



YOUNG AUTHORS DAY CAMP

Weekly Newsletter

Week 8 Recap

This week, campers explored all things mysterious and creepy, while listening to and composing spooky stories. After gaining insight on what makes a good spooky story, campers worked in groups to create their own goose-bump-inducing tales.

Ms. Carly's blue group practiced using people, places, and things in their stories. They played a game rolling dice to create pieces of writing with various elements.

Ms. Makenna's yellow group came up with superstitions and wrote about consequences for them.

Mr. Joe's green group wrote about monsters, using sensory details to describe why and how their monsters were scary.

Thank you for sharing your young authors with us this summer! We all had so much fun writing and learning with the campers. We sincerely hope to see you again next year. -Lauren Rinke, Director YADC

Mr. Andreas

Over the summer, I loved being able to work on different themes every week and learn more about different topics to write about. Working with the campers, I was able to help them think of writing in different ways, as well as do so myself. Working alongside the other counselors and instructors gave me an opportunity to see how other people approach their own writing and learning.

Ms. Brooke

This summer at YADC has been memorable like no other. As a first year counselor, it was thrilling to see the passion for writing in the campers that I once had myself at their age. More than anything, I will miss Authors Chair on Fridays, and getting the opportunity to hear what wonderful stories and poems each camper was eager to share that week. Thank you for a great summer at Young Authors Day Camp, and I hope to see you all next year!



Ms. Carly

This summer, the campers truly wowed me with their creativity. Whether it was a short morning prompt or a piece they worked hard on all week, every camper had a unique voice that emerged during their time at camp. As someone who is just starting out in the field of education, it was very exciting to be a part of my campers' writing journey and hope for great success for them all in the future.



Ms. Emily

My favorite memory from camp was when Emily Moon in the Yellow Group dressed up as me for Superhero Day during our Heroes & Villains week. I loved watching the highly competitive spelling bees, the courageous readings at Author's Chair at the Greek Theater, and our sunny walks around Cranbrook's campus for writing adventure. I will miss reading all your fun stories and dressing up each week for Thematic Thursday! Have a wonderful rest of your summer, young authors!



Ms. Gwyn

When I was young, books were my dearest friends until I discovered I could write my own words. Soon, all my free time was committed to stringing together word after word, phrase after phrase, and story after story. To be able to share that passion for writing with the campers this year at YADC has been nothing short of rewarding, and I will miss watching them grow as writers and critics of their own writing. The campers were so talented and driven to author their many stories this summer, and it was such a blessing to be able to encourage that spark in them!



Ms. Jaclyn

Although most young campers probably wouldn't recognize me (seeing as I resided in the YADC office), I had the great pleasure of reading, typing, and publishing hundreds of beautiful, comical, and unique stories written by our very own young authors! I especially loved reading the stories and poems that referred to specific staff members. Who knew Ms. Shelby had super strength or that it would take a lot of effort to turn Ms. Emily from a hero to a villain--she's just too nice! Thank you all for a wonderful summer with lots of fun costumes and exciting activities!



Mr. Joe

Working with YADC has been a wonderful opportunity to get back into a face-to-face classroom with enthusiastic and eager students. I'll definitely miss working with these incredibly talented campers and our incredible staff the most. It's been wonderful to give my campers the tools that they need to express themselves, and to provide them a safe space to experiment and try new things in their writing.

Ms. Makenna

This summer has been so wonderful! One of my favorite memories of YADC this summer was when all the campers created monsters to battle each other during mythology week. Another highlight would be getting to see campers write themselves as their own heroes during week 6.

Ms. Shelby

Experiencing the endless creativity of the YADC campers during these last 8 weeks has been truly remarkable. Whether over just a single week or the entire summer, watching campers grow more confident in their writing will definitely stick as one of my favorite parts of working at YADC. Alongside the fun of writing adventures and Thematic Thursdays, I will miss most getting to experience the looks of pride and pure excitement on campers' faces when they realized their stories were coming together. I learned so much from each camper I've had the privilege of getting to know this summer.

END-OF-CAMP REMINDERS

- The Young Authors Anthology will be mailed the week of August 22 to those who purchased.
- Please try to contact the SSP office about lost/left items before August 16.
- Have a great rest of your summer!

