

## Education Services

- Most Lake Metroparks facilities are wheelchair accessible and maintain first aid stations. Sign interpreters can be scheduled with a minimum two-week advance notice. TTY is available at 440-358-7275.
- Scholarships are available to groups with financial need; please inquire when you call for a reservation.
- Pre-visit sessions at your school are available for Renewable Energy program; call Farmpark for details.
- Teacher guides complement most programs with pre- and post-visit activities, background information and a listing of how the program aligns with Ohio's Academic Content Standards.
- Custom program packages can be created for year-round, multi-visit programs or grant projects. Lake Metroparks' staff collaborates with area teachers to develop customized programs that make full use of our facilities' potential to reinforce concepts and skills in science, language arts, history, math, nutrition or art in themed units on farming, nature, recreation, physical education, health or related topics.
- Invite us to your next staff meeting for a 15-minute presentation on Lake Metroparks education or recreation programs.

## Gift Shops & Lunch Options

Take home a souvenir! A wide variety of nature and farm themed gifts and educational items are available to enhance your visit.

- The Nature Store at Penitentiary Glen Nature Center is open daily.
- Farmpark's Gift Shop is open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Pre-ordered lunches are available at Farmpark only. Student lunches are available from J&J Cafe at Farmpark. Choose a hot or cold lunch. Cost is between \$3 and \$5 per student lunch. Lunches must be ordered at least two weeks in advance. Call 440-256-3802 or 440-669-6418 for a lunch and/or snack menu and to place an order. Payment is made directly to J&J Cafe.

## Professional Development

Lake Metroparks offers professional development opportunities, many in cooperation with Lake Erie College or NEOEA. These weekend and summer workshops enhance educator knowledge and understanding of science, social studies and math and are aligned with Ohio's Academic Content Standards. We welcome the opportunity to work with professional development committees to develop and present workshops to fulfill teacher certification requirements. To schedule an in-service or receive information on upcoming professional development opportunities, call 440-358-7275.

## Scout Programs

Lake Metroparks offers a wide variety of programs designed to meet scout recognition requirements for girls and boys of all ages. Programs are available at several locations. For more information or to request a scout brochure, call 440-256-3808 or download a copy at lakemetroparks.com.

## Teacher Ambassadors

At Lake Metroparks, we know this statement is true: *Most organizations find success by listening carefully to the ideas of their customers.*

We invite teacher representatives from schools across northern Ohio to participate in our Teacher Ambassador Program. These Teacher Ambassadors help Lake Metroparks by sharing their feedback, opinions and best practices to help improve our program offerings and more.

The commitment in time is minimal—we are simply looking for your school's opinions and ideas—all in an effort to improve our programs to meet the needs of your students and to help you do more with less. If you are interested in joining the Lake Metroparks Teacher Ambassador Program, please call 440-354-0894.

