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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: July 30, 2022
Re: camp and coming events

Greetings Everyone!

It was great to have campers here this week. They hiked to the **Ancient World**, walked around the **Connections Trail**, spent time at the **Treehouse** and caught & released more than 25 frogs at the **Pond**. Campers explored the concept of gravity by creating a pencil balance to illustrate the center of gravity of an object. Center of gravity is the point where the object's weight is evenly dispersed and all sides are in balance. They also printed animal tracks, crafted and tested foam sailboats; made marbled paper and created notecards. The older campers even spent time using their artistic skills to create fused glass pendants.



In 2005, campers discovered this blue frog enjoying Raven Hill Pond. Blue frogs lack yellow pigment and yellow frogs lack blue pigment. Green frogs have both blue & yellow pigments making them green in color!



Froggin' around at the pond is always a favorite activity for campers. No blue frogs have been spotted so far this year!

Besides campers, there were plenty of families visiting, both new to the Center and returning guests. Everyone is always pleasantly

surprised at the variety of exhibits they can explore both indoors and outside.



Ribbon cutting at Raven Hill

Left to right, Raven Hill volunteers Marilyn Rader & Maureen Tasiemski, camp director Haley Tasiemski, Cheri, Scott Langton from Lyric Theater, Raven Hill volunteer Yvonne Pentecost, Joe Custer and Bonnie Kulp from Harbor Springs Chamber of Commerce.

On Thursday, the Center hosted a ribbon cutting with Harbor Springs Chamber of Commerce. Scott

Langton, Executive Director representing Lyric Theater, was present, along with Bonnie Kulp, Chamber Director. The Theater is sponsoring a Chamber membership for Raven Hill, so that residents of Harbor Springs can be kept current with events and programs offered here at Raven Hill. Thanks, Bonnie and Scott for making this all a reality! It is going to be a great partnership.



Checkers, the corn snake, is hanging out with his new friend!

One last reminder that next Sunday, August 7th, you can support Raven Hill Discovery Center (RHDC) and Top Of Michigan Mountain Bike Association (TOMMBA) by participating in the **Pedal, Pig, and Pint Bike Tour**. Choose your wheels, ride at your level and your pace, or challenge yourself to the **Road to Trail Challenge** or the **Twin Trails Challenge**. All riders must register and sign a waiver at Veterans Park in Boyne City between 7:30am and 10:30am the day of the event. After the ride, meet at Stiggs for lunch and a pint (or soft drink of your choice). Please support Raven Hill Discovery Center and Top Of Michigan Mountain Bike Association. Register online at



bikereg.com/pedal-pig-pint-for-raven-hill-discovery-center-and-TOMMBA or at Veterans Park before you start your ride. You can download a flyer at www.miravenhill.org for more information or in case you want to share this wonderful opportunity with family and friends. For more information or details on the bike event, contact Holly at 517.231.3341. If you don't ride or can't ride, you can still donate to help with programming at Raven Hill. You can always make a general donation online at www.MiRavenHill.org or snail-mail a check to 4737 Fuller Rd, East Jordan, MI 49727. Call Cheri at 231.536.3369 or email info@miravenhill.org for answers to any "non-bike event" questions you might have.

A **Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra** concert will be held here on Thursday, August 11th at 7pm. The duo of Lynn Hansen on the Oboe and English horn along with Ann Schoelles on the Viola will entertain guests with music from



Michigan's lumbering era to the present. Musicians have enhanced workers' lives during community events and gatherings, worship services and celebrations. This is a **free** outdoor concert on the grounds of Raven Hill with wine & cheese served afterwards, giving you a chance to wander through the indoor and outdoor exhibits at the Center. Please RSVP to info@miravenhill.org and let us know that you are planning to attend. We want to make sure there is enough seating. You can download a flyer at www.miravenhill.org in case you want to share this wonderful opportunity with family and friends.

Saturday, August 13th is another **FREE** (Families Reaching for Educational Excellence) **Second Saturday** here at Raven Hill. Perhaps you have never been to Raven Hill; haven't visited in a while to see all the changes or maybe you just want to take advantage of free admission? Whatever the reason, we invite you and your family to join us for an afternoon of discovery. Due to the ongoing pandemic, we are limiting the numbers inside the museum at any given time and our animal "shows" are a shortened version, but there is plenty to explore outdoors and it is a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon. **FREE Second Saturdays** are currently only scheduled for the warm months. They will continue

through October 2022 and then resume in May 2023. These special days are free admission for families only. No groups please. For more information or to sponsor a day, email info@miravenhill.org or call Cheri at 231.536.3369.

Summer hours are in effect for another month. Raven Hill is open weekdays from 10am to 4pm through Friday, September 2nd. Starting Saturday, September 3rd, Raven Hill will be open weekends—noon to 4pm on Saturdays; 2pm to 4pm on Sundays and then other times by appointment. Call 231.536.3369 or email info@miravenhill.org to make reservations for visiting friends & relatives or any special occasion, including major holidays. Remember to mark your calendars. Register for the **Pedal Pig & Pint Bike Tour**; RSVP for the **Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra** concert; join us for **FREE Second Saturday** or just come spend a day exploring all that is new at Raven Hill.

Cheri