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Lake Metroparks introduces **The OC at the ELC** (Outdoor Connection at the Environmental Learning Center) New Environmental Nature Club for families and groups **Lake Metroparks Environmental Learning Center**

CONCORD TWP - Lake Metroparks introduces the OC at the ELC (**Outdoor Connection at the Environmental Learning Center**), a new environmental nature club for families with children 10 years and older and groups of two or more. Through technology and outdoor activities we will observe the seasons at the Environmental Learning Center to feel more connected to our Lake County habitat. Weather and observational data will be collected to study the patterns of nature.

The OC at the ELC will meet monthly in 2011. Participants are encouraged to attend all 12 free programs as part of the seasonal data collection, but it is not required. Groups may join at any time. The club will meet every fourth Sunday from 1 to 4 pm at the Lake Metroparks Environmental Learning Center. Each month will have a theme relative to the season. Lake Metroparks staff specializing in a variety of areas will lead the programs. Registration is required and is available online at lakemetroparks.com or by calling 440-358-PARK (7275).

2011 Dates & Themes

January 23 - Lake Effect

February 27 - Tracks Identification

March 27 - Maple Time

*April 10 - Geocaching

May 22 - Migration & Planting

June 26 - Watershed Day

July 24 - High Summer Creatures

August 28 - Camp Out

September 25 - Harvest Time

October 23 - Fall Colors

November 27 - Getting Ready for Winter

*December 11 - Natural Winter Celebrations

* *Earlier date due to holiday*

The Environmental Learning Center is located at 7250 Alexander Road in Concord Township. From I-90, take State Route 44 south to Auburn Road; turn left and proceed 0.3 mile; turn right onto Concord-Hambden Road. Continue one mile to stop sign at Ravenna Road. Continue straight on Concord-Hambden for 0.4 mile to Alexander Road and turn left; drive 0.3 mile to park entrance (on the left).