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Empowering Youth  
Enriching Communities

# Ravenwood Faire

Ravenwood Faire is the largest fundraiser presented by the Ravenwood Foundation. Proceeds from this event go towards the Foundation as well as a donation to the Breast Cancer Research Center.

A fun, family friendly, medieval faire located in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley, Ravenwood Faire is currently gearing up for its 8th season at the North Mountain Vineyard & Winery in Maurertown, Virginia. Ravenwood Faire will again be hosting two weekends, so there are plenty of days for families and friends to partake in the merriment!

Find yourself entranced by alluring melodies of renowned and local musicians, dance along to ballads of the seas and knightly chivalry, shop amongst the finest wares, and feast on hearty turkey legs while you indulge in the finest of meads brought to you by local meaderies. Bring your favors and join us as we hold our breaths as the bravest of jousts fight for fame, glory, and love.

Come dressed as yourself, or feel free to dress in your favorite period or magical items! Knights, elves, faeries, pirates, princes and princesses are all welcome to join us here at Ravenwood Faire where we offer fun for the whole family!

Stay tuned for the continuation of our storyline!

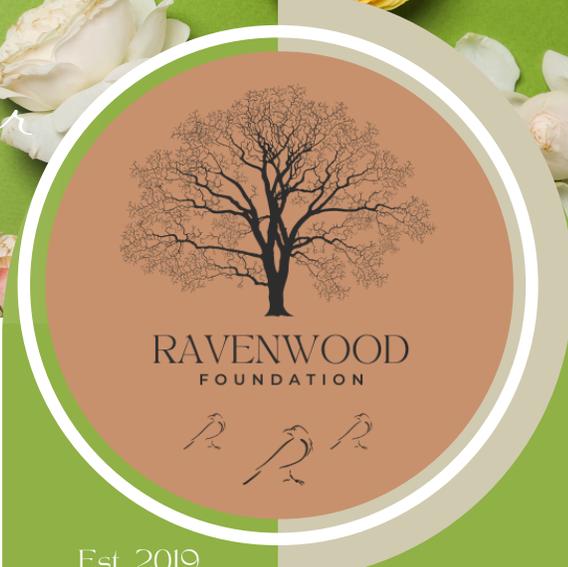
## Upcoming Events

March 14th, 2026 - 11am - 5pm  
"Old Town Winchester Celtic Fest"  
Promo Event  
Walking Mall - Winchester, VA.

May 1<sup>st</sup> - 3rd, 2026  
"A Mayday Festival"  
Fundraiser  
Page Valley Fairgrounds, Luray, VA.

October 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
"Ravenwood Faire Weekend One"  
Fundraiser  
Maurertown, VA.

October 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
"Ravenwood Faire Weekend Two"  
Fundraiser  
Maurertown, VA.



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Ravenwood Foundation was conceived to help our youth (12-17) as young adults through the unique challenges and obstacles these age groups face within the community.

We believe that the key to successfully transitioning from adolescence to adulthood is through family, education, and civic duty.

Ravenwood, along with your support and generosity, will provide communities the opportunity to develop and grow through education, social, and life enriching experiences. To fulfill this mission, Ravenwood aims to provide the venues, skills, services, and scholarships to the community which appeals to and promotes these values.



# Together we make a difference.

*Thank you donors!*

A special thank you to our wonderful community friends for their generous donations to the Ravenwood Foundation and our Youth Summer Camp! Because of AJ's Landscaping & Grading, the cost of our fairground rental has been fully covered, The Little R Micro Farm has ensured our campers will stay hydrated, Sharp Shopper has provided food resources, and because of First Bank and Trex's monetary donations, we are a step closer to fully providing our campers with the necessary supplies needed for our second annual Youth Summer Camp!

If you would like to donate or get involved, you can do so by contacting us directly, or heading over to [www.ravenwoodfoundation.org/donate](http://www.ravenwoodfoundation.org/donate). Every donation is appreciated and directly supports our Youth Initiative!



Want to join the Faire fun?  
Get in touch today!

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## 2025 Fundraisers

Thank you to everyone who was involved in our 2025 fundraisers! Regardless if you were a donor, volunteer in the event, or shared the word, your support and efforts helped us tremendously! Every donation goes directly to the Foundation and helps support events like our Youth Camp.

If you are interested in supporting us financially, please reach out to Mia at fundraising@ravenwoodfoundation.org!

## Sponsorship Opportunity!

Are you interested in having your business logo featured in our newsletter or on our social medias? Make sure to check out all of our amazing sponsorship opportunities listed on our website. There is something for everyone!

Sponsorship packages located at:  
www.ravenwoodfoundation.org/sponsorships

## Where does your money go?

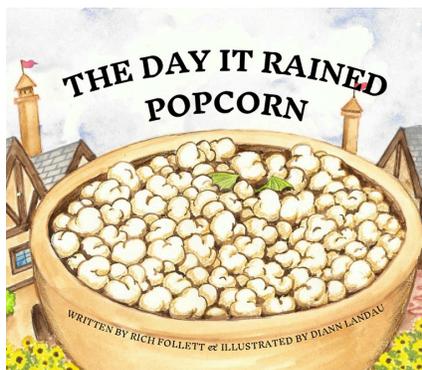
All sponsorship proceeds go towards implementing our Youth Initiative Program which includes monthly activities for our community's youth, our Youth Camp, as well as towards breast cancer research, as that is a cause that is near and dear to our hearts.

For questions regarding fundraising or sponsorships, please reach out to us at fundraising@ravenwoodfoundation.org

# ON THE HORIZON

"WHERE FLOWERS BLOOM, SO DOES HOPE."  
- LADY BIRD JOHNSON

## We published a book!



Welcome to Bliss, a sunny little village where gold is everywhere, but no one really needs it. Life is peaceful until a greedy dragon arrives and starts taking every golden thing in sight.

The villagers are scared, the knights are trying their best, and hope is fading fast. Then two tiny children with a very big idea step forward, and everything begins to change.

Join Johnny and Jane on their brave and clever adventure to save their home, outsmart a dragon, and discover that even the smallest heroes can make the biggest difference.

Thank you to Mia, our Fundraising Manager, for heading up this project, our very own Diann Landau for illustrating, and our wonderful friend, Rich Follett for writing such a great story.

You can purchase *The Day it Rained Popcorn* on Amazon.com, with all profits directly benefiting the Ravenwood Foundation.

## New Volunteer Opportunity

Have you dreamed of being part of Ravenwood in more ways than one? This year, we are launching a new hybrid-volunteer opportunity where you can do just that!

In this coming faire season, we will be merging our Volunteers and Townsfolk together into a single, unified roll. This change is designed to strengthen our sense of community, and allow everyone to be more immersed in the world of Ravenwood while still supporting Faire operations.

During the week leading up to Faire opening, we will hold on-site rehearsals, allowing volunteers to:

- Practice interacting with one another in character
- Rehearse scripted moments
- Become comfortable in the physical Faire space

Our hope is that any volunteers will be able to participate in as many of these sessions as possible, and in some cases may be required to do so, depending on role and responsibilities. This opportunity is available to new and returning volunteers alike and is not mandatory. You still may choose to simply volunteer without having a cast role if you wish.

If you are interested in hearing more, reach out to Bobby at volunteer@ravenwoodfaire.us, and/or Martha at artisticdirector@ravenwoodfaire.us!

# Meet the Team

## ***Can you tell us a little bit about yourself?***

I'm an army veteran, pastry chef, and lover of music and medieval arts. I enjoy reading, crocheting and knitting, and painting illuminated texts, and I make my own costumes for Faire. I'm originally from West Virginia, but I relocated to Pennsylvania a few years ago.

## ***How long have you been involved with Ravenwood and how did you get started?***

This will be my sixth year with the Ravenwood Faire. I started as the Chancellor to the previous King and Queen, stepped up as the Queen's understudy, and eventually became Queen Catherine in my third year.

## ***Please tell us about your character!***

Queen Catherine Corbin of the Kingdom of Ravenwood is the oldest of three daughters. She studied the art of the sword in several foreign courts during her time visiting her royal cousins. She loves her people, is fiercely protective of her kingdom, and has more than a few surprises up her embroidered sleeves. She appreciates the musical talents of her bards and loves the rare wee treasures she has received from those who visit with her. She especially enjoys visiting with the children of her kingdom, listening to their adventures, and offering tokens of her gratitude for their stories.

## ***What are your goals for the future with the Faire?***

I would love to see the Ravenwood Faire grow and flourish in its new home. There is always something new to see, even more so in the new location at the Winery, and I am excited to see where the immersive story takes us next.



**Thank you, Erin, for your hard work and dedication to this dream!**



**Erin Whitcomb**  
**Queen Catherine Corbin**  
**Cast Member**  
**Ravenwood Faire**

## ***What is your favorite memory from Faire?***

Do I have to pick only one? I'll give you my top three in no particular order. One of them is the epic sword fight I had last year. Crossing blades with Gustav after the time and effort we put into that fight and hearing the audience's reaction was one of the most amazing experiences I have ever had. Another less specific favorite are the wee gifties I receive when our patrons come to visit the Queen. I've received shiny rocks, seashells, drawings, and a beautiful carved Raven pendant, to name a few. And finally, while the end of Faire may be bittersweet, it is incredibly gratifying to see the close of a successful Faire, having seen the story come together, the joy of our patrons, and watching our characters grow and interact in the story.

## ***Have you learned any lessons, or have any key take-aways from your time being involved in the organization?***

As someone who is an anxious introvert with a fear of public speaking, I can honestly say the best advice is to do it scared and do it anyway. Don't let fear and anxiety keep you from trying something new and exciting. Stepping into character is a whole different persona that you can make into anything you want. Start small until you get comfortable, and then build that persona. I am shy and quiet around people I don't know, but Queen Catherine is confident, strong, outgoing, and fearless. I'd like to think I take a little bit of her with me when I'm not wearing the crown.

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# Event Highlight



## A Mayday Festival

presented by the Ravenwood Foundation

Join us as we welcome the season of spring with A Mayday Festival, a celebration of renewal, artistry, and community spirit - all with a touch of medieval magic!

Step into a world where ribbons dance around the maypole, the sound of music fills the air, and laughter echoes through the faire grounds. Enjoy live entertainment, handcrafted wares from talented local artisans, and a tempting array of food and drink to delight every palate.

This year's festival not only honors the age-old traditions of Mayday, but also highlights the incredible local businesses and creative talents that make our community shine. From skilled leatherworkers and jewelers to potters, woodworkers, and more - discover craftsmanship at its finest and take home a piece of artistry.

Raise a toast, dance beneath the ribbons, and celebrate the joy of spring's arrival at A Mayday Festival: Presented by the Ravenwood Foundation.

We are still accepting vendors and entertainment!  
If you are interested in being involved, please email Stephanie at [stephanie.parsell@ravenwoodfoundation.org](mailto:stephanie.parsell@ravenwoodfoundation.org)

Page Valley Fairgrounds  
15 Fairlane Dr, Luray, VA. 22835

May 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026  
Presale tickets on sale soon!



# Youth News

EMPOWERING THE FUTURE, ONE VOICE AT A TIME

## TEEN ENGAGEMENT INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION

At the Ravenwood Foundation, we believe that meaningful teen engagement is not just beneficial. It is *essential*. The ages of 12 to 17 are some of the most formative years in a young person's life. During this time, teens are developing their sense of identity, confidence, leadership skills, and connection to their community.

By creating intentional opportunities for teens to participate in our events, volunteer initiatives, and cultural programming, we provide more than just activities. We offer mentorship, responsibility, creativity, and belonging. When teens are trusted with real roles and given a voice, they rise to the occasion. They gain practical skills in teamwork, communication, problem-solving, and leadership that serve them far beyond any single event.

## CONTACT US

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Engaging teens also strengthens our community as a whole. It builds intergenerational relationships, fosters civic pride, and ensures the sustainability of the arts, history, and cultural traditions we work so hard to preserve. Today's teen participants are tomorrow's leaders, organizers, artisans, and community advocates.

Investing in teen engagement is an investment in the future of Ravenwood — and in the future of our community.

## GET INVOLVED IN YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

If you are a local business, organization, or individual interested in supporting teen engagement through mentorship, sponsorship, workshops, volunteer opportunities, or collaborative programming, we would love to connect with you. Investing in our youth strengthens our entire community. Please reach out to our Youth Committee Leadership to learn how you can be part of empowering the next generation.

# Youth Camp

JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> - 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

8:15AM - 4:15PM

**FREDERICK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

250 FAIRGROUND ROAD

CLEAR BROOK, VA. 22624

## ACTIVITIES

While we are still finalizing this year's activities, but you can expect to see themes of:

- Hands-on learning
- Creative workshops
- Team-building
- Leadership development
- and real life skill building!

## REGISTRATION

- Registration OPEN!
- Limited spots
- \$225 per child
- Ages 12 - 17
- Ages 8-12 are still welcome to apply, acceptance will be determined by registration numbers

- Lunches and snacks provided for the week
- Children will be given a refillable water bottle, t-shirt, and drawstring bag

## MORE THAN JUST A CAMP!

This is more than just a camp. It is an opportunity for teens to learn, grow, and have unforgettable experiences with hands-on activities, creative workshops, and exciting challenges designed to build confidence, skills, and friendships - some that may last a lifetime!

## CONTACT INFO

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*Sibling discounts  
available!*

# HAVE IDEAS?

LET US KNOW!

Ravenwood is always looking for new ways to enrich our community. If you are a business who would like to host a youth night, or maybe sponsor an event, please let us know! We are open to all kinds of suggestions. Community engagement is a focus of Ravenwood, and we strive to expand our presence and relationships each year. We enjoy making personal and professional friendships that will last a lifetime, and pride ourselves on our eagerness to be more involved.

If you would like to discuss further, please send us an email at [info@ravenwoodfoundation.org](mailto:info@ravenwoodfoundation.org), and we will be delighted to speak with you.

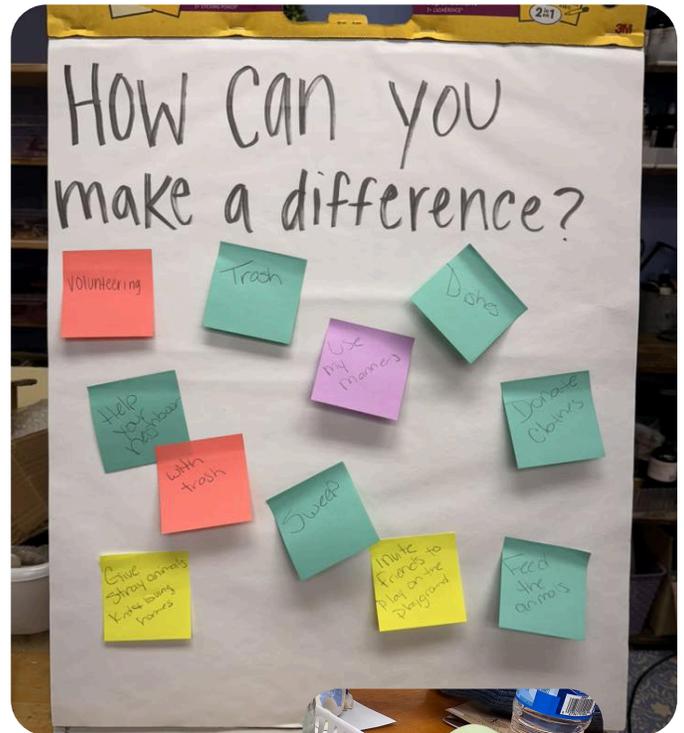
## HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

### Last Month's Fun

In February, 16 young artists joined us at the Polka Dot Pot Art Studio in Winchester to bring out their creative sides! Our theme for the night was 'How Can You Make a Difference' and our youth shared thoughtful and creative ideas about how they can make a positive impact in the community and in their every day lives.

We couldn't be more proud!

Thank you to Polka Dot Pot for hosting such an amazing and inspiring event and thank you to all the young artists who came out to participate!



The Polka Dot Pot  
A CREATE YOUR OWN ART STUDIO