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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
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 Re: Inside & out!

A total of 187 students and 22 teachers visited Raven Hill this week to explore the museum and outdoor exhibits. The weather cooperated for Alanson 3rd, 4th and 5th graders, as it did for Petoskey Lincoln Elementary 3rd graders and Bellaire John R. Rodger Elementary Kindergarten through 5th grade classrooms.



This young man discovered that two periscopes make great "bug eyes"! The Hands-on Museum Room is all about exploring and trying new things.

In addition to school groups visiting Raven Hill this week, the Center also hosted an after-school STEM Club. The group explored the museum; accepted the 10-Minute Rollaway Challenge; saw the Periodic Table of the Elements and its laser display; spent time looking at the Smithsonian **Labor Days History of Work** exhibit; had a tour of the Evolving Technology (ET) Building; visited the Ancient World with its ancient technology and even got to see some of the animals! That was a lot packed into a couple hours!



In the 1930's, many transients took to "riding the rails" looking for work. Here, Bellaire 2nd graders are "walking the rails" and using their sense of balance.



In the 1920's, jam sessions were popular with musicians outside of their regular paying jobs. Here at the Center, this jam session with 5th graders took place outside of their regular school "job"!

Ms. Davidson, 2nd grade teacher from Bellaire sent this email: "Thank you so much for having us visit Raven Hill Discovery Center yesterday! We all had so much fun! Some of our favorite things were the trails, getting to hold the snake and bearded dragon, and the museum. A lot of us are planning on visiting again this summer with our families."



The Rollaway is always popular, sometimes becoming a challenge between two teams to see which group can make the golf ball go the slowest.



Beards Brewery collaborated with Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council and Raven Hill to collect macroinvertebrates and other information on Deer Creek as baseline data to be compared with future statistics, once the culvert is replaced with a wooden bridge. Conservation Resource Alliance is working to make the bridge happen soon!



Haley Tasiemski, 2022 Discovery Camp Director, got her feet wet along with Beards Brewery staff. Caroline Keson from Tip of the Mitt led the adventure.



Macroinvertebrates are good indicators of a healthy stream. Deer Creek passed the test! Participants found a variety of invertebrates in varying stages of development. The top one is a damselfly nymph and the bottom one is a dragonfly nymph.

Here's another reminder for you to save these dates!

- The Smithsonian **Labor Days: History of Work** exhibit is on display during regular hours or by appointment through all of 2022.
- **Discovery Camp** begins June 20th and runs from 10am to 2pm Monday thru Friday. There are 7 weeks of camp. Spaces are still available for some of the camps. There is no camp scheduled for July 4-8, due to the Fourth of July holiday. Call email info@miravenhill.org or call 231.536.3369 for more information.
- **Luke Buck's 13th Annual Watercolor Workshop** is Thursday, June 23rd and Friday, June 24th from 10am to 3pm each day. There are 3 openings left. Call 231.536.3369 to register.
- **Celebrate 30 Years!** Raven Hill has been connecting science, history and the arts, since 1992. Join us on Sunday, July 10th from noon to 4pm to remember the past 30 years and welcome the next 30 years! Look for more information to follow!
- Raven Hill's fourth annual **Pedal Pig & Pint Bike Tour** event is August 7th for all of you who like to ride bikes. Go to www.bikereg.org to register for road or mountain biking.
- The **Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra** will perform at 7pm on Thursday, August 11th. Mark your calendar and come enjoy an outdoor concert here at Raven Hill.

Summer hours will be in effect between Memorial Day and Labor Day, when the Center is open weekdays from 10am to 4pm daily, plus regular weekend hours. Raven Hill is open year round to the public from noon to 4pm on Saturdays and 2pm to 4pm on Sundays, plus other times by appointment. The Center will only be open by appointment on Monday, July 4th, due to the holiday. You can call 231.536.3369 or email info@miravenhill.org for reservations.

This is Memorial Day weekend. We will be open regular weekend hours, from noon to 4pm on Saturday and 2pm to 4pm on Sunday. On Memorial Day itself, we ask that you call 231.536.3369, if you would like to visit us. Have a wonderful weekend.

Cheri



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