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KELLEYS ISLAND SCHOOLS FIELD STATION

HOLIDAY EDITION

Dear Kelleys Island Schools Field Station Community

As I reflect on 2024 at the Kelleys Island Schools Field Station, I am filled with gratitude. It has been a year of cherished traditions and groundbreaking accomplishments that will have lasting impacts on our school and community.

This year brought many rewarding firsts. We launched the Nature Camp Sponsorship Program, raising additional funds to ensure every child could experience the unique benefits of Nature Camp. We integrated the Phenology Monitoring Project with the Kelleys Island School's curriculum. For six weeks, students observed various phases in a plant or animal's annual life cycle, allowing them to gain a deeper understanding of recurring natural events and their correlation to climate through data collection.

I am thrilled to announce that the Ohio Division of Wildlife designated our school as a Wild School Site on September 14th, making us the first in Erie County to receive this honor. This recognition underscores our commitment to fostering wildlife and environmental education, providing a valuable resource for students, educators, and the broader community to connect with and learn from the natural world on Kelleys Island. Following the dedication, we celebrated this accomplishment, along with five years of success with the Kelleys Island Pollinator Habitats and other initiatives at the Kelleys Island State Park. In further recognition of these accomplishments, Representative Marcy Kaptur honored us on September 13th by flying the American Flag at the Nation's Capital in Washington, D.C.

On October 3rd, I was honored at the Governor's Mansion for the valuable contributions and partnerships with the Ohio Division of Wildlife. And on November 9th, the Kelleys Island Schools Field Station received a Proclamation honoring September 14 as Kelleys Island Field Station Day, a prestigious acknowledgment that recognizes the dedication of our entire community.

Time has flown by once again, and as the year comes to a close, I find myself reflecting on the many reasons I have to be grateful. I want to express my sincere appreciation to each of you on the Kelleys Island School Board, and especially to Superintendent Ben Ohlemacher. His personal time, energy, and guidance have been invaluable to our success, and the results are evident in countless ways.

Thank you all for making this year possible. It has been another incredible year, and I look forward to seeing everyone in 2025!



SAVE THE DATE SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Kelleys Island Field Station Day & Celebration

You're invited to celebrate Kelleys Island Field Station Day with us on September 14th at the Kelleys Island State Park. We'll have hors d'oeuvres and drinks suitable for all ages.

Join us as we commemorate our achievements and kick off the Monarch Butterfly Migration with a tagging event, an informative talk about monarch butterflies, and an update on the pollinator habitats.

Let's raise a glass and toast to these remarkable successes, made possible by your invaluable support!

NATURE CAMP

The Kelleys Island Field Station is thrilled to announce our 8th annual Nature Camp this summer! This year, campers will combine outdoor exploration with learning about Kelleys Island's incredible biodiversity. Our experienced naturalists will lead daily field trips, teaching campers about ecology and conservation through hands-on experiences.

Nature Camp provides a unique opportunity for participants to connect with nature in a way that goes far beyond the traditional classroom.

We can't wait to spend another summer with your children. Please reach out with any questions or suggestions

For more information see the attached registration form on page 3 of this newsletter!



2025 CAMP SPONSORSHIP



We are excited to announce our fundraising efforts to meet the anticipated increase in demand for children to attend Nature Camp. Our goal is to ensure that every child, regardless of background, has the opportunity to experience the unique benefits of our program.

Your sponsorship will make a significant difference. Sponsorship levels begin at \$100, and higher levels offer additional benefits, including recognition in our newsletters, forms, shirts, social media, and more.

We hope you will join us in providing this wonderful opportunity to even more children. Your support is crucial in helping us achieve our mission

Find the Sponsorship Form on page 4 of this newsletter!

Kelleys Island Nature Camp Registration Form 2025

PLEASE PRINT

Child's Name _____ Parents Name _____

Birth Date _____ (Month/Day/Year-Check Age Requirements-Must be of Age by Camp Date)

Island Address-Include Dates This Address Should Be Used **MUST HAVE PO BOX #**

Home or Mailing Address-Include Dates This Address Should Be Used

Island Phone _____ Emergency Contact _____

E-Mail Address _____

T-Shirt Size (circle one)

YOUTH- SM M L XL **ADULT**-SM M L

(X) Preferred Camp Session	Dates:	Times:	Price:
<input type="checkbox"/> Intro to Nature Camp (4yrs.)	June 23-27	10-11AM	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> My 1st Nature Camp(5-6yrs.)	June 23-27	11:30AM-12:30PM	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Nature Camp (7-8yrs.)	June 23-27	1-2:30PM	\$75.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Adventure Camp I (9-10yrs.)	June 30-July 4	10AM-12PM	\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Adventure Camp II (11-12)	June 30- July 4	12:30-2:30PM	\$100.00

Kelleys Island School Student \$25.00 ALSO Select a Date and Camp

**Make checks to Kelleys Island School
Mail to: Nature Camp Program PO Box 349 Kelleys Island, OH 43438**

You have my permission to use photos of my child participating in Nature Camp. NO NAME will be used with online photos of Nature Camp.

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Permission Form

I fully understand that the nature of recreational and educational activities associated with Nature Camp includes an inherent risk of danger, which may result in personal injury or harm to my child. I grant permission for my child to participate in the program and activities of Nature Camp at the Bay, and I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Kelleys Island School and Field Station, its staff, directors, employees, Agents and/or representatives from any claim for any injury or damage which may result from my child's attendance at and participation in the Nature Camp at the Bay. I authorize emergency medical treatment if none of the above-named emergency contact persons can be reached at the time of an emergency.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____



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FIELD STATION SPONSORSHIP FORM



KELLEYS ISLAND SCHOOLS FIELD STATION

Name/Business

Full Address

Email

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Choose your type of sponsorship

- Walleye \$100**
Social media recognition before and after camp. Recognition in the spring and fall Newsletters. Two issues of the KIFS Newsletter
- Yellow Warbler \$300**
Social media recognition before and after camp. Recognition in the spring and fall Newsletters. Two issues of the KIFS Newsletter. Nature Camp Swag (t-shirt, bag, and other items). Logo/names on t-shirts.
- Marbled Salamander \$500**
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- Monarch Butterfly \$1,000**
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Thank you for your kind donation to the Kelleys Island Field Stations Sponsorship Program. This sponsorship is valid for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. The sponsorship is not automatic.

The Field Stations Mission is to promote and support education by providing a distinctive learning and research environment for elementary students to adults.

Mail Checks to the **Kelleys Island School**

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