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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: August 7, 2021

Re: Weekly Update

Greetings to Everyone!

Campers enjoyed Pioneer Living during this last week of Discovery Camp for 2021. They made paper & pouches. A string of beads became a fancy bookmark. They found that a pile of sand was a great place to mold sand candles and create cobblestone roads. The Schoolhouse became a “real” pioneer school. Perhaps the highlight was picking blackberries, grinding flour and working together to make biscuits, butter and whipped cream for shortcake. What a feast, when everyone works together to make it happen!



*(Left) Using a mold and deckle, Scarlett makes paper from fiber.  
(Right) Ava and Nora show off their sand candles.*



*Discovery campers are almost camouflaged in front of the Triceratops panel. Campers took time out from Pioneer living to check out the two new dinosaur stations along the **Connections Trail**.*

Dinosaurs now populate two stations along the **Connections Trail**. T-rex and his fellow dinosaurs are actually visible from the main building, thanks to careful positioning by The Wood Shop, who framed and installed the fanciful paintings done by artist Kelly Boyle. All the dinosaurs are about half their actual size. Visitors will soon be able to compare their height to the dinosaurs in inches at T-rex station and in cubits at the Triceratops station which is further along the **Trail**.

The Garden Loom became the third new station installed along the **Connections Trail** this week! The Loom will soon be ready for visitors to pick weeds and weave them through the warp threads! It will be fun to see a participatory weaving take shape!



*(Left) The Garden Loom sported wedding colors in 2015. (Right) The relocated Garden Loom will soon be filled with visitors' weavings.*



*This untitled sculpture now graces the grounds at Raven Hill.  
Thank you, Joanne.*

Joanne Curtis chose Raven Hill as the location for this beautiful sculpture, which was created in the 1960's. "I am so very pleased that something I love will have a permanent home at Raven Hill Discovery Center, which provides such great educational opportunities in our area." The sculpture is the work of Joanne's sister, Mary Frances Golob. It was donated by Joanne, disassembled and transported by Erik Hess and re-installed at Raven Hill by volunteer Clayton Faivor. Thanks to everyone, who helped make this move happen so smoothly.

Finally, don't forget to mark your calendars for the **Labor Days—A History of Work** exhibit. Raven Hill Discovery Center has been working with the Smithsonian on a pilot project to develop this unique

humanities-based exhibition about local work history. The exhibition reflects the strong history and culture of work around Lake Charlevoix and connections to work in northern Michigan, the nation and around the world.

Regular hours this week—Monday through Friday—are 10am to 4pm. Daily hours will change on Saturday, August 14th for the **Labor Days—A History of Work** exhibit. **Labor Days** opens at 10am on the 14<sup>th</sup> and will remain open from 10am to 4pm daily through the end of the September. We welcome groups, such as school groups and service organizations, by appointment. Call 231.536.3369 or email [info@miravenhill.org](mailto:info@miravenhill.org) to set a date and time for your group to visit the **Labor Days** exhibit.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg once said, "Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time."

This is how change happens at Raven Hill—one step at a time. Come see all the changes that have occurred this summer and don't miss **Labor Days—A History of Work**.

Because of the new Delta variant and for the sake of the children, we continue ask everyone to mask up while inside. It is your choice to mask outside for your own protection. Please, do your part: get vaccinated, wash your hands thoroughly, wear your mask correctly, socially distance & stay away from large gatherings. We want to see you here again often, enjoying our old and new exhibits, both indoors & outside. Stay safe.



**AUGUST 14 TO SEPTEMBER 30  
10am to 4pm DAILY**

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