

Ravenwood Foundation
NOVEMBER 2026

Together We Soar

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 9th season at the North Mountain Vineyard & Winery in Maurertown, Virginia. Ravenwood Faire will again be hosting two weekends in 2027, so there are plenty of days for families and friends to partake in the merriment!

Find yourself entranced by alluring melodies of renowned and loacl musicians, dance along to ballads of the seas and knightly chivalry, shop in the finest of wares and feast on the herty turkey legs while you indugle 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 jousters 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!

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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 kay 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.

Upcoming Events

December 12, 2026 | 12pm-8pm
"***Yuletide Festival***"
North Mountain Winery
4374 Swartz Rd, Maurertown, VA 22644

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www.ravenwoodfoundation.org/sponsorships

Happy Thanksgiving

From our Ravenwood family to yours, we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving! We want to take this time to give thanks and show our appreciation for everyone who has supported our endeavors throughout the years. Without the passionate people who have brought our goals to light, we wouldn't be where we are today. So thank you to our volunteers for your amazing dedication to our cause, to our sponsors and donors for funding our ideas off the page and into reality, and to all of our patrons and their families for reminding us why we do what we do every year. Thank you and we hope you have an amazing holiday!

Best,

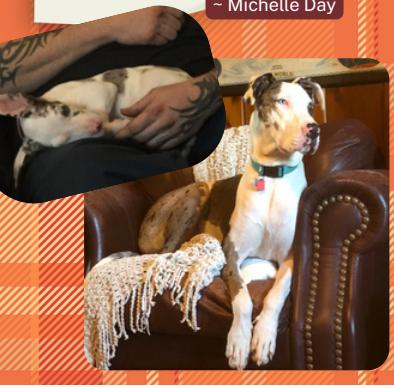
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I am thankful for...

While I'm thankful for so many things, atm we are very thankful that our pup that wasn't supposed to live to be 1 year old just turned 10! Albie the Great Dane is deaf and has a heart condition, but does not let those things stop her from living her best life!

~ Michelle Day





I am thankful for...

This year I'm thankful for my cat, who has no idea how much of a difference she's made in my life!

~ Jamie

I am thankful for...

I'm thankful for my two fur babies. Rose and Ava make everyday an adventure.. I'm lucky to have them in my life. They had lives before they came into mine, and I'll never know what they went through, but they have filled my home with chaotic love and what's better than that.

~ Dan Maxfield



ON THE HORIZON

"YOU ARE BRAVER THAN YOU BELIEVE, STRONGER THAN YOU SEEM, AND SMARTER THAN YOU THINK."
– WINNIE THE POOH

Want to join the Faire fun?

Get in touch today!

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2026 Fundraisers

Thank you to everyone who was involved in our 2026 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 sponsorhip opportunites listed on our website. There is something for everyone!

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

Where does your money go?

All sponsorship proceeds go towards implementing our Youth Initiative Program which includes quarterly activites for our community's youth, our Youth Camp, as well as towards breat 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**

The Four Seasons of Ravenwood

We are happy to introduce to you the latest Ravenwood Event lineup with the Four Seasons of Ravenwood! Stay tuned as we bring our realm to life throughout the year with four unique celebrations, each with its own theme, atmosphere, and special magic. The Four Seasons of Ravenwood will include:

🌸 May Faire - The Realm Awakens (May 22-23, 2027)
A celebration of spring, renewal, folklore, and the awakening of the realm. Think fairies, flowers, woodland magic, and the joy of new beginnings!

☀️ Midsummer Faire - The Realm Revels (Dates TBD)
A lively summer celebration filled with music, merriment, dancing, feasting, and revelry beneath the summer sun!

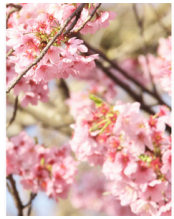
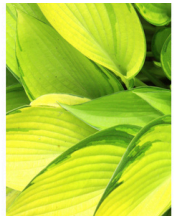
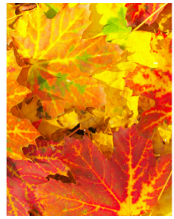
🏰 Ravenwood Faire - The Realm Comes Alive (Oct 15-17 & Oct 22-24, 2027)
Our signature October Renaissance Faire, where the full world of Ravenwood comes together with its characters, entertainment, merchants, and traditions.

❄️ Yuletide Faire - The Realm Gathers (December 12, 2026)
A warm and festive winter gathering celebrating the magic of the holiday season, with music, merriment, traditions, and the spirit of community that makes Ravenwood so special.

With each event, you will have the chance to fill out a Ravenwood Four Seasons Passport, where you will recieve a special stamp for attending each event. Collect all four and there might be a fun surprise awaiting you!

We're thrilled to be announcing our latest endeavor, and we hope you all will be able to join us throughout the year!

Be sure to keep and eye on our socials, and subscribe to our newsletter to stay up to date on the most recent Ravenwood news!

Meet the Team



Joe Marek
Volunteer/Cast
Ravenwood Faire

Can you tell us a little bit about yourself?

After I graduated college I joined a medieval group called the Markland Medieval Mercenary Militia and the very first year of the MD Renaissance fair, which at that time, was staged in Colombia. We participated as one of the main entertainment groups. Subsequently, I did different things at that fair, including being a 17th century pirate in Tudor England and learning how to be a combat jouster. But after I came off of a horse wearing 50 pounds of armor I decided that my brain grew bigger and I didn't have to pursue that. I stuck with being cavalry, which was safer I thought, and not required to come off the horse. I've also participated in other historical reenactment events from Viking Age to World War II.

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

I've been at faire almost, I believe four years, and I got started by hearing about an audition for the faire at a bar in Martinsburg, WV. Which I attended and was obviously successful in my audition. I think the shoe in, was the fact that I owned a cannon that I could fire at the beginning and end of the fair.

What is your position with Ravenwood Foundation and Faire?

My current position is as chancellor of the realm. Quite a step up from being sheriff, and I'm happy to keep that up as long as needed.

What are your goals for the future of the Foundation and Faire?

In terms of the future , I see the move to the winery as the epitome of what everyone could hope for. There's plenty of room for expansion and progress.

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

A lesson that I learned at a previous renn faire that I employed at Ravenwood was that if your canon doesn't go off while it's raining, borrow a cigarette from an audience member and set it off with a cigarette. It's a great foundation and a great family, and I'm very happy to be a part of it.

What is your favorite memory from Faire?

As to my favorite memory , it's a toss up between being the efficient at a Harry Potter wedding and doing the grand melee last year. It's reassuring to me that I can still swing swords after fifty years of doing this.



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

Yuletide Festival



A Ravenwood Yuletide Celebration Awaits!

The magic of Ravenwood doesn't end with the Faire! This December, we're bringing a little holiday magic to the Shenandoah Valley with Ravenwood Faire's Yuletide Festival!

Join us on **Saturday, December 12th**, from **12 PM-8 PM** at **North Mountain Vineyard & Winery - 4374 Swartz Road, Maurertown, Virginia,** for a day filled with festive fun, holiday traditions, and a little Ravenwood magic!
Shop unique gifts from talented artisan vendors
Enjoy delicious food and seasonal treats, sip on local wines from North Mountain Vineyard & Winery, enjoy handcrafted mead from Saga Meadery, discover spirits from Blue Shepherd Spirits, & Father Christmas himself will be there for a visit!

Bring your family, gather your friends, and spend the day shopping, sipping, and celebrating the season with the Ravenwood community!
Whether you've attended Ravenwood Faire before or this will be your first visit, we'd love to welcome you as we begin a new holiday tradition.

Scan the QR to purchase your tickets today



Youth News

EMPOWERING THE FUTURE ONE VOICE AT A TIME

Youth Art Show

Congratulations to the winners of the Ravenwood Youth Art Show, hosted at the Ravenwood Faire!

Your submissions were bold, creative and fun! And we are thrilled that you got to participate.

Congratulations



Queen's Choice

First: Evie Kern
Second: Henry Rice
Third: Jensen Upchurch

King's Choice

Raeanne Cook

People's Choice

Henry Rice

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.

Want to get involved? Please reach out to our Youth Initiative Co-Chairs, Terry or Sophie!
Terry - terry.carter@ravenwoodfoundation.org | Sophie - sophie.key@ravenwoodfoundation.org

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Youth Camp

At Ravenwood Foundation, we believe some of the most meaningful opportunities begin with a community willing to come together. Whether it's a child discovering a love for art, a teenager learning a new skill, or a family making memories at one of our events, these are the moments that inspire us to keep growing. As we look toward 2027, we're excited to continue expanding our Youth Initiative, developing our camp programs, and finding new ways to give back to the community. We're proud of what we've accomplished so far, but there's still so much we'd love to do. And with the support of our volunteers, local businesses, and community members, we know we can make it happen.



We are deep in the works for next years Ravenwood Youth Camp, happening July 12-16th, 2027! Be sure to keep your eyes out for when we announce applications!

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HAVE IDEAS?

LET US KNOW!

Ravenwood is always looking for new ways to enrich 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 engagment 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 and we will be delighted to speak with you.

Last Months Fun

From the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU!



What an incredible two weekends! As we close the gates on Ravenwood Faire 2026, we are filled with so much gratitude, joy, and excitement for what the future holds. This year marked a very special chapter for us as we brought Ravenwood Faire to its new home at North Mountain Vineyard & Winery! Moving to a new venue was a big undertaking, but seeing the grounds come alive with performers, musicians, artisans, vendors, entertainers, and thousands of smiling faces made every bit of hard work worthwhile.

To our incredible vendors and artisans, thank you for bringing your creativity, craftsmanship, unique treasures, and passion to Ravenwood. Your booths and displays helped transform the grounds into a bustling medieval village, and we are so grateful you chose to be part of this new chapter with us.

To our talented performers, musicians, and entertainers, thank you for bringing the magic to life and filling our weekends with laughter, excitement, music, and unforgettable memories.

To our dedicated volunteers, cast, staff, and everyone working behind the scenes, thank you for the countless hours, hard work, and dedication that made these weekends possible. We truly could not have done it without you.

And to every single person who walked through our gates, whether it was your very first faire or you've been part of the Ravenwood family for years, thank you for being part of our story. We hope you had just as much fun as we did!

Ravenwood Faire is about so much more than a few weekends of medieval fun. Behind the music, laughter, costumes, and festivities is a much bigger purpose. Ravenwood Faire is proudly presented by The Ravenwood Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to giving back to our community through charitable initiatives, youth programs, education, and opportunities that bring people together. Proceeds from our events help support the Foundation's mission, including charitable causes such as breast cancer awareness and support, youth art programs, educational workshops, backpack drives, and other community outreach initiatives.

When you support Ravenwood Faire, you're supporting something bigger. You're helping us give back, create opportunities, and make a difference in our community. These past two weekends have shown us just how special this community truly is. We've learned so much, and we know there are things we can continue to improve as we grow. Because this is just the beginning.