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### **After the Dog Days of Summer at Raven Hill**

The ancient Romans called the hottest, most humid days of summer “dog days”, because of the star Sirius, which is the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major (Large Dog) and in the night sky. The dog days of summer are traditionally from July 3<sup>rd</sup> to August 11. Now that they are over for 2017, Raven Hill Discovery Center is gearing up to end the summer season with two great events.

Raven Hill’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Technology (TEC) Day is Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4 pm. A variety of technology explorations will be set up to challenge families. While TEC Day is dialing down a bit from last year’s NASA in Your Neighborhood event, there is still a lot of fun waiting for kids of all ages. “Gary”, the East Jordan Robotics Club robot will be demonstrating his skills for visitors. John Clements will be using solar energy to demonstrate his 3D Printer in the Energy House and everyone can make and launch their own foam rocket. The hands-on museum will be open for play and families can stop by and say “hello” to the animals. Admission is \$5 per person or \$20 per family, so make plans to visit.

Raven Hill will offer the same reduced rates of \$5 per person or \$20 per family on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 1 to 3 pm during the Solar Eclipse. There will be a chance to play in the museum and greet the animals, before going out to the Moonbase to view the solar eclipse. NASA has donated solar eclipse glasses for all visitors, so that the eclipse can be viewed safely. Afterwards, visitors are invited to stay and make a sundial or try their hand at racing little solar powered cars.

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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.