

Camp Conroy 2019: Build a Book

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The Pat Conroy Literary Center's second annual **Camp Conroy: Build a Book** is a two-week summer camp to be held June 17-28, Monday-Friday, 8 am – 4 pm Presented in partnership with Beaufort Middle School, the program will provide campers, age 8-15, with a hands-on program of book building from start to finish.

This year's theme is "Garbage and the 4 R's: Recycle, Reuse, Renew, and Repurpose, Making the World a Better Place." Participants will engage in writing, illustrating, photographing, editing and storyboarding, and producing a book. The campers will act as a team in interpreting the definition of garbage and how it can be reconstructed into different forms of art. Throughout the camp, the participants will work with instructors to create, revise, and compile their content for the book: stories, essays, poems, artwork, and photographs. The participants will also constructively critique one another's work, a key and engaging part of the collaborative process.

The first week will include field trips to Hunting Island State Park and the Coastal Discovery Museum on Hilton Head Island. Campers will have clear-cut assignments and roles, i.e., photographers, interviewers, researchers, to name just a few.

During the second week, participants will focus on editing, revision, production, and building a book mockup, preparing for its publication. Local artists will be invited to visit and share their craft to instill artistic inspiration for campers.

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There will be two classes offered this year: ages 8-11 and 12-15. Space is limited to 15 per class. Camp Conroy will be held at Beaufort Middle School in adjacent rooms so that students can create and work together in a collaborative effort to produce one anthology including all campers' works. The resulting publication be part of an exhibition at the Pat Conroy Literary Center in downtown Beaufort that will include all the campers' stories, poems, artwork, and photography. Family and friends will be invited to a closing celebration and reception at the Center, and the campers' will be available for order.

The \$299 registration for Camp Conroy includes one field trip to Hunting Island State Park (transportation courtesy of Bill Reynolds of Pat Conroy's Beaufort Van Tours) and daily snacks provided by Lowcountry Produce; students must bring their own lunch and drink each day. Scholarships are available; to apply, students should submit a sample of their work (essay, poem, artwork, or photography) by Friday, May 10, to the Pat Conroy Literary Center, 905 Port Republic Street, Beaufort, SC 29902, ATTN: Camp Conroy. Camp registration is open at <https://campconroy2019.brownpapertickets.com>

About the Instructors

Miho Kinnas is a Japanese-born writer and translator, and the author of the poetry collection *T oday, Fish Only*

. Her work has appeared in various journals and anthologies. Miho conducts haiku workshops at many locations including Shanghai International Literary Festival, the Pat Conroy Literary Center, local libraries, and schools. She holds an M.F.A. from City University of Hong Kong. She and her husband live on Hilton Head Island.

Lisa Anne Cullen is the author or editor of eight children's books and a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. She holds an M.F.A. in writing for children and pairs this passion with her love of illustration, art, photography, and screenwriting. Lisa has won awards for her artistic and written works and finds pure joy in connecting with the natural world.

Her author-illustrated folktales

Little Orange Honey Hood and *Three Wild*

Pigs

were

released through USC Press's Young Palmetto Books in 2018.

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