

Young Authors Day Camp

Welcome to the 2024 Edition of YADC!

We have a lot of great opportunities for your aspiring authors to hone their craft among the company of their peers who share a similar passion for words and language. Please read through the following information so that we can have a smooth start to the week and focus on the power of prose.

CAMP ACTIVITIES

Daily Activities

- Writing
- Swimming 4 days per week -- Monday through Thursday
- Nature Walks
- Word and Story Creation Games
- Genre and Author Explorations
- Scavenger Hunts for Golden Sentences
- The Range of Emotions That Writing Can Evoke
- ...and did we mention: Writing!

PREPARING FOR CAMP

What campers should bring to camp:

- **Wear comfortable clothing** to enable participation in all of the activities.
- **Wear athletic shoes everyday!** They are necessary to protect feet from rocks, tree roots, etc. We ask that campers do not wear open toe shoes or sandals.
- **Sunscreen.**
- **WATER! WATER! WATER!** Bring an ice-cold water bottle with your name on it every day to camp.
- **Swim bag.** Swimming is on Mondays through Thursdays, so campers must bring a bathing suit and towel each day. Equipment such as goggles and masks may be brought, but the camper is responsible for keeping track of their own items.
- **PARENTS, PLEASE LABEL ALL BELONGINGS WITH CAMPER'S FULL NAME.**

What NOT to bring to camp:

- **No weapons or similar paraphernalia** will be allowed under any circumstance.
- **Do not bring any electronic devices.** Campers will not be permitted to use cell phones during the day.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Please note that the Cranbrook Kingswood Middle School for Girls Parking Lot is a one-way traffic pattern parking lot.

MORNING DROP OFF

- Drop off for your camper may occur **between 9:00 – 9:15** each morning.
- **Please do not drop your child off prior to 9:00**, because there is another camp that will be arriving at that time and we do not want your young author accidentally attending art camp.
- Please do not exit your vehicle. A staff person will approach your car to open the door and welcome your child to camp.
- If you need to exit your vehicle to go to the Camp Office, or for other reasons, please be sure to *park your car at the far side of the parking lot* in order to allow the flow of traffic to remain uninterrupted.

AFTERNOON PICK-UP

- Pick-up car queues will begin forming at Girls Middle School at **3:10**. Cranbrook Kingswood Middle School for Girls will host more than one day camp program this summer, so it is essential that parents *closely observe pick up and drop off times*, otherwise parents may find themselves queued up in the pick-up line for the wrong program!
- All cars should display the **Authorized to Pick Up** form on the passenger side windshield/ dashboard. Any individual who does not have the Approved to Pick Up form displayed will be required to present photo ID that matches the parents' designated approved to pick up list. *No child will be released to any individual not named on parents' authorized to pick up list. Please be sure to add all possible names to this list!*
- Campers will be escorted to your car. **Please do not exit your car while in the pick-up line.** We must keep traffic flowing quickly and smoothly to avoid cars backing up onto public roads, which is an obvious safety concern.
- Please move as far forward as possible, as directed by traffic controllers.
- **DO NOT PARK IN LINE!** If you need to park your car for any reason, please do so in the middle of the parking lot.
- Please be prompt for pick-up. **All campers who have not been picked up by 3:30 will be placed on the bus to go to After Care located at the Brookside School on Cranbrook Road.**
- **All campers enrolled in for Fore & Aft care services will go to Fore & Aft daily unless otherwise authorized by a call to the camp office by parent or guardian.**

Picking up early or have a scheduled appointment for your child?

Please notify the camp office by phone, or have your camper bring a note to give to one of the Assistant Directors. When you arrive to pick up your camper, park in the Middle School for Girls parking lot and call the camp office. A staff member will then escort your camper to you.

- For security reasons, campers may not meet their ride in the parking lot.
- The camp Office Administrator, Camp Director, or an Assistant Director will ask **to see photo identification and will check your camper's registration** to be sure that your camper is authorized to be released to the individual picking your child up.
- If you would like to *add an individual* authorized to pick up your camper, please stop by the camp office.

Reporting Absences/Tardy Arrival/Early Pickups

Attendance is taken every morning, so we request parents to call whenever their camper is going to be absent or late to camp.

- To report absences, please leave a phone message at the day camp office.
- If your camper is arriving late to camp, please escort him or her *to the front doors of GMS*. A staff member will then escort the camper to their group. Campers are not permitted to wander in our buildings or on campus unsupervised.