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Mission: Raven Hill provides a place that enhances lifelong learning for all ages by connecting science, history & art.

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Re: **Special Invitations**

For Immediate Release

Special Invitations from Raven Hill

Raven Hill Discovery Center will be open to the public from noon to 4 pm this Thanksgiving weekend—Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 23-25, 2018. Join us for indoor fun for all ages.

December events include the last **FREE Second Saturday Science** in 2018. The date is December 8th from noon to 4 pm. This is the 8th year for the popular **FREE Second Saturday** program. Not only does **FREE** mean no cost to families, but it also means “**Families Reaching for Educational Excellence**”. Families are encouraged to come and have fun, explore and learn new things. The generosity of local northern Michigan community members has ensured that **FREE Second Saturdays** will continue through December of 2019. A Raven Hill volunteer puts it this way, “It’s just plain fun to see families exploring and playing together AND learning.”

Winter break begins Saturday, December 22nd and continues through Wednesday, January 2nd, with the exception of Christmas and New Year’s Days. From noon to 4 p.m. daily, visitors can spend hours playing in the museum, hold or pet the animals and bring their winter gear to explore outdoor exhibits, if they choose. So, make plans to treat yourself and your family to fun and exploration at Raven Hill Discovery Center at least once during this coming holiday season. Spend an afternoon playing and do some Christmas shopping in our gift shop or book a class and make some special gifts to give or keep. Raven Hill Discovery Center is the only place in northern Lower Michigan where children and adults can link science, history & the arts with hands-on activities and explorations both indoors and outdoors. Connections emerge through classes, exhibits and facilities that provide opportunities for all ages to learn, create, grow and play.

Raven Hill will celebrate the **Winter Solstice** on Friday, December 21, 2014 from noon to 4 pm. Indoors, the focus will be on ancient calendars and timepieces with special family activities planned. Guided trips out to Stonehenge in Raven Hill’s Ancient World are available on request.

Anyone interested in a guided snowshoe or cross-country ski adventure, should call ahead to book a time for a family or group outing. Indoors or out, the entire family will have great fun.

The Center's annual **Holiday Gathering** is scheduled from noon to 4 p.m. on Friday, December 28th, so come play, buy your annual membership or make an annual donation and help us celebrate our 27th holiday season with special treats.

A New Year's Eve Overnight from 6 p.m. on December 31, 2018 to 9 a.m. on January 1, 2019 will entertain the kids and keep them safe, while you celebrate here with them or on your own. Registration is limited and cost is \$100 per person, so book soon by calling Cheri at 231-536-3369. Register by December 24, 2018 for this fun-filled December 31st overnight. For more information on any Raven Hill activities, phone 231-536-3369 or email info@miravenhill.org

The new year brings three new monthly events to Raven Hill Discovery Center. **Advanced reservations are required** (one week in advance) for all and the cost is included in the regular \$10 per person admission price. **First Fridays** will encourage families to celebrate the artist within them. From 5 to 7 pm on the **first Friday** of each month, the Center will open for two hours of "artful" play. An age-appropriate art activity will be available for families to experience together and there will be time to play in the museum and see the animals. **Sunday Fun Days** will take place from 2 to 4 pm the **first Sunday** of each month. Science magic, lasers, rockets and other science highlights will be the focus for visitors, along with the museum, animals and outdoor exhibits. Then, on the **second Sunday** of each month from 2 to 4 pm, Raven Hill will celebrate **Bygone Birthdays**. The Center will honor historic figures, like Galileo and Isaac Newton. and their accomplishments each with a special hands-on activity.



Active Learning at Raven Hill



Aiden gets acquainted with Spike, the Bearded Dragon