

WHERE SCIENCE HISTORY AND ART CONNECT

To: Raven Hill friends

From: Cheri

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Re: igniting young potential

Every child who walks through Raven Hill's doors carries with them a spark of possibility—an artist who sees beauty where others see blank space, and a scientist who wonders “why?” and “what if?” With each hands-on activity, that spark grows stronger and brighter.

We see it when a child carefully balances a pencil sculpture they've built from found materials, testing angles until it stands exactly right. We see it when they kneel by the pond, peering into the water with the same curiosity that fuels great discoveries. These moments aren't just about art or science—they're about unlocking a child's confidence and the belief that they can shape the world around them.

Same folds, different outcomes



The Shibori handkerchiefs turned out beautifully AND no dyes got spilled! Thank you, Thomas Mann of Great Lakes Energy, for taking this beautiful picture and for delivering the donation check that was awarded to Raven Hill as the Northern Region winner of the Great Lakes Energy Community Grant Giveaway.

Catch & release at the pond



Careful hands and curious minds meet snapping turtles up close.

At Raven Hill, we believe every child carries both an artist's creativity and a scientist's curiosity. This summer, we've watched young minds light up as they design, build, sculpt, experiment, and ask questions that stretch the imagination. One moment they're mixing colors to create the perfect pattern on a Shibori scarf and the next they're testing their foam sailboats on a wading pool “lake.”

Whether they're shaping Sculpy clay, decorating a hat, exploring center of gravity, or reading the time on their hand-crafted sundial, these experiences help kids see that art and science aren't separate worlds—they're partners in discovery. In every project, they're not just learning skills—they're learning how to think, create and explore with confidence.

Raven Hill is where the next generation of innovators, problem-solvers and dreamers begin to see themselves as both artists and scientists—capable of imagining something wonderful and making it real. At the Center, we don't just teach skills. We nurture the potential within every child—because the next great idea, invention, or masterpiece might just start right here at Raven Hill.

Decorating your own hat



Designers at work transform hats into wearable masterpieces.

Reading time on sundials



At Raven Hill's sundial, the boys use their sundials to tell time the old-fashioned way: by using the sun.

Summer hours are still in effect. Raven Hill is open weekdays from 10am to 4pm; Saturdays from noon to 4pm; and Sundays from 2pm to 4pm, as well as holidays and other times by appointment. Admission is \$10 per person. In addition to classes, workshops and events, Raven Hill is also a perfect place for scout and 4H activities, birthday parties for youngsters & adults, retreats, weddings and other gatherings. For more information, call Cheri at 231.536.3369 or email info@miravenhill.org

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Fluorescent dolls



These dolls look awesome under ultraviolet (black) light.

Sailboats



Summer class students are ready to test how design, balance and wind work together to move their Styrofoam sailboats across the water.

Found Music



Strips of pipe insulation suspend pieces of wood, metal & stone, creating different musical notes!

Pencil balance



The center of gravity makes balancing this easy and magical.