

Buckeye Island Hop *September 29 - 30, 2007*

Come to the Hop with alumni and friends of The Ohio State University. The goals of this weekend are to learn about one of Ohio State's finest jewels (F.T. Stone Laboratory), complete a vigorous outdoor volunteer project to benefit the Lake Erie region, meet new friends, and have fun on Gibraltar and South Bass Islands. Start the Buckeye Island Hop by taking a ferry to South Bass Island, then hop on over to Stone Laboratory on Gibraltar Island, located in Put-in-Bay harbor.

Three university-affiliated groups are sponsoring this sixth annual event for those who love the Lake Erie region and Ohio State: the College of Biological Sciences Alumni Society, the Friends of Stone Laboratory, and the Columbiana County Alumni Club, and the Ottawa County Alumni Club. Other Ohio State alumni groups are welcome to attend this event!

Do's and Don'ts of Island Hopping

- Do pre-register for the Buckeye Island Hop. University housing is limited, but you can also make reservations at the local motels or bed and breakfasts on South Bass.
- Do let us know if you have special needs or dietary requirements when you pre-register.
- Do take one of the ferries on September 29. Leave from Port Clinton on the Jet Express at 10:00am or Catawba Island on Miller's Ferry at 9:30am.
- Do come rain or shine. Dress is island casual and the weather in late September may be unpredictable, so be prepared for rain or a chilly night.
- Do come prepared for hearty work activities. Wear good, slip-resistant footwear for walking on uneven and/or wet surfaces. Also bring work gloves for the outdoor project and a flashlight for evening maneuvers.
- Do bring your fishing gear and binoculars if you don't plan to sleep late Sunday morning. Fish from the Gibraltar dock or Alligator Bar. Be sure to bring your fishing license.
- Don't bring a car over to South Bass. Cars are an inconvenience on the islands and unless yours is amphibious it won't be useful. University vans will meet the 9:30 or 10:00am ferries when they arrive on South Bass.
- Don't bring children younger than age 10. Children 10 and older must be supervised by a parent at all times, including the volunteer activity. There are no day care facilities.
- Do plan on additional fees for ferry rides, island land and water taxis during your free time, and other extras.
- Do look for program details and updates on these web sites: www.stonelab.osu.edu, and www.biosci.ohio-state.edu/alumni/.

Saturday, September 29

- 9:30 a.m. Take the Miller 9:30am or Jet Express 10:00am ferry to South Bass Island; Stone Lab vans meet ferries at South Bass Island
- 10:00 - 10:45 Stone Lab and water taxi transports participants from South Bass Island to Gibraltar Island; check into rooms
- 11:00 Welcome & logistics meeting (Lecture Hall); pick up box lunches (Dining Hall)
- 11:30 Depart for volunteer activity
- 5:00 p.m. Return from volunteer activity
- 5:00 Wine and cheese reception
- 5:45 Group photo at dock
- 6:00 Vegetarian lasagna & perch dinner
- 7:00 Special evening program. Sign up for Sunday morning activity.
- 8:00 Take water taxi to South Bass Island for local entertainment venues
- 9:30 Second water taxi to South Bass Island
- Midnight Last water taxi returns to Gibraltar Island

Sunday, September 30

- 7:30 a.m. Coffee & bagels
- 8:00 Optional science classroom activity
- 9:00 Brunch
- 10:00 Check-out
- 11:00 Depart for South Bass Island
- For more information about ferry schedules and fees, South Bass Island accommodations, and area attractions, visit the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce web site at www.put-in-bay.com or call 419.285.2832.*

Room and Meal Requests (please check all that apply)

No.	Request (Cost)	\$ Total
_____	Saturday Night Lodging \$50/room (single or double) + \$10/additional person/night (Linens included. Maximum of 5 per room)	\$ _____
_____	Saturday Lunch—\$7.70 per person	\$ _____
_____	Saturday Dinner—\$23.60 per person (Vegetarian lasagna or perch)	\$ _____
_____	Sunday Breakfast —\$7.50 per person	\$ _____

*Payment due prior to arrival.

Total Amount Due \$ _____

Make checks payable to:

The Ohio State University
P.O. Box 119
Put-in-Bay, OH 43456-0119

Names of attendees w/children's ages (if applicable) _____

Primary contact

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ Phone (____) _____ - _____

Organization Affiliation: Friends of Stone Lab College of Biological Sciences
 Columbiana County Other (please specify) _____

Stone Laboratory housing is limited. One-third of the available accommodations will be reserved for each of partner organization until Labor Day. After Labor Day, registrations will be on a first-come, first-served basis. **Registration is not final until the Stone Lab office receives payment for meals and/or housing.** Registration with the Stone Lab office is required even if you arrange private accommodations elsewhere. Since housing rates were deeply discounted for this event, no special rates for children are available. **September 14, 2007, is the final registration deadline.**

To register, please call the Columbus office at **614.292.8949**.