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is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt corporation.

Open year-round on weekends – noon to 4pm Saturdays and 2pm to 4pm Sundays.  
Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, hours expand to include weekdays from  
10am to 4pm. The Center is also open other times, including holidays, by appointment.

**MISSION:** to provide a place that enhances hands-on and lifelong  
learning for all ages by connecting science, history and the arts.

WHERE **SCIENCE****HISTORY****AND****ART** CONNECT

To: Raven Hill friends and supporters  
From: Cheri  
Date: May 18, 2024  
Re: Here & Now and Beyond

Tuesday and Wednesday of this past week, Raven Hill hosted its 30<sup>th</sup> Non-traditional Science/Mathematics Career Expo for middle school students. Sponsored by Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District (Char-Em ISD) since 1993, the hands-on career sessions give students a “real” feel for a variety of careers.



*A surveying career may appeal to students. Surveyors work in a variety of settings, play a crucial role in planning, utilize advanced technology; engage in complex problem-solving; AND surveyors are in consistent demand!*



*Students pack sand in preparation for casting. Engineering as a career can be exciting! Engineers tackle complex problems and create innovative solutions. They collaborate, work in diverse fields, impact society and are at the forefront of technology. Engineering skills are in demand worldwide, plus there is strong job stability.*

This year, career presentations included culinary arts, surveying, forestry, physical therapy, 3D printing, emergency medical services, alternative energy, musician, engineering and fisheries. About 150 students from Emmet, Charlevoix and Northern Antrim

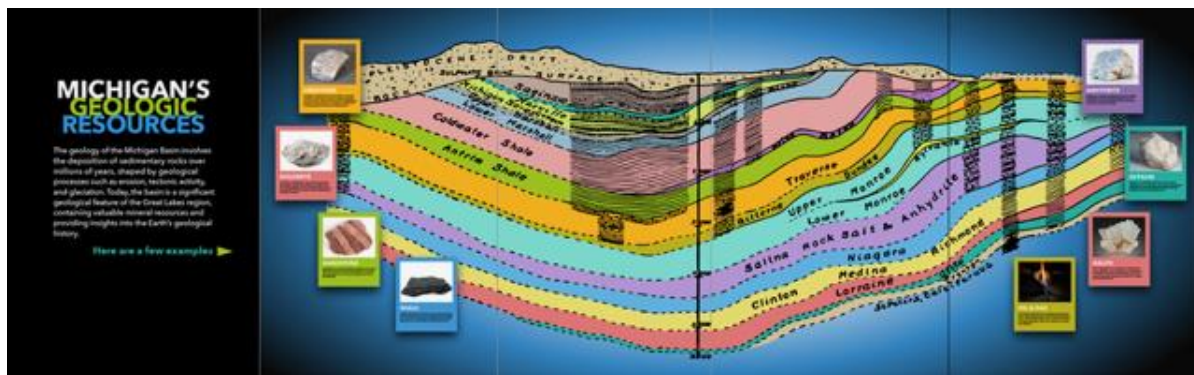
County schools gained hands-on experiences and left with a good sense of potential future careers. Raven Hill would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who gave of their time and expertise to make this special experience happen for area youth and to Char-Em ISD for underwriting these events over the years.

Field trips continued this week with Gaylord South Maple 1<sup>st</sup> graders and Kingsley 4<sup>th</sup> graders visiting. The weather cooperated for the 189 students and 43 adults participating. Everyone enjoyed exploring the hands-on museum, holding the exotic animals and discovering the outdoor exhibits.

Summer classes begin June 17 and continue through August 15. The **Summer Adventure Classes for Kids (SACK)** Program offers a range of exciting and educational activities for kids. Participants may embark on nature hikes, explore outdoor exhibits, engage in science experiments or create art projects. The **SACK** Program encourages experiential learning, where kids actively engage with the subject matter, sparking curiosity and critical thinking.



Raven Hill is excited to announce the opening celebration of our latest exhibit, **Under Michigan & Beyond**, a captivating exploration of Michigan and Earth’s geological wonders. This immersive and ever-evolving exhibit will be on display from May 25, 2024, to December 31, 2025, offering visitors a unique opportunity to delve into the rich geological history of Michigan and beyond. **Under Michigan & Beyond** opens Saturday, May 25, 2024, and the opening is free to the public. Opening celebration hours are noon to 4pm. Below is a peek at the coming exhibit!



*The geology of the Michigan Basin involves the deposition of sedimentary rocks over millions of years, shaped by geological processes such as erosion, tectonic activity, and glaciation. Today, the basin is a significant geological feature of the Great Lakes region, containing valuable mineral resources and providing insights into the Earth's geological history.*

Keep following throughout the year for information about “Under Michigan & Beyond” events like DumDum’s 20<sup>th</sup> birthday party in 2025 and ongoing workshops like polishing Petoskey stones, crafting your own Inukshuk, starting your own rock collection, taking guided rock walks and more!

Spring is a wonderful time to visit the Center. Raven Hill is open weekends—noon to 4pm on Saturdays; 2pm to 4pm on Sundays, as well as holidays and other times by appointment. Beginning May 28, we will also be open weekdays from 10am to 4pm. Admission is \$10 per person. Please note that we often host field trip groups this time of year, but welcome families to come explore at the same time! The Center is also a perfect place for scout and 4H activities, birthday parties for youngsters & adults, retreats, weddings and other gatherings. For more information, email [info@miravenhill.org](mailto:info@miravenhill.org) or call Cheri at 231.536.3369.

Until next time, **Cheri**