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To: Friends and Family everywhere From: Cheri and Raven Hill Date: July 31, 2021 Re: Weekly Update

Greetings!

This past week was Nature Lovers Camp. The focus was Plants & Animals. Campers explored all manner of living things. They got to spend extra time in the Animal Room and even watched the snakes eat. They went froggin' around at the Watershed model, as well as the pond. Campers enjoyed making plant presses. They pressed leaves and flowers, which they used to decorate notecards. They dissected flowers and seeds. One day, campers went for a mushroom hike. Everyone made cricket cages or bug houses! There were rousing games of Reptile Bingo and all the campers used their Discovery Scopes to see ants and things up close. Both the Nature Lovers Water Camp and Plants & Animals Camp were sponsored in part by Friends of the Jordan River. We thank them for their support.



One of the week's highlights was getting comfortable with mealworm beetles. The bearded dragons love eating their "lizard hotdogs". The campers also discovered that the lizards like real "people food"! They gobbled up their green beans!



Kirby Snively performed some very special chainsaw art to frame two pieces of slate board that Raven Hill had been saving for just such a project!

The Sketching Station magically appeared along the Connections Trail this week. It's perfect for playing Tic-tac-toe, a game that can be traced back to ancient Egypt. Alternatively, those who feel the urge can express the artist or author within by

creating a drawing or poem. There may be other visitors, who just want to sit a spell and enjoy the wildflowers. Whatever you choose, the Sketching Station is sure to be a hit with everyone.

Raven Hill has been a busy place this summer. We provide a place that connects science, history and the arts for everyone! Regular hours are 10am to 4pm weekdays, noon to 4pm on Saturdays, 2pm to 4pm on Sundays and other times by appointment. Because of the new Delta variant and for the sake of the children, we continue ask everyone to mask up while inside and even outside, if you desire for your own protection. 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 soon, enjoying our old and new exhibits, both indoors & outside. Stay safe.

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