

Our conference offers great information in an intimate setting

Where else can you see, up close and personal, an outstanding editor, a superb agent, and an award-winning author, who are ready to teach you what you need to succeed in today's children's writers' market?

Editor Joy Neaves, agent Emily Van Beek and author Cynthia Leitich Smith comprise our faculty for this day-long event.

Published BV-SCBWI authors will also conduct a hands-on Writers' Workshop.

Submit your work for a personal critique, practice technique in our workshop, gather great information from those in the know, send in a first page for analysis – it's all here for you.

Brazos Valley SCBWI provides what large conferences cannot: a chance to meet renowned authors, editors, and agents in a supportive and educational environment.

Come join us!



Be sure to submit a first page for our panel. Open to all participants. See details at right.

Hotel Information

For participants of this conference, a limited number of rooms have been reserved at a group rate for Friday, November 14th. Specify that you are with BV-SCBWI.

Rate: \$99.00 plus tax. (King or double; King suites are available)

Location: HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS
1203 University Drive, College Station
(979) 846-8700

A free breakfast is included.

Please note that reservations must be made by October 24 to receive the discount.

Note: No conference refunds after October 15, 2008. Critique fees are nonrefundable.

To Participate in a Critique:

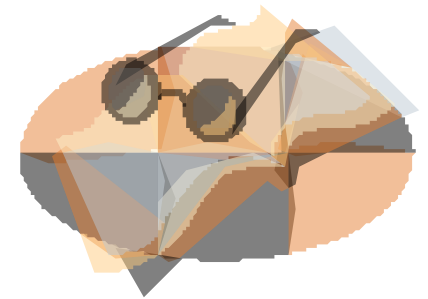
Submit 10 pages, any genre, double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12 point font. Limit one per attendee. **Manuscripts not meeting these guidelines will be returned.** All critique participants will meet one-on-one with reviewer. Critique space is limited; please sign up early; no late submissions.

First Pages:

All participants (except day-of registrants) are invited to submit a "first page" for the panel. Authors will not be identified; panelists will choose selections from submissions. Submit 1 page, double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12 point font, any children's genre.

BRAZOS VALLEY SCBWI 2008 CONFERENCE

"Connections & Craft: Writing for Children and Young Adults"



Saturday, November 15
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
A&M United Methodist
Church
417 University Drive
College Station, TX

BV-SCBWI

Tel: 979-696-8158

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Faculty

Schedule

Sign-up

Joy Neaves began working at Front Street (imprint of Boyds Mills Press) in 1999 as assistant to the publisher soon after graduating from the UNC at Asheville with a degree in literature and language. Since becoming a Front Street editor, she has worked with novelists Emily Smith Pearce, Zu Vincent, Shenaaz Nanji, Andrea Cheng, Lindsay Lee Johnson, and Adam Osterweil; the poet Charlotte Pomerantz; and illustrators David Udovic, Craig Smith and Rob Shepperson. She has overseen the publication of several foreign authors, including Australian writers Judith Clarke and Steven Herrick and Swedish writer Per Nilsson.

Cynthia Leitich Smith is the award-winning author of five books and seven short stories for young readers. Her novel TANTALIZE (Candlewick, 2007) was a Borders Original Voices selection, a NY Public Library Book for the Teenage, and featured at the National Book Festival in Washington, D.C. Her website was named one of the top 10 Writer Sites on the Internet by Writer's Digest and an ALA Great Website for Kids. Her Cynsations blog was listed among the top two reads by the children's/YA publishing community in the SCBWI "To Market" column.

Emily Van Beek is a literary agent and the rights director at Pippin Properties, Inc. a boutique children's literary agency located in New York City. Prior to joining the agency, Emily was a children's book editor at Hyperion Books for Children. Pippin represents some of today's most exciting talents in children's books, including Kathi Appelt, Kate DiCamillo, David Small, Doreen Cronin, Betsy Lewin, and Peter H. Reynolds. The agency, founded by Holly McGhee, also represents exciting new and emerging talent in children's books, including the picture book author/artist Jeremy Tankard, Jenny Han, Tao Nyeu, and Masha D'yans.

- 8:30 – 9:00 Registration & coffee
- 9:00 – 9:15 Introductions
- 9:15 – 10:15 Joy Neaves, Editor: "Making Connections with Children's Literature"
- 10:15 – 10:30 Break
- 10:30 – 11:30 Cynthia Leitich Smith, Author: "Stepping Into Your Fictional World" - creating a resonant setting in realistic and fantasy fiction.
- 11:30 – 1:00 Lunch, book sales, door prizes
- 1:00 – 2:00 Writers' Workshop: Hands-on techniques to improve your work
- 2:00 – 2:15 Break
- 2:15 – 3:15 Emily Van Beek, Agent, with Kathi Appelt, Author: "My Side of the Desk: A Day in the Life of a Literary Agent"
- 3:15 – 4:00 First Pages Panel: Faculty will select first pages from submissions to illustrate writing techniques.
- 4:00 – 4:30 Door Prizes & Wrap-up

*Are you an author who wishes to sell books at our conference?
We are working with Barnes & Noble to provide a bookstore.
Please contact Liz at lizbmertz@gmail.com*

*BV-SCBWI is an affiliate of the
Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators
www.scbwi.org*

<i>Sign up:</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Encl.</i>
SCBWI <u>International</u> member, before 9/15/08	\$100.	
Non-member, before 9/15/08	\$110.	
SCBWI member, after 9/15/08	\$120.	
Non-member, after 9/15/08	\$130.	
Critique - Deadline 9/15/08	\$35.	
Membership in International SCBWI (optional)	\$75.	

Please make check to BV-SCBWI **Total:** _____
Send check/manuscripts/first pages to address at bottom of page.

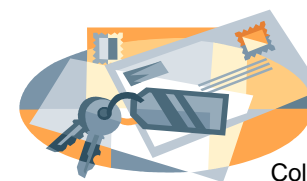
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**Lunch & snacks included in fees.
Need veggie? Please indicate:**



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