

# Writers' Jubilee

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We would like to invite you to participate in our **2012 Writers' Jubilee, which will be held on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**, at the Edward R. Andrews Elementary School in Morrisville, NY. This event offers workshops on communicating through written, spoken, and visual methods. The Jubilee is free and open to anyone from third grade through adult. It includes school children and community members, not only from our district but surrounding school districts as well. Our average attendance is over 300! We hope that you will consider joining us this year.

This year's keynote speaker is author and photographer, Steve Swinburne. Mr. Swinburne is an experienced photographer, who combines his own photography with his love of writing with nature and wildlife. His some of his nonfiction books include *A Butterfly Grows; Saving Manatees; Black Bear: North America's Bear; Bobcat: North America's Cat; Safe, Warm and Snug*. He's also written a chapter book titled *Wiff and Dirty George: The Z.E.B.R.A. Incident*. Mr. Swinburne says that "as a life-long naturalist, I love sharing my passion for nature and exploring wild places. And as an author, I love writing about wildlife and this amazing and beautiful planet we share." (<http://www.steveswinburne.com/index.php>)

We are asking that most workshops be planned for all ages, from third grade to adult. We will offer a *few* workshops exclusively for the middle/high school and adult participants. Please let us know if that is the age group you prefer. **Evaluations every year show that participants like audience interaction in the workshops.** It would be helpful if you could plan some kind of hands-on activity. This could be writing, drawing, singing, and so on.

If you can join us this year, please fill out and return the attached workshop response form. **We hope that we will hear from you by February 17, 2012.**

Our PTO gives a very modest honorarium to help cover transportation costs. Unfortunately, they cannot truly compensate you for your time and expertise. We do hope you will consider donating your time to this worthwhile endeavor.

The tentative schedule is as follows (***this is a change from previous years***):

8:45 - 9:15	Registration
9:20 - 9:55	Keynote Address
10:00 - 10:45	Workshop A
10:50 - 11:35	Workshop B
11:35 - 12:00	Closing
12:00 - 12:30	Autographing in the Gymnasium
12:30 - 1:30	Presenter lunch in the Library

**We thank you once again for taking the time to participate and fill out the attached form. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Writers' Jubilee on April 28, 2012!**

Sincerely,  
Writers' Jubilee Committee