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is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt corporation.

Open 10am-4pm weekdays, 12-4pm Saturdays and 2-4pm Sundays.
Open holidays and other times by appointment.

MISSION: to provide a place that enhances hands-on and lifelong
learning for all ages by connecting science, history and the arts.

WHERE **SCIENCE****HISTORY****AND****ART** CONNECT

To: Raven Hill friends

From: Cheri

Date: June 7, 2025

Re: Next chapter - new pathways

At Raven Hill Discovery Center, new pathways are taking shape in our programs, within our buildings and throughout our campus. Bridge construction is almost complete with the paving of the road deck over Deer Creek due to happen within the next week. This is not only an exciting road improvement, but also a symbolic pathway to access and inclusion, ensuring improved year-round entry into a world of discovery and connection at Raven Hill.

Fuller Road Bridge



The equipment is nearby and ready for the next big step: paving!

Accessible labyrinth



This pile of rocks will soon be transformed into a unique and accessible labyrinth for all to enjoy.

Classic Labyrinth



The child within is easily visible, surrounded by a mother's loving arms.

Nearby, another pathway is emerging—one rooted in ancient tradition but designed for today. Thanks to a donation from ASI Environmental of impressive boulders, a new labyrinth will be built in the Ancient World exhibit. There, we are modifying the classic labyrinth design that is inspired by the timeless form of a mother's arms encircling her child. Instead, Raven Hill's labyrinth will focus solely on the inner child pathway, making it wider and accessible, so that all guests, including those using wheelchairs, can reach the central sanctuary for quiet reflection. This accessible design ensures that all who enter the labyrinth can reach the meditative center and it replaces the large classic labyrinth design that was started last year but never finished.

Inside the Center's Workshop Building, our new pottery kiln will revive a past pathway—this one alive with hands-on engagement. With expanded classes and workshops on the horizon, the kiln becomes a vital tool for connected learning in tactile, transformative ways, as it pays homage to co-founder Tim Leach's family and their decades-long involvement in the pottery world. A special thanks goes to the Baiardi Family Foundation for their donation of the kiln that will act as an exciting pathway involving Raven Hill visitors in the science, history and art of clay.

Raku clay whistle



Try your hand at creating your own clay whistle this August. Check out the complete class list at www.miravenhill.org/learn

Pottery kiln



Still under wraps, an Olympic electric kiln is patiently waiting to be unpacked and installed in preparation for classes at Raven Hill.

Looking back



*Great Lakes Energy (GLE) has always been a good Raven Hill supporter. Here a GLE crew braved the weather to install a utility pole for Raven Hill's use as a ham radio tower.
— January 8, 2015*

As we continue building new pathways, we're excited to share that Raven Hill is one of 8 organizations in the Great Lakes Energy (GLE) Northern Region selected to advance to the voting phase of GLE's Community Grant Giveaway. Voting will take place on the GLE website at <https://www.gtlakes.com/community-grant-giveaway/>, where Great Lakes Energy members will vote to select three grant recipients—one from each region—to receive a **\$10,000** grant. Please note that only the votes from Great Lakes Energy members will be counted. The voting opens June 9 and closes at the end of the day on June 20. Full details are available on the GLE [Rules and Guidelines](#) page. This member-voted award could help Raven Hill build new pathways to expand access and programs even further. If you're a Great Lakes Energy member, we hope you'll cast your vote for Raven Hill—each household gets one vote, and every single vote brings the Center closer to a stronger, more vibrant future.

From bridges and boulders to clay and community, Raven Hill is growing with purpose, building new pathways that connect learning for all who visit here.

Summer hours are 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, the Center is 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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