

Raven Reports



Charlevoix County Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Council spent their service-learning day with Raven Hill and donated more than 56 hours of service to help the Center! THANK YOU YAC-ERS!

Trains and Things



Special Exhibit

March 28 - April 20

For those local residents, who are not traveling over spring break and for visitors to beautiful Northern Michigan, the anticipation is building at Raven Hill Discovery Center. This year, the excitement is all about trains! "Trains & Things"

invites visitors to explore railroad memorabilia and get involved with some engineering challenges. Kevin McGinty of Boyne City will have a model train up and running, complete with a working circus. The Center will have train artifacts from its collection on display and invites others in the community to share their love of trains as part of the Center's "Trains & Things" Exhibit. Whether you have old photos and postcards or old railroad spikes that you found as a kid, we would love to include your historical memorabilia in this exciting exhibit. The "Trains & Things" Exhibit is sponsored in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) through Raven Hill's 2016 Operational Grant award. The exhibit runs daily from 10 am to 4 pm starting Saturday, March 28 through Wednesday, April 20. Please note that this special exhibit will not be open during FREE Second Saturday on April 9.

Upcoming Events

Visit our website or call for more information about upcoming events.

March 15

Happy Hour @ RHDC for those interested in joining our Board. RSVP.

March 24 & 25

Discovery Days Open 12 - 4pm

March 27 Closed

March 28 Start of Spring hours!

Open Mon - Fri 10am - 4pm,

Sat 12 - 4pm, Sunday 2 - 4pm

March 28 - April 20 (except April 9)

Model Train Exhibit

April 4

Volunteer Workday & Potluck

10am - 2pm

April 9

FREE Second Saturday 12 - 4pm

April 14

East Jordan Chamber Business After Hours at Raven Hill 5 - 7pm

April 20

Join us at E-Cubed event in East Jordan

May 1

Annual Spring Open House 12 - 4pm

May 2

Volunteer Workday & Potluck

10am - 2pm

May 14

FREE Second Saturday 12 - 4pm

Discovery Camps 2016

We will be hosting 3 weeks of summer Discovery Camps for kids, 4 - 14 years old, with both morning and afternoon sessions, or campers can come for the entire day. For more information, including registration, call 231.536.3369 or check out our website: www.RavenHillDiscoveryCenter.org.

June 20 - 24:

10am - noon Nature

12:30 - 2:30pm Art to Wear

July 25 - 29:

10am - noon Art Explorations

12:30 - 2:30pm Time Travel

August 8 - 12:

10am - noon Ancient History

12:30 - 2:30pm STEM

It's
**HAPPY
HOUR**
COME & JOIN US

Raven Hill Discovery Center is looking for new board members. Join us March 15, 2016 from 5:30 - 7pm for catered appetizers, wine and an opportunity to learn what it means to be on our Board of Directors. Adults of any experience level are welcome.

Have you thought about joining a board before, but didn't know what was required? If you are interested in science, history or art; if you love the outdoors; if you are passionate about making education fun again for everyone; if you are inspired to bring more affordable arts opportunities to our community, then our Board may be the place for you.

Join us at Raven Hill for appetizers, provided by Bella Vita Restaurant, and a drink on Tuesday, March 15 from 5:30 to 7 pm. Meet our current and other potential board members from 5:30 – 6pm. From 6 – 7pm we will host a short presentation on what it means to be on a board. You will have a chance to socialize and enjoy some great food, get an idea about being on a board and consider whether Raven Hill Discovery Center might be the right fit for you! We are looking for up to five new board members to join our team; no experience necessary (we are all learning together.)

Please RSVP by Monday, March 14th, and let us know if you want to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about getting involved with Raven Hill Discovery Center as a board member.

RSVPs accepted via Facebook, EventBrite, phone or email.

Top 10 under 40

Our new Director of Administration, Caitlin Koucky, was named one of Northern Michigan's Top 10 Under 40 by the Petoskey News Review. Readers sent in nominations and 10 finalists were selected. They represent the brightest and most inspiring young professionals and volunteers in our community. Caitlin was acknowledged for her new leadership position at Raven Hill, her 7 years' experience working for non-profits and her volunteer activities within our community. In addition to her full time position and pursuing her Master's in Nonprofit Management, Caitlin co-chairs Project Connect! We are proud to have Caitlin on our team.



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Co-Founder & CEO

Caitlin Koucky
Director of Administration

Special Thanks to all our Volunteers!

Thank you to our Volunteer Crew for making cookie plates and folding newsletters! East Jordan Elementary 5th & 6th graders helped clean up before Christmas. Brent Moore provided hours of volunteer work before heading back to Hong Kong. Jean Van Dam, Sean Pumford and Jill Solomon came to help us sort, purge, and organize! Susan Kohler and Catherine Smart led another wonderful NASA workshop series. Ed and Diane Strzelinski & Nancy Hellman helped with various tasks. Jock and Maryln Rader braved the weather to come help us. East Jordan City Commissioners helped retrieve a staff member and a visitor from a snowbank while here for a training. The CCCF YAC helped us during their community service day. John Clements led another Ham Radio Class series. David Curtis continues to donate his wonderful photography work. We sincerely apologize if we missed anyone.



You are invited to join us July 16th, 2016 starting at 6pm to celebrate our 25th year. This event is free to attend, but reservations are required. You must be 21 years or older. Look for your invitation coming in April to make your reservation. Interested in donating an item for our silent auction or being an event sponsor? Email info@ravenhilldiscoverycenter.org or call 231.536.33696 for more information and opportunities.



"As parents, we cannot thank you enough for exposing our daughter to the wonderful world of exploration and science. It is intriguing to watch her as she discovers answers to her questions on her own. We are hopeful that you will be able to visit her classroom again to help fulfill her hunger for knowledge and her sense of wonder."

Creating a World of Wonder

through hands-on education.

A mom of a local pre-school student, Erin, wrote us a wonderful letter, which reminded us why we do what we do. In it, she relates the story of her pre-school student coming home after a Big Wheels lesson with Cheri. She had her own big wheels and immediately started teaching mom. This was a preschool lesson in force, motion and problem solving sponsored by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the Petoskey Harbor Springs Community Foundation.

These magical moments are made possible through your support.



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Remove this bottom portion and return with your donation to 4737 Fuller Road, East Jordan, MI 49727.

For more information call 231.536.3369 or email info@ravenhilldiscoverycenter.org.

Make checks payable to Raven Hill Discovery Center. All gifts are tax deductible to the fullest extent provided by law.

The Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts has awarded Raven Hill a 2016 operational grant! We need to raise \$18,750 to match their support.
Support teaching and learning of creative and critical thinking skills, through hands-on discovery, for all ages through a contribution to Raven Hill today.

Name/s: _____ Company: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone number: _____

Membership (Please visit our website for more information about membership levels):

____ Student (\$25) ____ Individul (\$40) ____ Family (\$75) ____ Grandparents (\$75)

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I would like to add an additional donation of \$_____ allocated to: \$_____ Grant Match/Unrestricted Funds
\$_____ CCHPS (History) \$_____ Endowment \$_____ in memory/honor of _____

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