

Girl Scout and Brownie troop workshops

The following are ideas I have for workshops with the girl scouts and brownie troops:

Making a writing journal – We will design and decorate our own writing journal. Discussion will cover learning how to journal every day thoughts and activities and how to use them to find stories. A three-ring notebook with three/four dividers will be needed. I will provide everything else. This session is great for younger students.

Developing your story – Building characters, plot, setting and timeframe for a story. Writing prompts will be provided or they may choose something they already have been working on or think of in class.

Creating Characters – how to make the most memorable characters and why it is so important to know them inside and out. Pictures are provided to help build up new characters.

Dialogue – Working a dialogue between characters. The storyline and characters will be provided.

Point of view – Discussion covers the different point of views a story can be told in.

The group is given the same scenario for a story theme and each table writes his/her story in different point of views.

Turning non-fiction into fiction – By using the local paper we will learn how to take a story that was told in nonfiction and turn it into our own new fictional story.

Poetry – Discovering different types of poems and the steps to writing one of choice.

Details and Descriptions – How to work details and description into your story.

Research Game – Teams will work together to see how much you know without research and then compare this to how much you learn with research. This game will need access to computers.

Editing – Critique techniques and how to use them in your every day work and creative writing.

Publishing – Discussion on avenues a young writer needs to take to get their work noticed. Rules to submitting and who has the best contest. Computers can be used for this.

*All the above begin with introduction of author and books and “get your juices flowing” writing prompt to get them in the mood to write.

*Each session ends with questions and answers.

*There is a drawing for one of them to receive a copy of their choice of my books.

*60 minutes sessions *prices to be provided upon request

My books will be on sale to purchase for \$14 each.

I also believe that any and all of the Author Presentations and Events on the list I provided will work in the troop setting.

These one-hour sessions will also work in daily workshops like enrichment programs and young writer workshops. Each session is an individual one where they do not need to attend but one if want to.

Each workshop cost \$99.00.

Again, thank you for your interest and I look forward to working with you and the troops!

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Below is the upcoming schedule for the troop event in Franklin Lakes. I thought it would be helpful to see how another group is handling the ages.

Sunday March 15, 2009 – Girl Scouts of Franklin Lakes will enjoy a day full of writing workshops at the Franklin Lakes Public Library. Schedule is as follows:

1:15-2:15 BROWNIE Grades 2 and 3 - Developing your story – Building characters, plot, setting and timeframe for a story. Writing prompts will be provided or they may choose something they already have been working on or think of in class.

2:30- 3:30 JUNIOR GIRL SCOUTS Grades 4 and 5 - Dialogue – Working a dialogue between characters. The storyline and characters will be provided.

3:45 - 4:45 CADETTES Grades 6-9th -Research Game – Teens will work together to see how much you know without research and then compare this to how much you learn with research. This game will need access to computers.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Leigh