

Raven Hill Discovery Center —



—Where science, history and art connect

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RAVEN HILL ON SITE PROGRAMS

Raven Hill Discovery Center offers a variety of programs on site. Classes allow individuals to explore the “artist, scientist or historian within”. Field trips are available for school, scout and camp groups. The Center collaborates with Central Michigan University to provide graduate classes for teachers and interested others. Special grant programs include FREE Second Saturday Days for families to experience science, history & art and the connections between them. Scroll down for further descriptions. To register for a program or for more information, call Raven Hill at (231) 536-3369 or email info@ravenhilldiscoverycenter.org.

Free (Families Reaching for Educational Excellence) Second Saturdays	It's a FAMILY AFFAIR at Raven Hill Discovery Center – every second Saturday in 2012 from February through June. Thanks to a grant awarded by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, the Center has been able to offer the continuation of the Second Saturday FREE ADMISSION and special activities. Bring the whole family “team” OR make it a special event for parent and child. There are fun problem-solving demos & activities to fit various ages, abilities and interests every month. We are looking for funding for July to December 2012. Please no organizations or groups on 2nd Saturdays - remember, it's a family affair!
Classes	Enjoy the full benefits of fun and educational activities for children and adults. Choose from activities to fit your interests or put together a custom hands-on class or classes to meet individual needs, regardless of age. Classes for children and adults are available any time by appointment year-round. Call 231.536.3369 to book a specific class to fit your interests and choose a day and time to fit your individual schedule, including: Art process workshops that link art with science principles and history; various craft workshops; and many more! Classes can be designed to meet the criteria for badges for boy and girl scouts.
Field Trips	Field trips are designed for school groups, scout troops, camps or any group you want to put together! Scouts and other youth organizations can schedule day programs or overnights to work on activities to fulfill badges, patches or pins. Teachers can choose science, history, and art activities to fit their particular curriculum needs. Call 231.536.3369 to book a Field Trip. Fees vary according to the activities and day or overnight programming.

CMU Graduate Courses - Professional Development for Teachers and Interested Others	Graduate credit classes for educators and interested others through Central Michigan University are offered year-round: two consecutive weekends during the school year and one week during the summer months
Special Groups	Special Group visits are designed for any type of group. A few examples are families, school groups, scout troops, clubs, organizations, religious groups, reunions, camps or any group you want to put together! Scouts and other youth organizations can schedule day programs or overnights to work on activities to fulfill journeys, badges, patches, belt loops or pins. Families can schedule Birthday Parties – either day or overnight. Groups can choose science, history, and art activities to fit their particular needs. Call 231.536.3369 to book a Group Activity – on or off site. Fees vary according to the activities and day or overnight programming.

Raven Hill Discovery Center is a regional science and technology center. It is located on 157 acres in a rural area of northwestern Lower Michigan adjacent to Little Traverse Conservancy's Raven Ridge Nature Preserve. It is also a cultural, historical and art center. The overall goal of the Center is to build lifelong connections for children and adults that link science, history and the arts in a hands-on learning environment. Since 1992, Raven Hill Discovery Center annually has over 9000 visitors experience science and technology, history and the arts through hands-on exhibits and displays. Programs include school field trips, scout activities, summer day camp, adult enrichment classes, family days and professional development for teachers. The museum is also open to the general public. In addition, there thousands of contact hours with teachers and students in area classrooms, libraries, and kids' clubs each year through the Center's Outreach Program. Raven Hill is unique in northern Michigan. It draws regularly from a twelve-county area during the school year and from across the United States and the world during the summer tourist season. The Center is open year-round to the public, individuals, groups, and organizations.

Cheri Leach is founder, CEO and program officer of Raven Hill Discovery Center, a museum that builds connections for children and adults linking science, history and the arts in a hands-on learning environment. She has a major in biology and a minor in chemistry from Albion College in Albion, Michigan. She earned a Masters in Science Education through the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan. In 1991 she was a National Science Teacher Association (NSTA) Exemplary Facilities Award winner. Also, in 1991, Cheri was an American Association of University Women Eleanor Roosevelt Fellow. She currently teaches graduate classes for teachers through Central Michigan University, as well as professional development classes and student classes at Raven Hill and through the Center's Outreach programs. A science teacher since 1968 and a science workshop presenter since 1987, Cheri works as a mentor to both youngsters and teachers interested in the sciences and the connections to all other aspects of our lives.

Raven Hill Discovery Center also offers a variety of programs off site. Special outreach presentations at your site are available to classes, teachers, libraries, clubs, reunions, day cares and other organizations. Hands-on sessions for children and adults are available in the areas of science, history, or the arts.