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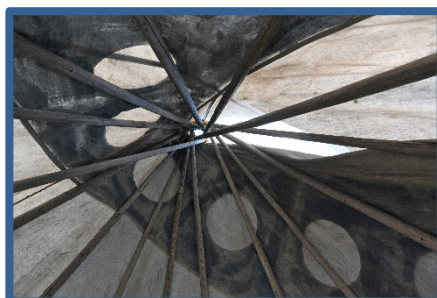
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Mission: Raven Hill provides a place that enhances hands-on and lifelong learning for all ages by connecting science, history & the arts.

To: friends and family everywhere
From: Cheri and Raven Hill
Date: September 12, 2020

Thanks to Networks Northwest and the Michigan Small Business Restart program for their grant award of \$10,000 to give Raven Hill working capital for operational expenses until we can safely open again. And thanks to everyone in this wonderful community for their continued support during these strange times.

Thanks also to Gary and Cheryl Mapes for the tipi donation! It will be a great addition to the main campus for next summer and a perfect start on our outdoor technology timeline of energy, transportation and shelter that will finish off the Evolving Technology exhibit. Thanks also to Ed May, Gary Mapes and Max Sasso for their help in transporting and storing the tipi for us!



(Above right) Two poles are used to control the smoke flap vent at the top of the tipi. In the daylight hours, the vent would be open for lighting and when building a new fire. (Right) Look for this tipi, also tepee or teepee, at Raven Hill next summer. Traditionally covered with animal skins over the wooden poles, modern tipis usually have a canvas covering. Historically, the tipi was used by the Indigenous people of the Plains of North America. Early in Raven Hill's history, Lola Greatwalker and her 5 kids stayed in a tipi at the Center, while Lola taught classes for us.

Yesterday was a day of remembrance. Most of us recall exactly where we were during the terror attacks nineteen years ago—four hijacked planes. Two would fly into the World Trade Center, one into the Pentagon and a fourth was brought down by the passengers of Flight 93 in Pennsylvania. September 11, 2001 is one of those dates that we, who experienced it, will never forget. These times are also about the COVID-19 that continues to ravage our country and our world. It is about climate change and the wildfires burning out of control along the west coast, poisoning the air and destroying lives. Again, we will remember and again, our lives will be forever changed. But, Henry David Thoreau gives us hope: "What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us." We shall survive and be stronger for it all.

Please, be tough, stay safe and keep in touch. Email me anytime at info@miravenhill.org or call my cell—231.675.6025.

Take care, *Cheri*