



2014-2015 Steinbeck Young Authors Coach Request

The National Steinbeck Center invites you to join us as a one-day Volunteer Writing Coach for the 2014-2015 Steinbeck Young Authors Program. Scheduled this year to serve more than 2000 Monterey County students, this important program is designed to improve the writing skills of middle school students. We hope you can share some of your time and talent with us!

There are two ways in which you can help with this year's Steinbeck Young Authors Program:

1. Volunteer as a writing coach for the 2014-2015 Steinbeck Young Authors Day of Writing on **Monday, March 2nd, 2015 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.**
2. Nominate other community members to be coaches

As a writing coach, you would commit just over three hours of your time at the National Steinbeck Center to:

- Attend the Volunteer Writing Coach training and luncheon;
- Meet one-on-one with your assigned student;
- Complete an evaluation form that will help with ongoing development of the Steinbeck Young Authors Program.

This year we need 75-100 coaches! We hope that you will take this opportunity to work with a terrific Monterey County student as a Volunteer Writing Coach. The Day of Writing is an occasion to celebrate student writing and introduce students to the works of John Steinbeck and the resources of the National Steinbeck Center. It's a chance to emphasize the importance of good writing skills and also show the students that their community cares about them and their writing!

To confirm your participation, please complete the enclosed Participation Form and fax or by email to elizabeth@steinbeck.org or (831) 796-3828.

Thank you for your support of Steinbeck Young Authors!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Welden-Smith
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