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To: Raven Hill friends
From: Cheri
Date: July 20, 2024
Re: *Let the adventures begin!*

Save these dates! Get ready for an exhilarating late summer season at Raven Hill! Summertime continues with thrilling activities, inspiring exhibits, and unforgettable events designed to spark creativity and passion. From the hands-on **SACK** Program for children to exciting night adventures, there's something for everyone to enjoy in the next few weeks here at the Center! Join us and experience the magic of Raven Hill like never before! Mark your calendars for some extraordinary events and programs.

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| July 21 | 6pm | The Labyrinth Project |
| July 25 | 10:30 am | Three Sisters Program |
| August 11 | 8:30 pm | Meteor Shower Show |
| August 12 | 10am | Pop-up Main Museum opens in Open Space |

Ongoing

- **SACK** Weekly Programs Sessions 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9—for kids ages 5 to 14!
- **Under Michigan & Beyond** exhibit remains open during regular hours or by appointment

Classical labyrinth



So far, we have placed 36 rocks and have 464 to go for a completed classical Greek Labyrinth! Don't forget to bring a rock to add to this exciting project next time you visit Raven Hill. You can add to the Labyrinth and help build a legacy **any and every time you visit!**

Coming up yet this weekend, on Sunday, July 21st at 6pm, there's another chance to meet out in the Ancient World and help us build our new Labyrinth. Bring your first rock or second or third to help populate the pathways. We will plan to meet briefly on the 21st of each month until the snow flies, as we work to complete the new classical Greek Labyrinth. It's also fun to check the date and time at the Obelisk IF the sun is shining!

Get involved!

Help build a legacy

**Bring a rock, replace a flag,
and get your Club bracelet**

Join us once again in the Ancient World on July 21 at 6pm to add more rocks to the Labyrinth, check out the date & time at the Obelisk and take a walk through the ever evolving exhibition:
Under Michigan & Beyond.

Next, Mary Donner, Executive Director of Ziibimijwang and Owner of Mshko'Ode Farm will visit Raven Hill on Thursday morning, July 25th, at 10:30am. Mary will speak and answer questions about traditional Anishinaabe ecological and agricultural practices. In the spring, Ziibimijwang Farm cooperated with Polly Cheney, a Northern Michigan Master Gardener Volunteer, to provide Raven Hill with corn, beans and squash plants—the Three Sisters. The Three Sisters are culturally significant companion plants, which have been cultivated for thousands of years by many Indigenous folks. They are a great representation of the crossover between art and science as they grow beautifully together and thrive in each other's company. You will find the Three Sisters in Raven Hill's raised fire ring beds, adjacent to the Medicinal Gardens. If possible, call 231.536.3369 or email info@miravenhill.org to let us know you are planning to attend Mary's talk, but "spur of the moment" works too!

Three sisters



Thousands of years ago, Indigenous American cultures domesticated the Three Sisters—corn, beans and squash—and took advantage of their symbiotic relationship.

The Perseids!



The Perseid Meteor Showers typically give us some of the most spectacular and reliable meteor shows with a high rate of meteors to see. We are looking forward to this annual night sky show. Join us at Raven Hill on August 11—8:30pm inside for a short program and then at 9:00pm outside under the stars!

—photo courtesy of NASA

Then, 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 indoors at 8:30pm and then everyone will reconvene at the Observatory up by the Schoolhouse at sunset, which is around 9pm. Bring your friends and family, grab blankets or chairs, 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 Cheri at 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 the evening!

Finally, on Monday, August 12, a new adventure begins. Fuller Road will be closed to traffic and a 3-mile detour will be the only way to access Raven Hill Discovery Center for about 4 months. The failing culvert at Deer Creek is being replaced with a timber bridge. Raven Hill's Main Museum will move to its temporary "pop-up" location at the Open Space, just north of Deer Creek, so we can miss all the construction! Visitors can explore various hands-on mini exhibits of light, sound, motion, magnets & music at a reduced admission of \$5 per person AND of course, everyone can interact with Checkers the corn snake and Spike the lizard. Everything will be housed under two inflatable tents. Anyone wanting to explore Raven Hill's outdoor exhibits can take the 3-mile detour around the construction site.

Second tent enroute!



Two inflatables will become the temporary home for Raven Hill's Main Museum! Come check us out and be a part of the adventure!

The **SACK** (SUMMER ADVENTURE CLASSES FOR KIDS) Program encourages experiential learning, where kids actively engage with the subject matter, sparking curiosity and critical thinking. Whether they're conducting experiments, exploring history or creating art, children are encouraged to learn through direct experience, promoting a deeper understanding and appreciation of the world around them. **SACK** is offered Mondays through Thursdays for five more weeks, including the weeks of July 22 and 29, plus August 5, 12 and 19. Note: **SACK** will be held at the Open Space for the final two weeks (August 12 and August 19). We will gather under the inflatable tents—an adventure in and of itself! A fillable form is available at www.MiRavenHill.org or via [email—info@miravenhill.org](mailto:info@miravenhill.org)

Shibori designs



Shibori, always a class favorite, is a traditional Japanese technique that involves folding, twisting, or bunching fabric and binding it before dyeing to create unique patterns, each one equally as unique as the kids who created them!

Raven steals the light!



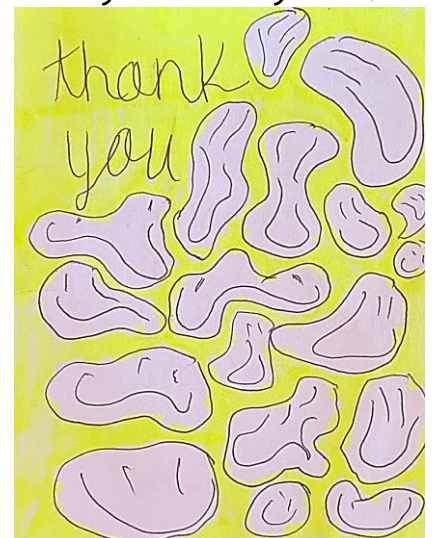
*New t-shirts arrived this week. We are featuring one of our "old" designs and chose "rock" colors, like jade, sapphire, garnet, sand, coal, copper and shale, to "coordinate" with our **Under Michigan & Beyond** exhibit!*

*— 1999 & 2024 t-shirt design
by co-founder, Tim Leach*

Our new t-shirts have arrived and they are as beautiful as the story they chronicle. The shirts illustrate the story of a Pacific Northwest Coast myth, "Raven Steals the Light." It is the story of the world in total darkness because a chief keeps all the light hidden in a box. The trickster Raven transforms into a baby and is born to the chief's daughter. He convinces the chief to give him the box of light, then escapes and releases the light into the world. This act brings daylight, the sun, moon, and stars to everyone. We are proud to feature the story on this year's t-shirts.



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*We want to extend our deepest gratitude to those dedicated members, generous donors, and tireless volunteers whose unwavering support and hard work are the backbone of Raven Hill. You enable us to offer enriching informal learning opportunities for all ages.
Miigwech (Thank you)!
—Irene, 4th grader 2024*

Summer hours remain in effect. Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, the Center is open weekdays from 10am to 4pm daily, noon to 4pm on Saturdays and 2pm to 4pm on Sundays. Call 231.536.3369 or email info@miravenhill.org to make appointments for other times, including major holidays. Hope to see you here for our late summer events and programs or just to visit!

Cheri



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