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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: June 4, 2022  
 Re: An action packed week!

Field trips continued this week with East Jordan, Ellsworth, Otsego Christian and Trinity Lutheran classrooms visiting. The weather cooperated for 235 students and 50 adults. Everyone enjoyed exploring the hands-on museum, holding the exotic animals and discovering the outdoor exhibits.

Staff split their week between helping with the field trips, preparing for Discovery Camp and working on the newest learning station along the Connections Trail. Ten wooden boxes that were once used to grow tortoise food were repurposed and used to illustrate different road construction materials, including corduroy roads, flagstone, concrete, cobblestone, brick, gravel, macadam, asphalt and cement.



Along the Connections Trail, the new **Road to Nowhere** illustrates ancient and modern types of road construction. What fun it is to walk along and feel the texture of the different road surfaces under your feet.



At Skara Brae in the Ancient World, students took a refreshing break from the heat. Sitting on the cool stone benches in the shade felt great. Can you imagine living in a house built over 5000 years ago, where everything was made of stone? The real Skara Brae is located on the Orkney Islands of Scotland and is older than Stonehenge and the Great Pyramids of Giza.



*In the Ancient World, these adventurous East Jordan third graders walked the Sweet Track, a replica of the ancient causeway found in England and dating to 3807 BCE (BC). Many early civilizations constructed raised pathways in swampy areas, allowing people to walk through the swamp and not have to walk all the way around it. There's no swamp here, but it's still fun to pretend that there is!*



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Summer hours are in effect between Memorial Day and Labor Day, when the Center is open weekdays from 10am to 4pm daily. In addition, Raven Hill is open all year round from noon to 4pm on Saturdays and 2pm to 4pm on

Sundays. Call 231.536.3369 or email [info@miravenhill.org](mailto:info@miravenhill.org) to make appointments for other times, including major holidays.

Cheri