

Ohio Association of Emergency Medical Services ENEWS

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Included in this issue: Upcoming Conferences; Did you know?
and board members contact information

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

Accepted payment methods: Credit card, check, on the website oaems.org,
Call 937-726-0839 money order, purchase order, cash.

Registration options: Call 937-726-0839, On-line oaems.org, mail- in, walk-in.
Virtual classes available: See website oaems.org

Summer Conference 2024

June 19-23

Location

Conference to be held **inside**

Drury Inn & Suites

\$109/night plus taxes

3320 Village Dr. Middletown, OH

To get the rate, go to Druryhotels.com or call 513-425-6650

and use corporate code 334457

Limited number of rooms so book early!

Fall 2024

October 11-13

Conference to be held **inside**

Comfort Inn

2500 W. State St Alliance, OH 44601

330-821-5555

DID YOU KNOW? THERE ARE 3 POISONOUS SNAKES IN OHIO



Northern copperhead AKA Eastern copperhead

Watch for them around old buildings, old logging sawmill slab piles, rock crevices, and areas bordering wetlands and swamps where small mammals are present. They are also found in Leaf litter. Larger specimens may measure as much as three feet. However, most are much smaller than that, in the 20 to 30-inch range. The good news is this snake is only found in the southern and southeastern parts of the state.

Timber Rattlesnake

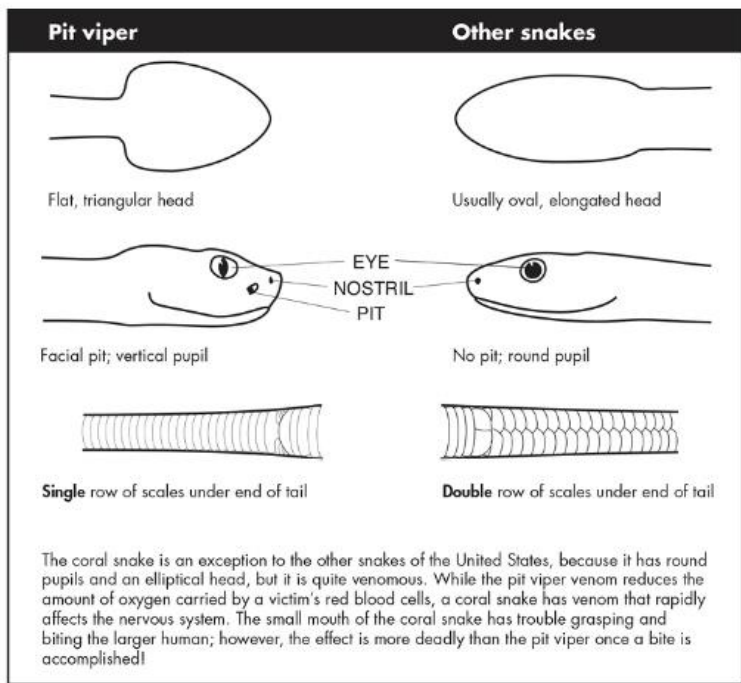
Eastern Timber Rattlesnakes are all about wooded areas. They will sun themselves where the sunlight penetrates the leaf canopy. Deep rock crevices are their preferred hibernating areas and den sites. This one is usually obvious to spot since it can grow to lengths of six feet. Although most specimens are in the 30-50-inch range. this species is usually only seen in the extreme southern parts of the state. Give this one a wide berth as it is considered one of the most dangerous snakes in North America and has some extremely potent venom.



Massasauga Rattlesnake

This is a small rattlesnake, reaching only about two feet maximum, making it hard to spot in many cases. This snake has a decent range across central and parts of northeastern Ohio. These snakes like to hunt in wet prairies, early succession fields, and sedge meadows. They are not fond of open waters. They are reclusive and on the endangered species list.





[Snakebites: Treatment & Prevention \(clevelandclinic.org\)](https://www.clevelandclinic.org/health/condition/snake-bites)

Venom vs poison

Venom is a poisonous toxin that enters your body through injection. A common way to understand the difference between poison and venom is:

- If you bite it and experience symptoms, it's poisonous.
- If something bites you and you experience symptoms, it's venomous

Ways that venom can affect the body

- Cytotoxins: Cause swelling and tissue damage wherever you've been bitten.
- Haemorrhagins: Disrupt your blood vessels.
- Anti-clotting agents: Prevent your blood from clotting.
- Neurotoxins: Cause paralysis or other damage to your nervous system.
- Myotoxins: Break down your muscles.

Managing snake bites - Ensure your scene is safe.

What you need to know

- Bites from venomous snakes can result in bleeding, paralysis, long term disability, and death
- Immobilize the bitten limb when transporting the patient to a medical facility; the universal use of pressure immobilization is controversial, and tourniquets are not recommended
- The 20-minute whole blood clotting test is a simple bedside test to screen for and monitor coagulopathy in resource-limited settings
- Assess vital parameters and initiate resuscitation measures if the patient is clinically unstable with signs of bleeding, shock, paralysis, or respiratory distress
- Intravenous antivenom is recommended in patients with systemic symptoms; the dose and type depend on likely snake species, local guidelines, and availability
- Don't forget to check your local protocol and follow that

You can google a list of hospitals that carry anti-venom as a reference. If you encounter a snakebite case, might be good to contact the hospital early and ensure they currently have venom in stock.

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[Ohio's 3 Venomous Snakes and How to Avoid Them \(wideopenspaces.com\)](https://www.wideopenspaces.com/ohio-3-venomous-snakes-and-how-to-avoid-them)

Country Concert '24

ONLY 150 tickets sold
IF INTERESTED CONTACT
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for tickets

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Country Concert '24 Raffle 0056

Winner Price includes
 \$25 per ticket purchased

Admission for 2 July 12th & 13th

Accommodations not included

Drawing June 23rd, 2024

Country Concert '24
 FORT LARAMIE, OHIO
 43rd Annual • July 11, 12, 13

Friday, July 12
LAINIE WILSON
 DUSTIN LYNCH • BIG & RICH FT. GRETCHEN WILSON • CRAIG MORGAN
 49 WINCHESTER • ANNE WILSON • LAUREN WATKINS • USA KARAOKE FINALS
 ABBY MILLER • THE SMALL TOWN BROTHERS • JULIA NEVILLE

Saturday, July 13
HARDY
 BAILEY ZIMMERMAN • CLINT BLACK • WARREN ZEIDERS • SARA EVANS
 KAMERON MARLOWE • COLT FORD • KOLBY COOPER • ELLA LANGLEY • RAYNE JOHNSON
 127 NORTH • ANDI JO TAYLOR • TRAE MYERS • RAYNE JOHNSON

Wednesday, July 10 - CAMPER PARTY with ASHLEY COOKE
 DYLAN SCHNEIDER • GREYLAN JAMES • JET JURGENSMAYER

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 CAMPING
 FUN

OHIO

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 Name _____
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 GREAT OPPORTUNITY

COUNTRY CONCERT '24 RAFFEL

**\$25/Ticket Winner gets
 Admission for 2 people for
 June Friday 12 & Saturday 13**

Only 150 Tickets to be sold

Drawing June 23,2024

**Do not need to be
 present to win**

**If you would like to sell or
 purchase tickets, see a board
 member, below is their contact
 information.**

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