Buckeye Island Hop

September 23–25, 2016







Come to the IHop 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.

Four university-affiliated groups are sponsoring this 15th annual event for those who love the Lake Erie region and Ohio State: the College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Society, the Columbiana County Alumni Club, the Friends of Stone Laboratory, and the OSU Retirees Association. Other Ohio State alumni groups are welcome to attend this event!

Registration is very limited and on a first come, first served basis for this free event. Housing is dormitory-style, including bunk beds. Typical jobs include painting, weeding, landscaping, organizing sheds, and misc. house cleaning.

Do's and Don'ts of Island Hopping

- **Do** take a ferry to South Bass Island. On Sept. 23, leave from Port Clinton on the Jet Express at 7:15 pm, or from Catawba Island on the Miller Ferry at 6:30 or 7:30 p.m. On Sept. 24, the Jet Express will run at 8:45 a.m. and Miller Ferry at 8:30 a.m. Be sure to confirm ferry times and prices before making travel plans.
- **Do** plan on additional fees for ferry rides, island land and water taxis during your free time, and other extras.
- **Do** come rain or shine. Dress is island casual, and the weather in the fall 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 ferries on Friday and Saturday when they arrive on South Bass.
- **Don't** bring children younger than age 10. Minors 17 and younger must be supervised by a parent at all times, including the volunteer activity. There are no daycare facilities.
- **Do** look for more information at ***ohioseagrant.osu.edu***, ***artsandsciences.osu.edu/asc***, ***facebook.com/OSU.Alumni.Club.Columbiana.County*** and ***osura.osu.edu***. For more information, visit ***visitputinbay.com/pib***.

Friday, September 23

6:30 p.m.	Take the Miller Ferry 6:30 or 7:30 p.m., or the Jet Express at 7:15 p.m. to South Bass Island. Stone Lab vans meet ferries at South Bass Island. Stone Lab and water taxi transport participants from South Bass Island to Gibraltar Island; check into rooms.
8:00 p.m.	Complimentary pizza, job sign-up and purchase Stone Lab merchandise

Saturday, September 24

7:00 a.m.	Coffee served
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Depart for volunteer activities and pick up lunch
8:30 a.m.	Saturday arrivals take the Miller Ferry at 8:30 or the Jet Express at 8:45 a.m. to South Bass Island; Stone Lab vans meet ferries at South Bass Island
9:30 a.m.	New arrivals take Stone Lab and water taxi transportation from South Bass to Gibraltar Island; check into rooms
10:00 a.m.	Welcome and logistics meeting for Saturday arrivals (Dining Hall); pick up box lunches
10:30 a.m.	Saturday arrivals depart for volunteer activities
4:30 p.m.	Return from volunteer activity
5:00 p.m.	Wine and cheese reception (purchase Stone Lab merchandise, join FOSL, socialize)
5:45 p.m.	Group photo at dock
6:00 p.m.	Perch and vegetarian lasagna dinner
7:00 p.m.	Evening program
8:30 p.m.	Take water taxi to South Bass Island for local entertainment venues
11:00 (TBD)	Last water taxi returns to Gibraltar Island

Sunday, September 25

7:00 a.m.	Coffee & bagels
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Science activity (optional): Tweets & Treats
10:00 a.m.	Check out and depart for South Bass Island

Register online at ***go.osu.edu/buckeyeihop*** beginning in **July**. Registration closes Sept. 16 or when full.

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