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Re: *Young Authors Conference*
May 25 6th-8th graders
May 26 4th-8th graders
~~May 27 4th-8th graders FULL~~
~~May 28 4th-8th graders FULL~~
Bethel University, Arden Hills



Join us for a celebration of young writers! It's time to start thinking about the 20th annual *Young Authors Conference*. Once again we offer a grand opportunity to all 4-8 grade students to experience writing with a variety of authors, illustrators, poets, playwrights, songwriters, and other skilled and inspired writers.

The 2010 YAC sessions are already taking shape. We are pleased to collaborate again with the Education Department of Bethel University and will host these writing days on Bethel's fine campus in Arden Hills. This year's theme is *Stories of Hope!*

Cost is \$34/student ECSU member districts/schools; \$46/student ECSU non -member districts/schools.

If your district/school is interested in bringing students to the conference, the registration process is simple and easy! All registration forms and conference information can be downloaded from our website found at www.successbeyond.org Follow the links to the Young Authors Conference Registration page. Download the Intent Form and program flyer. Complete the Intent Form and return it to SBC by February 15, 2010.

Please try to accurately estimate the number of students who will attend as it critically impacts our preliminary planning, scheduling and hiring of presenters. We want all students to have a quality experience.

Here are some priceless responses from students who attended prior YAC events

- *I have learned that writing is an on-going process that should never end.*
- *I feel like I'm ready to be an author and an awesome poet.*
- *I was really moved by one of my sessions.*
- *The day was exciting and very hands on. I couldn't wait to know what we would do next.*
- *It felt like another challenging, eccentric day! I felt proud to meet other kids who love poems like I do.*
- *I learned that you don't have to try to write a masterpiece every time you write. Just write!*
- *I learned that part of being a writer is sharing your work with others.*
- *I've never known how important and fun dialogue can be.*
- *I am grateful for the experience and will carry with me the knowledge I've acquired.*
- *I was inspired to write more and maybe become an author some day.*

Bring your writers to the Young Authors Conference so they can share in this inspiring celebration of writing.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie, julie.schaal@metroecu.org or 612-638-1540.

Visit our web site, www.successbeyond.org and click on the Young Authors link to see and read about this amazing event.