Southeast Service Cooperative 13th Annual Young Authors, Young Artists Middle School Conference

For students in grades 6-8 Thursday, October 26, 2023





Registration for the Young Authors, Young Artists Middle School Conference will be accepted on a first-registered basis. There will be 150 seats for students in grades 6-8.

Early Bird Registration (Open Now – October 12) - \$49 per student Standard Registration (October 13 – October 26) - \$59 per student

Students will choose 4 sessions from knowledgeable presenters. Every effort will be made to grant your requests as space allows, but we cannot guarantee that your student will get all four of the requested sessions. This conference will be held at the Wood Lake Meeting Center in Rochester, MN.

Sessions & Presenters

- **A.** Sand Art Bottle. Explore the art of Sand Bottles with Craft lab, we will learn about Sand Art History and you will create your very own one of a kind bottle. Can't wait to see your designs! *Presented by: Megan Butts*
- B. How To Teleport Your Friends. Teleporting your readers is as simple as choosing the "write" words. In this workshop, Golden Scroll award-winning author Sam Evans shares her simplest secrets to transform your writing from so-so to stellar. Stun your teachers by raising black-and-white stories off the page into a 3-D virtual experience.
 Presented by: Sam Evans
- C. Brain Dump and Zentangle Journaling. In this session students will learn two important wellness journaling techniques. First, the Brain Dump: getting everything out of your head and on to paper as quickly as possible. This helps clear the extra clutter, while also improving decision making. Second, Zentangle. A type of drawing that enhances concentration and creativity while simultaneously letting your brain unwind. Both are fun, both are beautiful, and both are good for you brain! *Presented by: Angie Severson*
- D. Comic Jam! Collaborate with your fellow students to draw hilarious comics together! You draw the first panel of your comic, then pass it to someone else, who will draw the next panel, and so on! How will these stories turn out by the end? Presented by: Micah Amundsen

- E. Illustrating Halloween's Magic. In this season-appropriate session, participants will embark on a creative journey to learn the art of illustrating a captivating book cover. Halloween's enchanting atmosphere and mysterious elements will serve as our inspiration as we delve into a custom written short story. No prior illustration experience is required whether you're a budding artist or just curious about the creative process, this session is designed to be fun and exploratory with our story as a guide. Presented by: Elin Johnson
- F. Halloween Monster Mayhem. With the season of ghosts and goblins, werewolves and vampires upon us, this class gives you the opportunity to scare up your own creature creations. What's been hiding under your bed or lurking in the back of your brain? You'll tap into your frightful imagination with both drawing and writing prompts, guided by an instructor who has been telling spooky stories and drawing monsters for nearly half a century. Presented by: Nick Ozment

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:30 am Check-in Opens 9:00-9:05 am Announcements 9:05-10:05 am Session 1 10:10-11:10 am Session 2 11:10-11:45 am Lunch

(Bring your own, refrigeration not provided)

11:50-12:50 pm Session 3 12:55-1:55 pm Session 4

If you have questions, please contact:

Katie Hartman, khartman@ssc.coop, 507.281.6667

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OPTIONAL – STEP ONE: Secure Student Spots

You can secure student spots prior to registration. This would guarantee your students a spot in the conference, before having to collect registration forms from students. You should contact Katie Hartman with the number of spots you'd like to reserve.

STEP TWO: Ready to register?

Visit: www.ssc.coop/yayamiddle

Download the "Student Registration" Excel spreadsheet and enter the information requested. List four sessions you would like to attend. Every effort will be made to grant your requests as space allows, but we cannot guarantee that you will get all of your requested sessions. Assignments are made based on many factors. Re-save this spreadsheet and email it to: khartman@ssc.coop. Additional instructions will be provided to you upon receiving this file.

All registrations must be submitted on the Excel spreadsheet.

STEP THREE: Payment

- Purchase Order (mail, email or fax)
- Checks (payable to SSC) & mailed to the address below
- Credit Card: Please email Katie and she will invoice you khartman@ssc.coop

Mailing Address:

Southeast Service Cooperative Attn: Katie Hartman 210 Wood Lake Drive SE Rochester, MN 55904

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If you have questions or concerns, please contact:

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