

Parent names: _____ Child(ren)'s name/age/grade: _____

Address: _____

Parent Email: _____ (Level & II only) Student Email: _____

Parent phone number: _____ Willing to Carpool: _____

REGISTRATION, CONTRACT, & CODE OF CONDUCT REGISTRATION FEE TO HOLD SEAT(S): \$50/student (this fee will hold a seat until the class fills or August 1st at which time full payment will be requested/required or seat will be relinquished. No registration fees will be refunded unless stated by or error on the side of Writer's Circle or Kate Bach.)
This fee is not a part of class costs.

_____ (checkbox) (Grades K-5: HalfPints & Explorers) I understand that I will need to supplement my child's curriculum in the area of math.

_____ (checkbox) (Grades K-3: HalfPints) I understand that the level of Writer's Circle can be expanded into a full curriculum (plus math) at home or used in a purely supplemental manner alongside another curriculum.

_____ (checkbox) I understand that I will need to purchase my literature books and other texts prior to the beginning of Writer's Circle. List provided in separate attachment --used books are recommended and should run \$75-\$350 for all books/texts depending upon the grade level.

_____ (checkbox) I understand that some of the books will be purchased in bulk to receive a discounted price and will be on the lookout for those so I don't double order.

_____ (checkbox) I understand that some classes might have a 'Materials Fee' to cover in class experiments and other necessary supplies.

_____ (checkbox) (all) I understand that WC meets in a neighborhood, and, in that, we must be sensitive to blocking driveways, mailboxes, and traffic flow while, at the same time, staying off all grass. In that I understand that I will be asked to either carpool with another family(s) and/or meet at a central location to share the final part of the ride into Katie's neighborhood. If you are unable to do this on a regular basis, please let Katie know immediately.

_____ (checkbox) (all) I agree to approach all things with a heart of kindness and cooperation; one that seeks peace and friendship over personal feelings or opinions. I understand that should resolution not be able to be reached, Katie will make a final decision with no input, mediation, or arbitration beyond what she seeks. In doing this, know that these decisions are not made quickly nor lightly.

_____ (checkbox) (all) I agree to guard my words so that I might build up our group and lieu of tearing it down. If I have a problem or issue with another, I agree to go directly to them, as a friend, to discuss the matter. If I am the one being approached I agree to listen with openness and trust. I agree to involve a 3rd party only after I have gone to my friend in good faith (and not found resolution).

_____ (checkbox) (parent) I agree to guide my child in their assignments and to insure that they have all necessary books and assignments packed and brought to WC each class. **It is HIGHLY suggested that all books, especially the literature books, are purchased in advance.** I understand that Writer's Circle is a place where students come together to showcase their great achievements and high standards in a secure environment of encouragement, grace, and joy. When one student lags in bringing forth their assignments, the other students notice and wonder should they, could they follow suit. This erodes the quality and cohesiveness within the student body and the efficacy of instructors and materials.

_____ (checkbox) (student) I will work toward choosing to be the best version of myself daily and weekly as indicated in my academic work/effort brought to class. Arriving as prepared as your week allows is a vital aspect of Writer's Circle! We hold within our administrative rights to ask your child/family to forfeit, without refund, your class spot should a student regularly indicate a lack of commitment toward his/her **academic and/or social best** toward himself/herself, another student, an instructor, and/or Writer's Circle by coming unprepared, being unable to participate, or acting inappropriately in class and/or social times, Kate and/or Darrell Bach are able to ask your student(s)/family to leave the (WC) program. We refer to this as 'The 3 Strike Rule' and we try to be as understanding and gracious as possible allowing for the usual twists and turns of life until a student shows a pattern. Writer's Circle is a wonderful place to create social connections and enjoy friends. However, it is primarily a place to practice commitment to one's best and practice of diligence using academics as our tool.

We approach our '3 strikes' by working directly with and talking directly to the student to see if they will choose their best version of themselves over what they have been bringing. If this does not work, we bring in the parents and ask for their help at home while we continue to press for the student to practice commitment and diligence to the requirements of WC. If this does not work, we ask the student to leave.

_____ (checkbox) (student and parent) I agree to leave my screens (phone, tablet, pad, pod, etc) at home in order that I might be fully present to participate in learning and playing. Passive entertainment can dull the sense of wonder God has placed within us--we do appreciate the great things technology, as a *productive* tool, allows us to attain. A recent study found that a student with a phone on a teacher's desk achieved better in school than when the phone was within the child's backpack- even if it was forbidden to check/utilize. They performed even better when their device(s) were left at home. Writer's Circle wishes to guide your child(ren) in discovering the joys of being fully present, active participation, engaged learning, and active creativity. We still have a land line if needed 803-396-3911 and all teachers have their cell phones should the need for in class/ER communication arise. If a phone is confiscated, I, Kate Bach, will **hold it in my possession one full week** at which time the student must request their parent come to retrieve the phone. A second offense could require leaving the program as decided between the instructors. If there is a time a phone is needed to be present please arrange this with me beforehand and we will assign a location for the phone to dwell (turned off) until the end of the day. This would be a rare request and not something ongoing/weekly.

_____ (checkbox) I understand that over the year our children will become very close and our home will feel like theirs. This is our wish but comes with caution. As such, I ask that **each student sign the below agreement of conduct:**

I agree to be kind, work hard, choose to be the best version of myself when at W.C. and come prepared for all classes. I agree to be a peacemaker, to help those smaller or younger than myself, and to speak positively and with kindness. I agree to avoid the desire to gossip or talk down about another person in order to make myself feel/seem more important. I agree to stay out of all bedrooms, leave closed doors closed, and remain outside of the pool area. I agree to help clean up the yard, playroom, kitchen, and house at the end of each Writer's Circle day.

By enrolling my child(ren) in Writer's Circle, a drop off program at the home of Darrell and Kate Bach; 1761 Ballard Lane; Fort Mill, SC 29715, I agree to hold the Bachs, their neighbors, and all participants harmless of any liabilities due to accident(s) on said property or surrounding/neighboring properties for the academic year of 2021-2022.

(parent) _____, date _____

(student) _____, date _____

I, Mrs. Bach, agree to help remind and encourage you, the student, in the above mentioned areas; to treat you with kindness, fairness, and good will; approaching all situations with Biblical principles, grace, and love. I acknowledge that I will not be able to understand what was in your heart nor become involved in to solve all problems, but I will do my best to bring resolution, kindness, and peace for our whole group. I promise to do my best to provide, maintain, and nurture a fun, fair, and faith-filled environment for all students, instructors, and families. ---Katharine S. Bach

1-22-2021.

_____ (checkbox) (parent) I agree to the terms and prices as follows:

Grades K – 5 (HalfPints and Explorers): Tuesdays 9:30am - 3:30pm \$500 for 20 classes

Grades 6 - 8 (Level 1): Tuesday/Thursday 9:30-3:30 \$1000 for 40 classes

Grades 9-12 (Level 2): Tuesday/Thursday 9:30-3:30 \$1100 for 40 classes (includes grading/transcript)

If bartering or requesting scholarship please fill in \$ amount with item(s) & value of services bartering or amount of scholarship needed: _____

Registration Fee of \$ _____ submitted by check/cash to Katie Bach 1761 Ballard Lane Fort Mill, SC 29715 OR Venmo to @Kate-Bach-2 OR Paypal to katie@faithfulscholars.com *as a friend*