

2022 BROADLEAF WRITERS RETREAT

April 29th- May 1st, 2022

Lake Toxaway, North Carolina

Schedule



Friday, April 29th

3:00-6:00 PM		Check in, meet and greet, and optional writing time	
6:00 PM		Dinner	
8:00 PM		Open Writing Forum and Q&A Talk about your writing journey, ask any questions you may have, and get to know one another!	
11:00 PM		Quiet Time until 7 AM	

Saturday, April 30th

8:00 AM		Breakfast	
9:30 AM		Session 1 <i>It's All About the Story</i> From the first page to the Inciting Event, nothing is more important than hooking your reader. Learn key components of establishing a story, what to include on your first page, and the importance of flipping your character's world upside-down	
11:00 AM		Session 2 <i>A Lack of Curiosity Killed the Character</i> Creating vibrant and memorable characters begins with channeling your inner 5-year-old. "Why?" is the question that can't quit. To live on the page, your characters need depth, they need history, they need proper motivation. In this session, we'll also introduce the concepts of conscious desire versus unconscious misbelief.	

12:00 PM	Lunch
1:30-4:00 PM	<p>Writing Time</p> <p>This is your time! Use it to write, to rest, to chat with others, or to wander outdoors!</p>
4:00 PM	<p>Session 3</p> <p><i>Putting it All Together</i></p> <p>From your midpoint to the finale, your characters are on a roller coaster to self-realization. Defeating the antagonist may be as simple as a duel but moving your character into acceptance and an understanding of their place in their new life takes subtlety and patience. In the end, your character's transformation must be believable in the eyes of your reader.</p>
6:00 PM	Dinner
8:00 PM	<p>Storytime</p> <p>Here's your chance to read your work! Share with the group, whether with writing from the weekend, a work-in-progress, or an essay you wrote years before. It's your choice! And if you'd like feedback, we're here to help one another learn and grow and perfect our work!</p>
11:00 PM	Quiet time until 7 AM

Sunday, May 1st

8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:30-12:00	<p>Writing Time or Group Discussions</p> <p>Use your remaining time to write some more or sit and discuss writing with others!</p>
12:00 PM	Lunch and Farewell

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