



**Revision Retreat with Kid's Book Revisions
August 13-17, 2016**

All morning sessions are in the Barn, and individual appointments and critique groups in the Barn or the Lodge, as arranged.

Daily Meal Schedule

All meals and sessions will take place in the Great Room, in the Barn.

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.

Saturday, August 13

5:30 pm Appetizers and Dinner
7:30 – 8:30 pm After dinner: Getting acquainted and sharing of "touchstone" books. Review of schedule.

Sunday, August 14

8:30 – 9:00 am Set up and mingling over coffee
9:00 – 10:15 am *Two Sides of the Reading Coin: Literary Analysis and Reader Response*
10:30 am – Noon *Getting Feedback from Others: Using Critique Groups and Beta Readers*

1:30 – 5:00 pm Individual appointments and goal-setting with Eileen and Harold or your writing time
Groups and beta reader pairs may choose to meet and give each other feedback.
5:00 – 5:30 pm Get some exercise!

After dinner: writing and recovery time (or groups and beta readers if you have the energy)

Monday, 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, setting; checklists, outlining, visual breakdowns, etc..
10:30 am – Noon Trying out "big picture" methods and discussion
1:00 – 5:00 pm Writing time: Groups and beta reader pairs may choose to meet and give each other feedback. Eileen and Harold are available for impromptu consultations or to sit in on groups as needed.
5:00 – 5:30 pm Take a walk!

After dinner: writing and recovery time (or groups and beta readers if you have the energy)

Tuesday, 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 and word choice; Line and copy-editing your own writing
10:45 am – Noon *Falling Up: Stretch Your Imagination:* Improvisation and other techniques to generate new material
1:30 – 5:00 pm Individual appointments and post-retreat planning with Eileen and Harold, or your writing time
Groups and beta reader pairs may choose to meet and give each other feedback.
5:00 – 5:30 pm Get some exercise!

Wednesday, August 17

- 6:30 am Yoga upstairs in loft of Barn (optional)
8:30 – 9:30 am **Note early start time!**
General wrap-up session, sharing of plans and goals; final creativity exercise.
9:30 – 10:30 am Stacey Barney, Senior Editor at Penguin/Putnam Books for Young Readers, and Cherie Mathews, Assistant Editor at Boyds Mills Press, share revision and publishing stories and answer your questions about what they do.
10:30 – 11:30 am Eileen, Stacey, Cherie, and Harold chat about the business today and answer your publishing questions.
12:00 – 1:00 pm Lunch and goodbyes
1:30 pm Tour of *Highlights*, 803 Church Street, Honesdale (optional)