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To: Raven Hill friends
From: Cheri
Date: August 3, 2024
Re: The Domino Effect

The first domino



Every detail of Raven Hill's day, week and month needs to be recreated at the Open Space, including moving the trash pickup site.

The first big domino has fallen! The seemingly uneventful act of relocating Raven Hill's dumpster last Thursday has set off a long-awaited chain reaction of events. If all goes as planned, Fuller Road will close on or around August 15 and in about four months, the road will re-open with a timber bridge replacing the current culvert. Deer Creek will be restored to its natural state and the crossing will be safer for visitors coming to visit Raven Hill.

Out of the bag



Just like it's almost impossible to get that sleeping bag back into its bag, an inflatable tent is just as hard to get into an oversized plastic tote, let alone the bag that came with it! Thanks go to this visiting family for their valiant try!

Tent times two



Two inflatable domes will serve as the **Pop-up Museum** and house miniatures of items found in the Main Museum's Discovery Room.

Some dominoes have quietly fallen already, like ordering two inflatable dome tents and blowers, purchasing storage totes for the tents and designing colorful flags to attract passersby attention. Now the chain reaction is picking up speed with each action quickly leading to the next one.

Next steps in "the domino effect" include delivery of a temporary storage container on August 7, the arrival of a generator as an electrical source on August 8, installation of a temporary propane tank on August 9 and the flags coming on August 10. A snow fence to separate the construction area from the **Pop-up Main Museum** and signs to designate a parking area for visitors' cars are also part of the mix.

When all is said and done, Raven Hill's **Pop-up Main Museum** will soon be ready for a dry run and officially open for business the same day that Fuller Road closes, which is currently scheduled for August 15. At that point, the Main Museum at the Center will be closed and temporarily replaced by the **Pop-up Main Museum** at the Open Space, avoiding the need for visitors to take a three-mile detour!

Those who are adventurous and want to enjoy more of the Raven Hill "experience" can take the detour and explore the outdoor exhibits and facilities, including the Music Garden, Jurassic Park walk, Schoolhouse, Treehouse, Connections Trail and Ancient World.

The Main Museum will be open by reservation only. The **Pop-up Main Museum** will house "Museum To Go" objects, providing visitors with an opportunity to interact with light, sound, motion, magnets, music, earth science and life science, just as they normally would, only on a smaller scale. Checkers the corn snake and Spike the bearded dragon will be there at the Open Space to greet visitors and give everyone a chance to interact with their favorite orphans.

As a last hurrah before the road closes, you are invited to join us at Raven Hill for a magical evening under the stars as we watch for meteors together on August 11th. Rod Cortright, NASA ambassador, will present a short pre-program about the causes of meteor showers. The indoor program begins at 8:30pm and then everyone will reconvene near the Observatory up by the Schoolhouse at sunset, which is around 9pm. Grab blankets or chairs, bring your friends and family and enjoy the breathtaking spectacle of shooting stars lighting up the night sky. Don't miss this enchanting experience. We look forward to seeing you there! Please register by emailing info@miravenhill.org or calling 231.536.3369. This event is weather dependent, so check in with Raven Hill, if the skies are cloudy or if it's raining. Our fingers are crossed that the weather cooperates for this spectacular evening!

Raven Hill will be open to visitors during regular hours while the bridge is under construction. Those hours are daily through the end of August—10am to 4pm on weekdays, noon to 4pm on Saturdays and 2pm to 4pm on Sundays. As usual, between Labor Day and Memorial Day, the Center is open Saturdays from noon to 4pm and Sundays from 2pm to 4pm, as well as by appointment during the week and on holidays. Admission will be \$5 per person at the **Pop-up Main Museum**, reduced from the usual \$10 per person. Feel free to call Cheri at 231.536.3369 or email info@miravenhill.org to make reservations, for more information or with any questions you might have.

Cheri

