

The Young Author's Conference Field Trip

The **Young Authors Conference (YAC)** is a writing extravaganza for 4th-8th grade students. Students will have the opportunity to attend the keynote address and three interactive writing sessions led by local fiction and non-fiction writers, poets, songwriters, playwrights, actors, and illustrators. Students will learn the power of the well-written word and the way it can inform, inspire and transform. Over **4,000** students attend YAC each year. The Young Author's Conference is organized by Success Beyond the Classroom. For more information about YAC please see: <http://www.successbeyond.org/YAC.html>

"This experience has changed the way I will write for the rest of my life."

-YAC 2016 student

"WOW! All those authors in one place. For anyone who loves to write, this conference is a MUST!"

-YAC 2015 teacher

Details about Attending the 2017 Young Author's Conference

This year's Young Author's conference will take place ALL DAY on Tuesday, May 30th. The registration fee for the conference is \$40.00. If you cannot pay this fee due to family circumstances, WMS has a scholarship fund and your expenses can be covered. Let Mrs. Boulos, Mrs. McElrath, or your Language Arts teacher know.

To attend the conference, here is what you need to do:

- Agree to attend by filling out the important information on the attached permission slip.
- Have your parents make out a check for the registration fee amount, which is \$40.00, to *Woodbury Middle School*.
- Turn in your permission slip and money to the Mrs. Boulos or Mrs. McElrath in F216 ASAP to guarantee your spot! Permission slips will be available beginning Wednesday, January 25th and spots will be filled on a first come, first serve basis through Friday, February 3rd. The first students to pay will attend the conference.
After February 3rd, no refunds can be issued.
- If a parent is interested in chaperoning, please include a name and email on the permission slip. Note that all chaperones must complete a criminal background check prior to the field trip.

What is the agenda for the day?

7:45 a.m.	Meet by the Activity Doors at WMS to depart WMS for Bethel University campus in Arden Hills, Minnesota
8:30-9:00 a.m.	Arrival and Seating
9:00-9:30 a.m.	Keynote and Instructions for the Day
9:45-10:35 a.m.	Breakout Session 1
10:45-11:35 a.m.	Breakout Session 2 or Lunch/Book Fair Groups
11:45-12:35 p.m.	Breakout Session 3 or Lunch/Book Fair Groups
12:45-1:35 p.m.	Breakout Session 4
1:40 p.m.	Depart Bethel University Campus in Arden Hill, Minnesota
2:10 p.m.	Return to WMS and return to your 8 th hour class.

We will check in with you as May 30th approaches! Questions? See your Language Arts teacher, Mrs. McElrath (WMS Gifted Education Coach) emcelrat@sowashco.org, or Mrs. Boulos (WMS Literacy Coach) lboulos@sowashco.org. Mrs. Boulos & Mrs. McElrath can be reached at (651) 425-4516.



South Washington County Schools
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 Cottage Grove, MN 55016

REVISED: 2/10/15

Field Trip Parental Authorization Form

A field trip to: Bethel University planned by: Mrs. Boulos & Mrs. McElrath

purpose: Young Authors Conference on (date): 5/30 from (time): 7:45 to (time): 2:15

Other comments pertinent to this field trip: If you'd like to chaperone, please provide your name/email.



PLEASE NOTE: Per district policy

All chaperones are required to have a criminal background check completed prior to the field trip.

Parent - Please complete and return this portion to school:

I understand that district procedures have been followed in planning for this field trip. A plan has been filed with the principal regarding safety and supervision issues.

Weather conditions will be considered prior to the trip and necessary adjustments may be made. This could include canceling the field trip.

I also understand that I will be responsible for paying all expenses related to sending my child home from the trip due to disciplinary reasons or illness if the school staff deems it necessary.

I authorize my child to participate in the field trip.

Field trip to: _____ Date of field trip: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Does your child have any special health problems or handicapping conditions which will require special attention or supervision on the field trip? YES NO If YES, please comment on necessary considerations:

(The above information will be taken on the field trip by the supervisor.)

If you want to use the school lunch program, please complete and submit the following 2 weeks prior to the field trip:



Field Trip Meal Options

Student Name: _____ Date of trip: _____ Teacher: _____

Deduct from PIN Account # _____

Money enclosed with this form

Cheese Sandwich

Ham & Cheese Sandwich

All lunches include:

Ham Sandwich

Turkey & Cheese Sandwich

Sandwich choice, Fresh Fruit & Vegetables, Milk

Turkey Sandwich

This meal complies with USDA requirements.

If a BAG LUNCH is ordered and prepared for my child, I understand that the price of a school lunch will be charged to my child's account whether he/she takes the bag lunch or not.

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