



# Raven Reports

## Hold on to your hats! Prepare for a wild, wonderful & **WATERY** summer at Raven Hill!



Raven Hill has been chosen to host the national Smithsonian Museum on Main Street Water/Ways exhibit August 11 to September 23, 2018. In addition to this exhibit, a variety of water-related programs will be presented by Raven Hill and local water, history & arts organizations during the six weeks. Water/Ways is a chance to highlight the importance of northern Michigan's water as a natural resource to be treasured and for its historical and cultural impact. Check out the insert for a calendar of events and visit our website, [www.MiRavenHill.org/WaterWays](http://www.MiRavenHill.org/WaterWays), for more information and event details.

### GEAR Up for Water/Ways

Bring your family and friends and join other bikers to support Raven Hill Discovery Center. The Pedal, Pig & Pint ride is a bike touring opportunity to enjoy beautiful lake scenery, with a portion of the route along Lake Michigan and Lake Charlevoix. All levels of riders are welcome. Register at [bikereg.com](http://bikereg.com) or 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 5th. Start and finish at Boyne City Pavilion. For more information contact Holly Sasso at 517.231.3341.



**If you are a biker, the Pedal, Pig & Pint Bike Event is for you!**

**Sunday, August 5  
8am to 1pm**

**42 or 22 miles ride ~ All Levels  
\$45 registration  
Includes pig roast & a pint at  
Stiggs following the ride.**

### ~~~~~ Fish Invitational ~~~~~

The call is out to artists of any age and ability to create a fish for our School of Fish outdoor exhibit. Fish will be displayed on metal rods and be swimming in a school behind Raven Hill Schoolhouse. Deadline for submission is August 1, 2018. Fish must be weather-proof and can be created of glass, clay, metal, found objects or junk as fantasy or realistic fish! Sculptures should be 12 to 36 inches in size and will be on display during the Water/Ways exhibit. At the end of the exhibit, artists may choose to take their fish home or to have Auctioneer Scott McKenzie auction them off on Saturday, September 22, 2018, at a 4pm "Garden Party" with 50% going to the artist and 50% going to Raven Hill to help support Water/Ways programming.



**~ Summer Hours ~**

Monday - Friday 10am - 4 pm

Saturday 12 - 4 pm

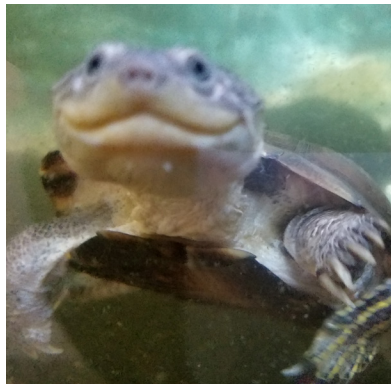
Sunday 2 - 4 pm



# Discovery Camps Are Perfect for Discovering!

Raven Hill's Discovery Camps are open to kids from 4 to 14 years old. Sign up today! Fees include admission to the museum during camp days. Bring a bag lunch, sunscreen, hat and bug spray. Some scholarships are available. There are also options for childcare before and/or after camp. Call 231.536.3369 or email [info@miravenhill.org](mailto:info@miravenhill.org) to register or for more information.

- **Art Camp: June 25th to 29th.** Explore the artist within and try your hand working with glass, clay, metal, fiber and wood. Take home your art to keep or give as a gift to someone special.
- **History Camp: July 9th to 13th.** Explore flags, maps, language and other forms of communication throughout history in History Camp. Make your own maps, flags and secret codes. Cook like a pioneer and have fun with some old-fashioned toys.
- **Nature Lovers Camp: July 23th to 27th.** Sponsored by Friends of the Jordan River. In conjunction with the Smithsonian Water/Ways exhibit in August & September, this camp will focus on the wonders of water, so bring your water gear and get ready to explore the pond, creek, swamp and rain gardens.
- **Science Camp: August 20th to the 24th.** Be a scientist for the week and explore the magic of chemistry and physics with a little earth and space science thrown in for good measure!

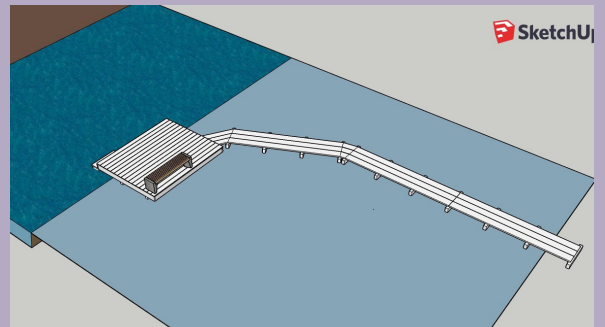


## Third Coast Conversations: Talking all things "WATER"

The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded Raven Hill Discovery Center \$5,000 for the grant program entitled "Third Coast Conversations". The grant will support a series of statewide public conversations taking place in 20 communities over two years that focus on the cultural, social, historical, and environmental factors that connect Michigan's people to their water. The project will be led by the Michigan Humanities in collaboration with their strong network of partner organizations across the state, including Raven Hill. The Third Coast Conversations project will take place during 2019 and 2020 and Raven Hill will focus on the role of water in shaping Michigan's human history. The Center's staff will attend a training this May with Adam Davis, Executive Director of the Oregon Humanities. Adam is revered across the country as the "guru" of community conversations and will assist participants with planning strong community dialogues about Water in Michigan.

## Deer Creek Project

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has approved Raven Hill Discovery Center's application to build a boardwalk and platform along Deer Creek at the Center's new Open Space. The boardwalk and platform is located on land that was acquired in 2017, giving the Center access to both sides of Deer Creek. Deer Creek is used by Raven Hill in several of its educational programs, most especially with its middle school career expo for water quality studies and during summer camps. The new boardwalk and platform will allow access to the creek away from Fuller Road, addressing current safety concerns for the younger campers. Little Traverse Conservancy will oversee the construction of the boardwalk and platform. Lowe's has generously offered to provide both materials and labor for the project.



# Luke Buck Watercolor Workshop

Luke Buck, watercolor artist, returns to Raven Hill for a 10th year to present a watercolor workshop. The workshop is scheduled for Thursday, June 28th and Friday, June 29th from 10am to 3pm each day. Cost is \$275 and lunch is furnished. In collaboration with the national "Smithsonian Museum on Main Street Water/Ways" exhibit that Raven Hill is hosting this summer, Luke has chosen the study of "Waterways in Watercolor" for the theme of the watercolor workshop this year. Using Luke's unique technique in transparent watercolor and gouache, the group will study painting landscape scenes depicting water in different forms, like lakes, streams, or waterfalls. The workshop is designed for the novice beginner, intermediate, or the more advanced & accomplished watercolor artist. Luke Buck, a native "Hoosier", grew up and studied art in Indiana. His nostalgic paintings of Americana landscapes and American wildlife show a love for life, art, and nature. Many "locals" here in northern Michigan appreciate his talents and enjoy collecting his paintings.



## FREE Second Saturdays Continue

Since 2010, FREE Second Saturdays have entertained local families from the area. Upcoming dates are June 9th, July 14th, August 11th, September 8th and beyond, so mark your calendars and come play in the hands-on museum, hold some animals and explore the outdoor exhibits. These days are free admission for families. No groups please. For more information or to sponsor a day, call 231-536-3369 or email [info@miravenhill.org](mailto:info@miravenhill.org).

## Changing it up! Summer Magic 2018 is becoming a Family Festival

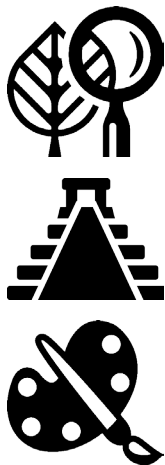
Raven Hill is reinventing its ANNUAL FUNDRAISER to meet its MISSION! Families, Guests & Sponsors will experience fun science, history & art for all ages! The new date and time is Saturday, July 28, 2018 from 4 pm to 8 pm, so plan to come and bring the whole family! Tickets are \$10 per person. Children one and under are free. Explore the hands-on museum, animals and outdoor exhibits & facilities, PLUS enjoy laser tag, drones, robotics, slime & more! Boyne Valley Lions will be there with their food truck. If you are interested in being an event, station or general sponsor, please call 231.536.3369 or email [info@miravenhill.org](mailto:info@miravenhill.org) for more information.





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Please make your check payable to Raven Hill Discovery Center, 4737 Fuller Road, East Jordan, MI 49727. All gifts are tax deductible to the fullest extent provided by law.



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