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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: May 7, 2022
 Re: Spring happenings!

What a week we had here at Raven Hill. It started on Monday with our first Volunteer Day, since March of 2020 with the COVID lockdown. The turnout was small, but those who came to help out whittled away at tasks on the “famous” refrigerator list! Lots was accomplished indoors and outside. Everyone enjoyed a great potluck lunch afterwards.

Other volunteers came out to help individually throughout the week. Dave Clapp cut up all the trees that the winter & spring windstorms brought down, getting them off the trails and out of the parking lot. Dave is also

working to repair the rail along the ramp at the treehouse that was damaged by falling trees. The great thing about all the downed trees in the woods is that now there are plenty of log balance beams for visitors to enjoy on their way to and from the treehouse. Jean VanDam helped to open things back up for spring. She and Haley uncovered the granite bench and lithophone for the spring and summer season, picked up small branches along the Jurassic Park pathway and repopulated Jurassic Park with all the small sculptures that get brought inside for the winter months. Boyne Mountain dropped off the Center’s golf carts that they take care of over the winter and Wilson Town Hall donated four picnic tables, which will be a great spot for lunch, snack or just to sit a spell in the Ancient World or along the Connections Trail.



New Camp Director, Haley Tasiemski (second from left), joined right in to help on Volunteer Day, which was also her first day “on the job”! She has started learning the ropes here at the Center and we are glad to have her help.



Thanks to Wilson Town Hall’s donation, picnic tables now offer an inviting place to sit and rest or eat a little snack while walking the Connections Trail.

Raven Hill Board members met this week and welcomed new board member, Aaron Nemeć. They were also introduced to 2022 camp directors and summer staffers, Haley Tasiemski and Karen Burgess, before they got to work planning Raven Hill’s next 30 years! We thank everyone who gives of their time and talents to make Raven Hill the wonderful place that it is for visitors of all ages.



It took volunteers 4 hours to clean up five downed trees along the road, Connections Trail and parking lot.



Volunteer, Dave Clapp, works to repair the railing along the treehouse ramp.

On Friday, Mrs. Kristina Ruckman, Ms. Grace Carwile, and their group of 2nd and 3rd graders from Concord Academy Boyne visited. Mrs. Ruckman later emailed this: "Thank you so much for the wonderful learning experience at Raven Hill yesterday. Our kiddos had THE BEST DAY! At Raven Hill Discovery Center, 2nd and 3rd graders got to experience the science and history of the world around us! We made connections to our classroom learning of animals and ecosystems, as we held snakes and lizards and explored the wetlands boardwalk. After a time-traveling hike to the Ancient World, we climbed the great pyramid of Giza, ran into the sphinx, and visited the Easter Island head. There is something new to explore, connect to, and learn at every turn! Raven Hill brought science and history to life for our students with a fun-filled and engaging day!"



During a winter windstorm, several trees came down in the woods behind the Schoolhouse. The damage to the treehouse ramp is being repaired by volunteer, Dave Clapp. The downed trees have become balance beams for visitors to enjoy. Try walking one on your next visit to Raven Hill.



Concord Academy Boyne students take a break at the obelisk in the Ancient World. When you visit, look for the tip of the obelisk's shadow. You can figure out the date and the time using the labeled bricks that form arcs by the limestone pillar.

Remember, this coming Saturday, May 14th, is **FREE (Families Reaching for Educational Excellence) Second Saturday**. These special days are back for the warmer months of 2022 on a trial basis. From May through October, Raven Hill will offer free admission for families each second Saturday from noon to 4pm. NO groups, please, as we need all parents to be watching their own children. We are also limiting the indoor time, as we want our visitors to socially-distance and stay safe in these times of continuing pandemic concerns. Families will be given a group number and a time to visit indoors. With all of the outdoor exhibits, like the Music Garden, Jurassic Park Walk, Schoolhouse, Treehouse, Ancient World, Taxi Trail and the new Connections Trail, families will have plenty of things to explore outside! The 2022 **FREE Second Saturdays** honor Diane Strzelinski, a Raven Hill volunteer and supporter for more than 25 years. If **you** are interested in volunteering at Raven Hill, please email info@miravenhill.org. We could use your help.

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. You can call 231.536.3369 or email info@miravenhill.org for reservations. Summer hours are in effect between Memorial Day and Labor Day, when the Center is open weekdays from 10am to 4pm daily, plus the regular weekend hours.

"All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."—Abraham Lincoln



Happy Mother's Day, Moms!

Cheri



We sure are glad to have our two "work horses" back to help us haul anything & everything! Thanks, Boyne Mountain!



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