



7/15-7/19: Young Authors Day Camp

WHAT'S GOING ON AT YADC?

At YADC this week, our staff paid special attention to campers who were exemplifying **R.O.C.K.S.T.A.R.** behavior. Many campers were nominated based on their behavior throughout the week, and two were voted on by their groups. These voted-on authors received the “Rockstar of the Week” awards for their outstanding job acting as role models for their peers.

This week was Under The Sea week at Young Author’s Day Camp! In honor of the theme, the youngest group voted to take the name “The Savage Megalodons.” They enjoyed imagining their own underwater adventures, reading and writing poetry about the ocean, learning about different sea creatures, and creating myths about where thunderstorms come from. They also loved playing charades and pretending to be sea animals while they swam each day. The Megalodons are a spirited and curious bunch, and they had lots of fun this week!

YADC’s middle group consisted of 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. This week, the “No-to-the-No’s” worked on fiction stories, free to their imagination, that touched on our theme of Under the Sea. Their stories used the literary element of personification, and some even drew pictures to accompany them. This week’s group was very imaginative and creative, and they loved free-writing!

The oldest group stuck with a name they are quite fond of: “Ye Olde Ones.” They spent time learning about perspective in their writing and practicing using different ones. They spent a lot of time responding to texts and prompts that went along with this week’s theme, Under the Sea.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Drop-off is from 8:45–9:00, and pick-up is from 3:00–3:15.
- Please remember to send your camper in **athletic shoes**.
- During pick-up and drop off, **please remain in your vehicle**. Staff is there to help your camper.
- If you need to visit the Camp Office, please park in the visitor parking spots to leave the flow of traffic uninterrupted.
- **Thematic Thursday** takes place every Thursday. Your camper should come dressed in apparel to match the weekly theme!

NEXT WEEK

Theme: Time Travel through Space

Weekly Celebrations:

7/23: Camp Kindness Day!

7/25: Thematic Thursday

Don't forget to order your YADC Anthology through the SSP Office!



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July

MEET THE STAFF

Emma Clauss, director, is excited to spend her second summer with YADC. A graduate student in the Literacy Education program at Madonna University and soon-to-be mom, she is a third grade teacher at All Saints in Canton. She can't wait to hear the stories the campers are willing to share.

Mary Margaret Stone, assistant director, holds a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences degree in English and Sociology from Oakland University. She joined Cranbrook in 2007 and is a 1st grade assistant teacher and team leader of Brookside's After School Care program. This is her 5th year at YADC, and she is excited to meet all the campers!

Sarah Hume, counselor, is a sophomore at Denison University studying creative writing and anthropology. She is incredibly excited to work at YADC, because she grew up attending similar creative writing camps which helped her foster her own love of writing and build meaningful relationships with the world around her.

Emily Corwin, instructor, is a writer and teacher from Beverly Hills, Michigan. She has a Masters of Arts with a focus in English and a Masters of Fine Arts in Creative Writing. Her writing has been published widely in literary journals across the country and her book, *Sensorium*, is forthcoming with the University of Akron Press.

Carly Hittler, counselor, is a college student at Grand Valley completing a degree in education. Her experience with leadership includes two years on Link Crew and several years teaching at Foxwoode Hunt Club's summer horseback riding program, two of which she was the head counselor. She brings a friendly personality and passion for writing to YADC, and is looking forward to a great summer with your children.

Kiera Filbin, instructor, has known she's wanted to be a teacher since she was in first grade. She has been a substitute teacher, camp art instructor, and has worked with children at every possible opportunity. Over the course of the summer, Kiera's goal is to facilitate creative writing activities that will encourage young authors to explore their potential in a supportive environment where personal growth is encouraged.

Katharine Kovan, instructor, is a 4th grade Language Arts teacher in Detroit. As an alumna, she is so excited to get back on Cranbrook's beautiful campus and looks forward to getting to know your young authors very soon!

Sarah Liddy, counselor, has a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and a Minor in Creative Writing. She has three years of experience teaching/tutoring a variety of modes of writing to college students and one year experience as an assistant teacher for elementary school students. She loves working with children and she also loves animals, nature walks, cooking, and poetry.



R.O.C.K.S.T.A.R

- Ⓡ - show RESPECT
- Ⓞ - OFFER encouragement
- Ⓒ - be COURAGEOUS
- Ⓚ - show KINDNESS
- Ⓢ - SHARE ideas, time, items
- Ⓣ - TRY new things
- Ⓐ - be ACCEPTING of differences
- Ⓡ - do the RIGHT thing



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