

Young Authors Day Camp

Welcome to the 2025 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 2 days per week -- Mondays and Thursdays
- Nature Walks
- Word and Story Creation Games
- Genre and Author Explorations
- 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 every day!** They are necessary to protect feet from rocks, tree roots, etc. We ask that campers do not wear open toe shoes or sandals.
- **Sunscreen.** You might also bring bug spray for our outdoor writing adventures.
- **WATER! WATER! WATER!** Bring an ice-cold water bottle with your name on it every day to camp.
- **Swim bag.** Swimming is on Mondays and Thursdays, so campers must bring a bathing suit and towel those days. 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 speak with staff, 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 email. 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 by themselves.
- The camp Office Administrator, Camp Director, or an Assistant Director will ask **to see your authorized pickup form or photo identification** 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 contact 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 call the number below (following the prompts for Young Authors Day Camp) A staff member will then escort the camper to their group. Campers are not permitted to wander in our buildings or on campus unsupervised.

Contact

248-645-3674 (follow the prompts for Young Authors Day Camp)

YoungAuthorsDayCamp@cranbrook.edu

Weekly Themes 2025*

Week 1: Who Am I? (Characters and Archetypes)

Week 2: Nature/The Environment

Week 3: Music

Week 4: Outer Space

Week 5: Lost and Found

Week 6: Around the World

Week 7: Time Travel

Week 8: The Unknown (Spooky Week)

*We invite and encourage everyone to come dressed in costume each Friday!
(Costume day for Week 3 will be Thursday July 3rd since there is no camp July 4th)

Meet the YADC Staff!

Director: Ms. Rachel

This is Ms. Rachel's first year at Young Authors, and she is excited to be diving into the Director's Role with the wonderful YADC Team! During the school year, Ms. Rachel teaches 9th and 10th grade English at the Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School. She loves to read all kinds of fiction, and she has been in a book club with her best friends for over 10 years. Ms. Rachel also loves to spend quality time with her friends, family, and her husky Skylar.

Assistant Director: Ms. Morgan

This is Ms. Morgan's second year at Young Authors! She is very excited to be in the Assistant Director role this year. During the school year Ms. Morgan teaches 7th grade English and Social Studies. She loves to read all different kinds of stories, but mostly fiction and fantasy are her favorites. When she's not writing she is spending time with her family, playing with her dogs, and working in her garden!

Office Administrator: Ms. Olivia

After a fantastic summer at YADC last year, Ms. Olivia is very happy to be back again as the Office Administrator! During the academic year Ms. Olivia studies International Relations and Spanish at the University of St Andrews. When she is not fervently putting together the Young Authors Anthology she can be found reading (especially historical fiction/non-fiction), hiking, or playing with her two cats and her dog! Ms. Olivia is excited to read all of the wonderful stories by our Young Authors this year and is ready for a great summer!

Instructors:

Ms. Meredith

This is Ms. Meredith's first summer at YADC! She is an incoming Senior at the University of Michigan studying secondary education with certifications in English, English Language Development, and Psychology. She loves to read and write poetry and opinion pieces and also likes to read fiction and memoirs. In her free time Ms. Meredith likes to knit, go for runs, and spend time outside. Her favorite food is pretty on the nose for a future teacher, and it's Honeycrisp apples!

Ms. Becca

Ms. Becca is excited to be joining YADC this summer and is looking forward to sharing her love of writing with young learners! Ms. Becca graduated from Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania with a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. She loves reading historical fiction, mystery/thrillers, and memoirs. She also enjoys journaling and recently self-published my own memoir last summer! In addition to writing, Ms. Becca loves collecting memories—whether it's through creating photobooks, spending time with family and friends, exploring new places, or being outdoors.

Ms. Ella

Ms. Ella is so excited to return to Young Authors as an instructor this summer! Ms. Ella is a film student at Grand Valley State University focusing on script writing and directing. Her favorite color is pink, and she loves writing music! Ms. Ella is looking forward to another wonderful summer at Cranbrook.

Ms. Jane

This is Ms. Jane's second summer at YADC! She graduated from Wayne State University last year and just finished her first semester of teaching ninth grade English at Eastpointe High School. Ms. Jane absolutely loves reading and her other hobbies include bike riding and traveling. Ms. Jane spent five months in France for a university study abroad program and recently had an essay published this year with a Wayne State student publication. She also has two cats at home. She is excited to have a blast this summer!

Ms. Riley

Ms. Riley is excited to be back at YADC! This summer she is looking forward to helping young authors expand their writing skills, finding their flow, and becoming confident in using their voice! Ms. Riley is currently a student at Grand Valley State University studying elementary education. She loves creative writing and journaling. Her other hobbies include reading, going for walks, traveling, hanging out with friends and family, and doing anything outdoors.

Counselors:

Lumi

Lumi is looking forward to another fun summer at Cranbrook! They are an English graduate from Wayne State University. Writing has always been a passion of theirs, and they have been writing for over a decade! Their favorite genre is fantasy, and their hobbies include playing storytelling games and voice acting.

Mr. Miles

This is Mr. Miles's first summer at Young Authors! He currently studies exercise science and athletic training and his hobbies are running, soccer, and anything athletic. Mr. Miles also enjoys reading realistic fiction. His current favorite author is Fredrik Backman.

Mr. Kasen

Mr. Kasen is looking forward to coming back to Young Authors for a second year! He is excited to make connections with the campers, both new and returning. Mr. Kasen is a geography student at McGill University! He loves to read East Asian fiction and to write poetry. He also loves music, hosting college radio, and playing the flute.

Ms. Grace

Ms. Grace is excited to spend the summer at YADC, working with kids and helping them have fun this summer. She just graduated from Troy High School and plans to major in Organizational Studies at the University of Michigan this fall. Ms. Grace enjoys reading fiction, mystery, and fantasy books and loves journaling about her daily life. Some of her other hobbies are playing with her dog, hanging out with friends, spending time with family, singing, biking, performing (theater), and swimming.

Ms. Christina

This is Ms. Christina's first summer at YADC! She is looking forward to connecting with the campers and spending the summer on the beautiful Cranbrook grounds. Ms. Christina is entering her third year at Ohio State University, where she is studying Integrated Language Arts Education. She especially loves to read literary fiction, coming-of-age stories, and mystery novels. Outside of reading and writing, she loves to bake, travel, spend time with her friends/family, and go to local coffee shops.

Happy 4th! Week 3 is Short (June 30th-July 3rd)

Just a reminder that Week 3 of Young Authors Day Camp is a short one. There is NO camp Friday July 4th. Enjoy the long weekend!