

## 15th Annual Butterfly Identification and Monitoring Workshop

Sat. **March 31, 2012** at the **Manor House**, Wildwood Metropark, 5100 W. Central Ave., Toledo, OH.

Metroparks of the Toledo area is partnering with the Ohio Lepidopterists, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, and the Ohio Biological Survey to present this workshop. The workshop runs from 10 AM to 4:30 PM (registration and snacks at 9:30 AM) on March 31, 2012. Sessions are concurrent so participants can focus on those topics of primary interest to them.

One session will include 4 ½ hours of identification covering every butterfly likely to be seen in Ohio. A concurrent session will include topics such as: **Professional photographer Ian Adams will discuss photographing insects.** The butterfly life cycle and gardening to attract butterflies will be presented. Other topics will include highlights of the 2011 season, how to set up and monitor a transect, population trends, and other data analysis. There will be books for sale, kits to assist, beginning monitors, time for networking with other butterfly enthusiasts, and lots of good handouts. Specimens and posters will be on display. Weather permitting, a transect tour will be available. The workshop is designed to be useful to everyone from the person who just wants to know a few butterflies when they see them, to the long term monitor, and the serious lepidopterist.

Butterfly monitors follow Ohio's butterfly populations and flag long term down trends before species are gone. Teams of monitors, trained by butterfly experts, look at butterflies weekly and they are the first to notice population changes, temporary breeding colonies of subtropical butterflies in Ohio, new species moving into Ohio and perhaps other trends. Just as bird surveys record changing bird populations in response to global warming, butterfly monitoring is equally valuable and is a predictor for other invertebrate species as well.

Registration includes lunch. In order to be assured of a lunch, registration must be received by March 24, 2012. University students may attend for no charge but need to pre-register to be assured of handouts, etc.

Please use a separate form for each person unless address is the same.

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**Pre-registration Form: Registration fee of \$15.00 (\$5.00 without lunch)** Includes lunch, snacks, and educational materials. Workshop space is limited. Pre-registration is required to guarantee a lunch. Pre-registrations must be received by March 24, 2012.

**Name and Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Make checks payable to:** The Ohio Lepidopterists. **Mail pre-registration to:** Jerry Wiedmann, 12764 Huntoon Road, Painesville OH 44077, Phone: 440-254-4230, Cell 440-413-3778, Fax 440-357-4661, wiedmannb@aol.com.