to Lucas Guy and DJ Addy for helping on clean-up day and to volunteers from Missi Kowalski's Environmental Club who came out and helped clean up the trail and pull garlic mustard!



GEOLOGY WALK

The nature walk was held at Cooper's Woods where we discussed Ohio's geological and natural history starting at Earth's formation 4.5 billion years ago. Visitors walked the looped trail and visited one of the island's limestone caves where they learned about Ohio's geological formations and the creation of the Great Lakes.



FOUNDER'S DAY



We had extra fun this year at Founder's Day running the games and bringing in a dunk tank! Thank you so much to the Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring the dunk tank as a fundraiser for the LEINWC and especially to our volunteers who were great sports about being dunked: Dr. Brian Alford, Eli Heineman, CC Wisnewski, Craig Schuffenecker, and Put-in-Bay Police Officer Mike Martinson. Thanks also to our volunteers who helped run the games: Stacey Clink, Amy Alford, Eli Heineman, and Harper Scarpelli.



WATER QUALITY

The LEINWC partnered with H2Ohio at South Bass Island State Park to educate visitors about the ecological and health effects of harmful algal blooms in Lake Erie during the summer months. H2Ohio is a water quality initiative that works to create, restore, and enhance wetlands to help mitigate and prevent problems such as harmful algal blooms.

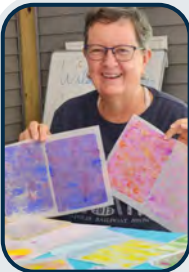


SIP N' PAINT

The Nature Center hosted a Paint N' Sip led by local artist Juli Parsons. Participants had a great time painting a bluebird family while enjoying some wine and good company!



GELLI PLATE PAINTING



Island artist Celeste Myskieski led three fantastic classes on how to gelli plates to make beautiful collages. Participants learned all about this fun and unique art form and created some amazing pieces with this new skill. Thank you Celeste!



MBI MUSIC FEST



At the Middle Bass Music Fest, the Nature Center had a lot of fun making flower crowns in the craft tent. The kids loved getting creative with the flowers and plants available to create beautiful crowns to get in the festival spirit.



GUIDED KAYAKING

The two kayak tours were led by H2Ohio specialists and took place at Middle Bass Island and South Bass Island State Parks. Participants were led around the shorelines of the two islands while learning about local plant and animal species seen throughout the trip.



2024 ISLAND GREEN WEEK

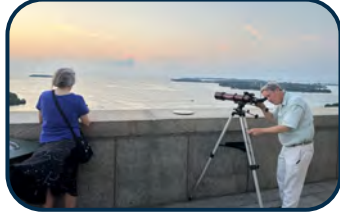
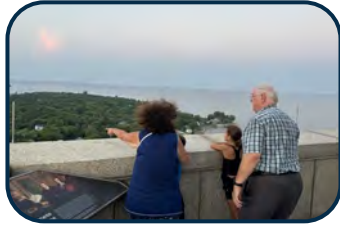
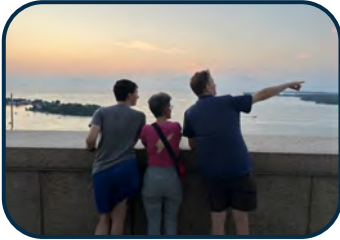
FRUIT BELT VINEYARD WALK

The nature walk took place at a local island vineyard where visitors walked through-out the vineyard and discussed how the Great Lakes create their own microclimates suitable for fruit production.



A MONUMENTAL STARGAZING EVENT

This year we were excited to try a new format for the annual Stargazing Event. We hosted the event at Perry's Monument, beginning with a reception in the Visitor Center before making our way to the top of the Monument for the sunset and stargazing. It was a perfect clear night and guests enjoyed the beautiful view from the top as we gazed across downtown Put-in-Bay and up at the stars. Thank you to our amazing astronomers Dr. Rick Pogge and Dr. Barbara Ryden who were wonderful at pointing out the stars and constellations to all who attended. The food provided by Frosty's Chef Fred Futrell was absolutely amazing, thank you Chef! Thanks to the awesome staff at the Monument for making the event run so smoothly and to our volunteers Amy Alford and Olive O'Rourke-Scherf. Heads up to all who love this event; unfortunately, due to the low attendance this year and last, we will likely be retiring this event or potentially only hosting it bi-annually. We understand that guests love the cruise aspect of the event, but with two years in a row of bad weather and staffing concerns with the Miller Ferry, we are not sure we can keep doing this event.



12TH ANNUAL PIG ROAST

We held our 12th annual Pig Roast at the Goat Biergarten and fun was had by all! We had beautiful weather for this fun event with fantastic food and great music by Lucas Guy. 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! Thank you so much to 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, Topsy for salad, Cameo for salad, James Stasa for buns and corn (and Russ Brohl for cooking it!), Diane Fultz for watermelon, Pauline Garsteck for desserts, and Lucas Guy for the beautiful music. Thank you also to our awesome volunteers Kristin Stanford, Emily Beal, Pauline Garsteck, Amy Alford, James Stasa, Autumn Cruz, Caleigh Naylor, Addie Thompson, Sue Bixler, Lisa Brohl, and Peggy Leopold.



2024 ISLAND GREEN WEEK & EVENTS CONTINUED



ARCHERY

Jaron Beck from ODNR Division of Wildlife brought their inflatable archery range for



a great day of target practice! Everyone enjoyed trying out their skills learning to shoot from the pros. Isabella from Perry's Victory also came to talk about invasive species and give out junior ranger badges. Thank you to all for another great event!



LAKE ERIE AWARENESS DAY

The fourth annual Lake Erie Awareness Day took place during Island Green Week and was another big hit! Visitors spent the day touring South Bass Island while 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 island wildlife aided by former LEINWC manager and current ODNR employee Martyn Drabik-Hamshare. Thank you to everyone who came out for this fun and educational event!



VICTORY HOTEL TOUR

Renee Market once again thrilled participants with an exciting walking tour of the ruins of the historic Victory Hotel on the grounds of the South Bass Island State Park.



LONZ CELLAR TOUR

Renee Market led another great tour of the historic Lonz Winery cellar and grounds. Participants enjoyed learning about this unique piece of Middle Bass history.



BARBERSHOP CONCERT



The annual Barbershop Quartet performances on Put-in-Bay and Middle Bass were a big hit as always! They performed at Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church on PIB and at the Lonz Cellar on MBI, with donations benefitting the LEINWC & LEI Conservancy. Thank you to everyone who donated and to volunteers Peggy Leopold, Olive O'Rourke-Scherf, Petti LoPresti, and Ken & Ann Shelton.

NATURE APP WALK

The nature walk took place at Middle Bass Island State Park venturing through a pollinator garden, meadow, and small forested area. The three crowdsourcing apps used were iNaturalist, eBird, and Merlin Bird ID. These apps assist in the observation and identification of surrounding plant and animal species. The data collected by citizen scientists with these apps also contributes to biodiversity science.

BIRD WALKS

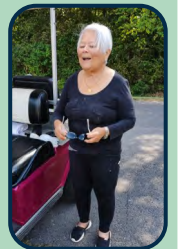
The two bird walks took place at Scheeff East Point Preserve and Middle Bass Island State Park. These walks happened during peak fall migration for birds passing through the Lake Erie islands on their way south for winter. During the walks, visitors learned basic birding tips and ways to ID various local and migrant birds.



BASH PARKING



Thankfully we had the perfect weather this year for a super successful Bash on the Bay concert and our parking fundraiser with our amazing partners, Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church! In total, we raised almost \$14,000 (\$7,000 for each organization)! Thank you to volunteers Lucas Guy, Sue Prahst, Lenore Frederick, Lisa Brohl, Emily Beal, and Peggy Leopold for helping park, and Missi & Caleb Kowalski, Olive O'Rourke-Scherf, Emily Beal and Lisa Brohl for helping set up. And a big thanks to Pauline Garsteck for the delicious snacks!



2024 EVENTS CONTINUED

MONARCH FEST

The first ever Put-in-Bay Monarch Fest was a great success! Over 250 visitors joined the Nature & Wildlife Center at Duggan's Field next to the South Bass Island Lighthouse on September 14th for this inaugural event. It was a beautiful sunny day and families had a great time listening to music, participating in games, and learning about monarch butterflies. The kids especially loved the butterfly races and face painting. Unfortunately, there were very few monarchs flying around, which says a lot towards the need for conservation efforts, but there were fun education tables where visitors learned all about the importance of monarchs and all pollinators. A

big thank you to the William & Mary Ann Market fund and Walmart for sponsoring this great event, to the Duggan family for allowing the event to take place on their beautiful property, to all the vendors, OSU Stone Lab, Jacqueline Rivalsky from Perry's Monument, the Koch family, the Put-in-Bay Baton Twirlers for their fantastic performance, and all of the awesome volunteers including the lovely music from Lucas Guy. We are excited to grow this event and make it even better next year!



UPCOMING EVENTS

GIVING TUESDAY - SCAVENGER HUNT TUES, DECEMBER 3RD

3:30 - 6pm, Nature & Wildlife Center
Join us at the Nature & Wildlife Center for a fun Giving Tuesday Nature Scavenger Hunt! Enjoy the adventure of walking our trail as you find items on the list. It will be a great activity for "kids" of all ages! Everyone who completes the hunt will get a prize and be put into a drawing for a grand prize! Donations of any size are appreciated. We'll have drinks and appetizers as well, you don't want to miss it!

HOLIDAY BAZAAR FRI-SAT, DECEMBER 6-7TH **4 - 7pm Friday, 9am-4pm Sat.** **Town Hall**

The LEINWC along with the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy, are again hosting our traditional Holiday Bazaar, but this year we're making it longer! Bazaar will be over two days during the inter-island basketball tournament. The visiting families will be using the town hall for meals so it'll be a perfect opportunity to get started on holiday shopping for them and give everyone more time to shop for unique island gifts! For interested vendors: \$25 per space, to reserve your spot call or text Lisa Brohl at 419-366-2087 or email her at leiconservancy@gmail.com





2024 GRANTS

We are so grateful to the Ottawa County Community Foundation for the grant awarded this year towards improvements to our kids' area which will include a touch table, ant farm, and other interactive toys (see picture of what we've done so far)! We also received an event grant from Shores & Islands Ohio for Island Green Week, which was a huge help to make it so successful. We are so grateful for the support from the OCCF and S&IO, not only to the LEINWC, but to all the worthy organizations and projects that they fund in Ottawa County!



DEER ON SOUTH BASS ISLAND

By Amy Alford



Two different bucks captured at the same location on the same day on South Bass Island 2023



For the second summer, the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center mentored a Stone Lab Research Student to further understand the White-tailed Deer population on South Bass Island. Eliza Rothenburger, a senior at Virginia Tech, evaluated both the population size of the deer as well as identified what plants they were eating this summer.

Thanks to numerous private landowners, the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy, the Put-in-Bay Township Parks District and Stone Lab, we now have a network of game cameras across South Bass and Gibraltar Islands that have been monitoring the deer since Fall 2023. Eliza used the images captured from these cameras to see how the deer are distributed throughout the Island and to estimate the total number of deer. Last year, our Stone Lab student estimated about 48 deer to be living on South Bass Island. This year, Eliza estimated that there were somewhere between 30 - 48 deer living on the island. We are confident that the Island is home to no less than 30 deer, which includes around 17 bucks. This may sound like a lot, but it's similar to mainland population sizes that average 15-30 deer per square mile (South Bass is about 2.5 square miles). Remember, deer can travel over the ice and many bucks swim

between Islands in the fall to find mates, so population sizes will change from year to year.

Most importantly, Eliza found that during the summer, the Island provides enough food to sustain the deer population. She surveyed 8 properties on the Island to determine if deer were eating plants there and if so, what plants did they prefer to eat. Deer preferred native plants like False Solomon's Seal, Waterleaf, and Poison Ivy over non-native plants like Honeysuckle and English Ivy. But most importantly, Eliza found no evidence that deer eat the most invasive plant on the Island, Garlic Mustard. This is concerning because as Garlic Mustard takes over more of our native plant fauna, we might see food limitations for White-tailed Deer. This highlights the importance of the work all of us have done to control Garlic Mustard on the Island.

Many our Island residents may have noticed deer eating many ornamental plants on the properties, particularly in the later part of the summer going into fall. This is likely a result of the drought we've been experiencing. A landscaped lawn is also a well-watered lawn and well-watered plants likely supplemented the deer through the drought. But moving through the fall, deer now have other foods to eat again like acorns! White-tailed Deer have been part of the Island ecosystem for thousands of years. And while it may seem like their population has been growing these past few decades, there is no current reason to think there are too many. We should be proud to know that our Island has been able to provide a safe home to these wonderful animals. If you want to be included in our game camera network or want to know what plants to have on your property to make it deer-friendly, reach out to Amy at leicommunityscience@gmail.com.



Eliza and Amy identifying plants in Cooper's Woods.



During our short ice season in January this year, we had three does travel from South Bass Island to Gibraltar Island. This image is facing south with the OSU Staff housing (Gib House) seen in the foreground and the Miller Dock seen in the distance across the ice.



THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS

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Lisa Brohl
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IN MEMORY OF OUR FRIEND BRAD

We are still so saddened by the loss of our dear friend Brad Titchener who passed away this summer. Brad was a true steward of the planet and cared deeply for the environment. He loved sharing his passion and knowledge with anyone he talked to, which is why he was a wonderful volunteer at the Nature & Wildlife Center. I remember when I started as director in 2019 and first met Brad, he told me in no uncertain terms that he would be there two days a week to volunteer. He seemed a little unsure of me at first, but we quickly hit it off talking about birds and travelling. I followed along on the first tour he gave that summer and was incredibly impressed by his knowledge of all the animals on display, and many that were not. He was engaging and funny and everyone who got a tour from him went away with a lot more knowledge of the islands and the history of the Nature Center. Brad and his wife Zoe have been wonderful benefactors of the Nature & Wildlife Center, and we are so lucky to have them as supporters. They have helped shape this organization into what it is today, which is such a benefit to our community. I only knew Brad for 5 years, but I feel very fortunate to have counted him as a friend and I will miss him dearly. He touched many lives in his time helping at the Nature Center, and especially those who worked here – below are some words from members of our organization:



I will always remember Brad's unwavering commitment to preserving the museum and its beautiful collection for the island. And of course his lovely dry sarcasm and humor and every conversation! He will be dearly missed, but fondly remembered. – Kristin Stanford

Brad has always been a wealth of knowledge to draw on! He used to volunteer with Elderhostel or Road Scholar Birding programs. He gave a slideshow on Birds of South Bass Island and birded with the groups both on the island and at Point Pelee. He was the only one that had done a summer breeding bird survey on islands. – Lisa Brohl

Brad volunteered at the Nature Center a few days a week while I was the manager in 2021-2022. We always had great conversations about our love of science. But mostly, I enjoyed listening to him talk to the visitors. I learned so much Island knowledge that way. Like why we have so many black squirrels and chipmunks on the Island. I always anticipated Zoe driving up to drop Brad off for his shift and even remember one time calling her to tell her he'd be staying a bit late at the Center. His smile was contagious and he is dearly missed. – Dr. Amy Alford



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THANKS JOHN GALVIN!

John Galvin and his team at DeRivera Park built us five beautiful new picnic tables! Thank you so much for helping us replace the ones that were falling apart!

LEMONADE STANDS FOR THE WIN!

This year, we were blown away that two different groups of kids ran lemonade stands and donated proceeds to the Nature & Wildlife Center! The Janicki family of Theo, Xavier, & Dafne along with Aaron, Amelia, & Mateo Trevino donated \$344. And kids from the Murrison and Birke families donated \$100. We love the entrepreneurship and altruism these kids have shown, thank you to the kids and their families for the wonderful support!



SUMMER INTERNS

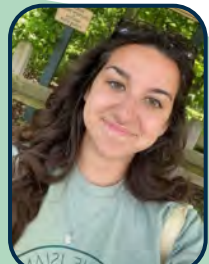
This year, in addition to our usual AmeriCorps intern, we developed two additional internship positions. These three interns were a terrific addition to our team and assisted in many projects during the season.

Jude Dietrich was our AmeriCorps intern who split his time with us and the LEI Conservancy and PIB Township Park District. He is currently finishing his last year at the University of South Florida studying environmental science and policy. Jude was an enthusiastic tour guide at the Nature & Wildlife Center. He also helped with Nature Camp, mulching the trail, and creating an accurate map of our nature trail for the trail guide. Jude said "the ability to protect and nurture wildlife to indigenous to the Lake Erie Islands has been an invaluable experience."

One of our other interns, Autumn Cruz, was a staple at the Nature & Wildlife Center, working there most days and doing a wonderful job engaging with visitors. She is currently a senior at Ohio Northern University studying environmental and field biology. Aside from doing a great job talking with visitors, Autumn also jumped right in to leading tours for school groups. She also helped



with social media and created an excellent sign about vernal pools for our smaller pond (which acts as a vernal pool). We were especially thrilled when she came back for a visit to help with Monarch Fest!



Andreanna Zaverl was our third intern, who split her time between us and the Historical Society. She is currently working to complete her master's degree in environmental science at Miami University. Andreanna was also a fantastic tour guide at the Nature Center and worked hard to create press releases, posters, and signs for the Nature Center.

All the interns, along with the rest of our awesome staff - Caleigh Naylor, Olive O'Rourke-Scherf, and Addie Thompson - worked hard this year and accomplished so much, we are grateful to all of you! If you would like to support our internship programs and staff wages, please donate to our Sustaining Fund using the donation form on the last page, or donate online at lakeerieislandswildlife.com/donate

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- ✔ 5% discount on 2025 Nature Camp

BALD EAGLE

\$500

Lifetime membership

- ✔ Unlimited lifetime admission
- ✔ Receive quarterly newsletter
- ✔ 25% discount on Nature Camp, Stargazing Cruise & Pig Roast
- ✔ Name on scale of 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 Mink 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 the end of this year, donations of \$500 or more, 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

◆ **Create a Facebook Fundraiser**

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I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO:

- General Fund**
\$ _____ for LEINWC operating costs
- 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

2025 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: _____
 Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

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!***