

# Word Weavers at Ghost Ranch in Santa Fe

## Young Authors Camp for ages 8-13



**GHOST RANCH**  
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**June 9-13, 2008**  
Please register by June 1  
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
Monday through Friday  
\$100

Ghost Ranch in Santa Fe  
401 Old Taos Highway

**Participants are welcomed to the Writer's Bench, a smorgasbord of creative writing and self-publishing ideas, in this 5-day series of 2-hour workshops for young writers ages 8-13. Camp meets Monday through Friday from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Some scholarships available. [santafe@ghostranch.org](mailto:santafe@ghostranch.org) / 505.982.8539 ext. 23**

**Play with words and rhythm / Hands-on writing activities  
Nature walks / Journaling  
Poetry / Story-starters**

Activities are designed to stimulate creative thinking, motivate life-long learning, and encourage self-publishing. Aspiring authors "play" with words, rhythm, and rhyme, use visual imagery, and enjoy "hands-on" writing activities, including a nature walk to collect words and phrases, collage poetry, haiku, power writing, innovative character development, acrostic and list poetry, personalized journaling, story-starters, shape poems, and much, much more. Also on the menu are custom book-making techniques, such as accordion, button, and tied books. Students will design finished collections of original writing to share in a special Open House for parents and family members during the final Friday class.

Children of all ability levels and educational backgrounds are welcome. Special giftedness in writing is not required to benefit from this opportunity to develop creative exploration and expression and enhance existing skills.

Joanne Blakley, Anna, IL Education consultant and author Joanne Blakley shares unique expertise in the fields of literacy and learning. As a special education teacher for 25 years, Joanne followed a professor's advice and changed classrooms about every four years. Consequently, she experienced an exceptionally wide diversity of ages, ability levels, and cultural backgrounds. From institutional classroom instructor for students with multiple profound disabilities to first/second grade full-inclusion teacher on an Indian reservation and teacher training in China and Albania, Joanne has collected and developed strategies and techniques for highly motivating and successful instructional programs.

Joanne is the author of *Catfish are in the Elkhorn*, *Helen Lehman Reminisces*, a local and family history of Whiteside County, Illinois; *Granny Grace's Old Mennonite Recipes and Folk Sayings*; and *Our Mennonite Heritage, a Travel Journal*. She also journals and writes poetry.

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