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**Mission:** Raven Hill provides a place that enhances hands-on and lifelong learning for all ages by connecting science, history & the arts.

**RAVEN HILL IN A NUTSHELL**

**Facilities**

* Main museum 1991, 1994, 2004, 2010
* Fiber studio (first open Pavilion, then Classroom Building, then Fiber Studio 1992)
* Workshops (so named 2019)
  + Print shop 1995
  + Wood Shop 2014 (formerly Art pavilion 2005)
  + Metal shop / Blacksmith
* School house 1995
* Energy house 2007
* Caboose 1995 (sold in 2017)
* Evolving Technology (ET) Building opened 2015
* Covered Picnic Pavilion 2018

**Events**

* In 2016, Raven Hill was 1 of 6 host sites and the only one in Michigan for **NASA In Your Neighborhood** – Celebrating 75 years of research and technology in the Midwest at Glenn Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. Visitors numbered 355.
* In 2018, Raven Hill Discovery Center was named by the Michigan Humanities Council as 1 of 6 host sites in Michigan for the Smithsonian Museum on Main Street (MoMS) **Water/Ways** exhibit.
* In June 2019, **Third Coast Conversations** programs and exhibits in collaboration with Michigan Humanties highlighted the science & culture of water in the Great Lakes
* In July 2019, the National Informal STEM Education Network (NISE Net), NASA and Raven Hill collaborated for To the Moon & Beyond--Space Day on July 20, 2019 to honor the first man to walk on the moon.
* In September of 2019, 20 local communities participated in an exhibit called **Generations** and featured a look at each individual town—past and present
* In the fall of 2019, Raven Hill was 1 of 10 organizations in the entire United States chosen to participate in a pilot project with the Smithsonian MoMS program. The Smithsonian collaborated with Raven Hill staff and volunteers to create an exhibit about the history of work. The resulting **Labor Days** exhibit is open to the public 2021 through 2022.
* In 2022, Raven Hill was funded to create a companion exhibit to **Labor Days.** The **History Heritage & STEAM of Work** exhibit will travel to school and public libraries during the 2022-23 school year.
* In August – October 2023, Raven Hill Discovery Center will host the Smithsonian Museum on Main Street **Spark! Places of Innovation**.
  + The Center was named by the Michigan Humanities Council as 1 of 6 host sites in Michigan for ***Spark***!
  + A companion exhibit, **Patents & Prototypes** will feature an old-fashioned patent office, where visitors can draw their own invention and enter it in the Raven Hill Patent Ledger.
  + Raven Hill has also been chosen to participate in the **Youth Innovation in Rural America (YIRA)** program, which will be awarded to only two sites in four states—Idaho, Illinois, Kentucky & Michigan.

**Exhibits**

* **Indoors**
  + Art & architecture in Smallville 2010
  + Discovery Room--hands-on light, sound, motion, magnets, music, earth & life sciences 1992
  + Animal room 1994
  + Periodic room—periodic table of elements 1995
  + Art corridor—science, history & how-to of art mediums 2010 – exhibits done 2001-3
  + Great room—natural history & multipurpose 2010
* **Outdoors**
  + Whisper dishes 2013
  + Medicinal gardens 2000
  + Earth tones music garden 2009
  + Exploring beyond Jurassic Park 2004, 2007, 2011
  + Tree house 2008
  + Moon base 2010 (not active now)
  + Wetlands boardwalk 2003, 2014
  + Labyrinth 2004
  + Pond 1993
  + Ancient world 2001, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2012
  + Watershed model 2018
  + Viewing platform at Deer Creek 2018
  + Artesian well 2018
  + Steppes 2019
  + Taxonomic (Taxi) Trail 2006
  + Connections Trail 2021 (parallels Taxi Trail)
  + Evolving Technology Addition 2022
  + Solar SMART 2022  **COMING 2023**

**Ongoing Programs**

* Open to general public—families and groups since 1992
* Field trips since 1992
* Classes for children and adults since 1992
* Summer Classes for Kids 1992 to 2015 (Discovery Camp 2016-2022 / Classes reinstated 2023)
* Outreach since 1995
* Professional development since 1995
  + CMU off-Campus science and art programs on site at Raven Hill **by request**
  + Outreach or onsite professional development workshops
  + Partnership with NASA for professional development workshops for teachers
* Museum To Go since 2008
* FREE (Families Reaching for Educational Excellence) 2nd Saturdays since 2010

**Funding**

* 30% from fees: admissions, field trips, classes, outreach, PD
* 35% from grants
* 35% from memberships, donations and fundraisers

**Future Projects** fundraising and planning for future

* Succession planning and staffing of Raven Hill
* Winter Center
  + Museum room
  + Two classrooms, kitchen, bathrooms
  + Winter museum--Rental in spring, summer, fall or Artist In Residence or summer staff housing
* Dark sky sanctuary 2023?
* Bridge over creek in process with Conservation Resource Alliance
* Bike trail in collaboration with TOMMBA
* Mammoth and Mastodon exhibit
* Button shop
* Doctors office
* Log cabin and barn
* Three sisters in Ancient World
* Aqueduct in Ancient World
* Great Wall of China in Ancient World
* Cave in Ancient World

**Future indoor exhibits**

Buttons and baskets exhibit   
Rock hunter exhibit   
First Nation exhibit