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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 everywhere
From: Cheri and Raven Hill
Date: November 5, 2022
Re: *Coming and Going!*

It's been three months, since Raven Hill Discovery Center sponsored their third community mural painting. Several families used their artistic talents to help paint two new signs for Raven Hill. Artist Kelly Boyle facilitated the sign painting last August and Dave Clapp mounted both signs this week.



Kelly Boyle of Okemos shares her love of color and design with participants in the mural painting. Over the years, she has gotten the whole community painting process "down to a science".



*Thea and Drake donned aprons and helped paint the murals during the August **FREE Second Saturday** event. Keep an eye out for the next mural painting event and join us to express your own inner artistic spirit!*

"I love to watch everyone as they paint," Boyle says. "Some approach painting with trepidation, but when nudged, they will try it. You can see a deep concentration, joy and satisfaction on their faces as they paint. The colors are so vibrant and rich."



Visitors coming to the Center turn off C-48 and take the short jog on Pearsall Road before turning on Fuller Road. There, the **Raven Hill Discovery Center** sign welcomes and intrigues with its promise to connect science, history and art.



As drivers travel Pearsall Road, approaching the C-48 and Fuller Road junctions, they are now invited to visit Raven Hill, including the outdoor exhibit, **"Exploring beyond Jurassic Park"** and all the other indoor & outdoor exhibits at the Center.



Coming up the hill to the Center, the **"Raven Hill"** sign repeats itself, including the phone number so you can call for a ride, if the hill seems too icy or daunting! Alternatively, you can take up the challenge and keep your foot on the gas until you crest the hill.....



Now, driving down the hill, the new sign thanks visitors and reminds them once again of the new friends they made during their visit—Sheldon the tortoise, Checkers the corn snake and Spike the bearded dragon.

"A sign on the road does nothing to change where that road is going," says author Craig Lounsborough. While that's true, the two new artwork signs featured in this update now add color and fun along the bumpy gravel road leading to and from the Center. On your next visit to Raven Hill, look for the newest community mural paintings and enjoy the drive over the creek and up the hill!

Current hours are noon to 4pm on Saturdays and 2pm to 4pm on Sundays and other times by appointment. Consider bringing family and friends out to enjoy a fun afternoon of discovery and exploration, especially over the fast approaching Thanksgiving weekend! Call 231.536.3369 to make reservations for your visit.

Take care,

Cheri