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Mission: Raven Hill provides a place that enhances hands-on and lifelong learning for all ages by connecting science, history & the arts.

To: Friends and Family everywhere
From: Cheri and Raven Hill
Date: March 5, 2022
Re: "Every day is a new day." -- Ernest Hemingway

Greetings, Everyone!

Mehmet Murat ildan, Turkish writer, suggests that "The New Year is a painting not yet painted; a path not yet stepped on; a wing not yet taken off! Things haven't happened as yet! Before the clock strikes twelve, remember that you are blessed with the ability to reshape your life!" That not only goes for January 1st, but for any day of the year!" In fact, Bob Saget, actor and comedian, was once quoted as saying, "Today is the first day of the rest of your life. And, if that doesn't work out for you, tomorrow is the first day of the rest of your life..."



It is starting to feel like "today" is the first day of post-pandemic life. Things are starting to shape up for the coming spring and summer seasons. Raven Hill is looking forward to completing the outdoor **Connections Trail** and the **Labor Days History Heritage & STEAM of Work** traveling exhibit. The Center is planning some events and programs. Teachers are booking field trips. Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District has scheduled the 29th annual Math-Science Middle School Career Expo. Free Second Saturdays are scheduled to return in May, unless any coronavirus spikes occur. Artist Luke Buck will be back in June for another watercolor workshop and parents are eager to register their children for Discovery Camp.



However, like many other businesses, Raven Hill is experiencing a staffing conundrum. We are in the process of hiring a camp director, camp assistant and museum staff person. After running our summer camp for the past three years, Haley Kozek has finished her degree, moved out of state and taken a job, so she will not be returning as camp director. Raven Hill is currently advertising with the local chambers and schools. The Center is also reaching out to any of you, who might know someone interested in working at Raven Hill. In the event that adequate staff cannot be hired, we are brainstorming alternatives to day camp. For example, years ago, we offered week-long summer classes for kids on various topics. Because classes are not regulated by the state, we can be more flexible in how we structure them and can get along with a smaller staff. It is not ideal, but it is a possible solution to the staffing situation. **Again, if you know someone who might be interested in working here this summer, please reach out to them and have them give us a call at 231.675.6025.**

Founder of Avoma and developer of an “automated note-taking process”, Aditya Kothadiya says, “Every day, we can restate our goals, retake our decisions, rethink our approach, rebuild our relationships...irrespective of how was our yesterday.” Raven Hill is committed to rethinking its approach to exhibits, events & programs, so the Center can continue to provide a place that enhances hands-on and lifelong learning for all ages by connecting science, history & the arts. Raven Hill remains a place where visitors can learn, create, grow and play.



*After a two-year hiatus due to the coronavirus, buses will be a welcome site at Raven Hill this spring as students enjoy year-end **field trips!** Volunteers will be needed, just in case you are interested!*

If you know someone, who would like to receive weekly updates, please send their email addresses to info@miravenhill.org. I will add their names to the list. Previous updates are available on our website— www.MiRavenHill.org. Please know that I enjoy hearing from you. Getting your texts, emails and phone calls always brightens my day.

Currently, Raven Hill is open to the public noon to 4pm on Saturdays and 2pm to 4pm on Sundays, plus any other time by appointment. You can call 231.536.3369 or email info@miravenhill.org for reservations. Be sure to schedule field trips, birthday parties or scout groups soon. The Smithsonian **Labor Days: History of Work** exhibit also remains on display during regular hours or by appointment.

Note: With the lifting of local mask mandates, Raven Hill is currently not requiring visitors to mask. The Center’s masking policy may be reinstated, if there is another spike in coronavirus cases.

Detailed information on coming events, exhibits and programs will be forthcoming. We are looking forward to seeing you here soon!



Participants build and test hovercrafts during the hands-on engineering session at the 2014 Career Expo. Middle school students always enjoy getting involved in hands-on career experiences.



*Luke Buck demonstrates a painting technique for students. Other than missing 2020, due to COVID restrictions, Luke has been teaching **Watercolor Workshops** at Raven Hill since 2008. Email info@miravenhill.org for information about the 2022 workshop!*



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Cheri