



**Revision Retreat with Kid's Book Revisions
August 13-17, 2014**

All meals and sessions will take place in The Barn.

Daily Meal Schedule
Coffee/Tea: 7:00 a.m.
Breakfast: 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
Lunch: Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Appetizers: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 13

3:00 pm Arrival and optional tour of Highlights/Boyd's Mill Press, 803 Church Street, Honesdale; then get settled in at workshop
5:30 pm Appetizers and Dinner
7:30 – 9:00 pm Introductions and presentation on *Beginnings: Making a Promise to the Reader*

Thursday, August 14

8:30 – 9:00 am Set up and mingling over coffee
9:00 – 10:15 am *Analysis vs. Response: Two Ways to Read*
10:30 am – Noon *Using Critique Groups*
Lunch
1:00 – 2:30 pm Individual appointments and goal-setting with Eileen and Harold
2:45 – 4:45 pm *Optional Model Critique Groups Setup and 1st session / writing time*
5:00 – 5:30 pm Get some exercise!

After dinner: writing and recovery time

Friday, August 15

8:30 – 9:00 am Set up and mingling over coffee:

- 9:00 – 10:15 am *"Big Picture" Methods*: finding objectivity or responsiveness; Plot, character, theme, feeling; checklists, outlining, visual breakdowns, being read to, etc.
- 10:30 am – Noon Trying out "big picture" methods and discussion
Lunch
- 1:00 – 3:00 pm *Optional 2nd* session of Model Critique Groups / writing time
- 3:15 – 5:00 pm Writing time: Eileen and Harold available for individual consultations
- 5:00 – 5:30 pm Get some exercise!

After dinner: writing and recovery time

Saturday, August 16

- 8:30 – 9:00 am Set up and mingling over coffee
- 9:00 – 10:30 am *"Tight Focus" Methods*: polishing and tweaking: Language, POV; Line and copy-editing your own writing
- 10:45 AM – Noon *Falling Up: Stretch Your Imagination*: Improvisation and other techniques to generate new material
- Lunch
- 1:00 – 5:00 pm No Model Critique Group session this afternoon: use the time to write or form ad-hoc critique groups if you prefer.
Eileen and Harold available for consultations, group involvement.
- 5:00 – 5:30 pm Get some exercise!

After dinner: writing and recovery time

Sunday, August 17

- 9:00-10:45 am General wrap-up session and market discussion: Plan to cover unusual approaches, revising (or not) for the market, finding your own road, and burning questions; What worked and what didn't, sharing of plans and goals; final creativity exercise
- 11:00-Noon **TBD: Possible editor panel on revision, the market, your questions.**
- Lunch and goodbyes