



March 21st, 2026

Welcome to Young Authors Academy Express! The following information will help you prepare for the big day. Please read the information carefully. If you have any questions, please contact us at (801) 422-7845 or brynna.vickery@byu.edu

CHECK-IN

Important dates and times Saturday, March 21st

Check-in: 8:00 – 8:50 a.m. / BYU Conference Center Room 2297

At check-in you will receive:

- Camp Supplies
- James Dashner Book
- Name Badge

SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 21, 2025

8:00–9:00 a.m.	Check-in
9:00–10:00 a.m.	Morning Keynote—James Dashner
10:00–10:30 a.m.	Conversation—Q&A
10:30–11:30 a.m.	James Dashner book signing
11:30–Noon	Writing Activity
Noon–12:50 p.m.	Lunch
1:00–1:50 p.m.	Writers Block A
2:00–2:50 p.m.	Writers Block B
3:00–3:50 p.m.	Writers Block C
4:00–4:50 p.m.	Keynote Speaker – Kenneth A. Baldwin
5:00–6:00 p.m.	Activity

PARKING

Visitor parking is available on the west side of the BYU Conference Center. Parking is available in the first three rows of the parking lot.

CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES

As a participant of the Young Authors Academy Express, you are expected to attend all classes and activities on the schedule. You will receive a full agenda when you check in.

Posted on our website, is a list of the writer’s block classes that you can attend. When it is time for classes, you will pick which one you would like to attend and show up (there is no pre-registration for classes). Please note you are not allowed to go off campus or wander around campus.

FOOD

Participants will be provided with lunch and snacks throughout the day. If you have dietary restrictions, please let us know at check in.

ITEMS TO BRING

- Notebook
- Pen/pencil
- Water bottle

Please note that we are not responsible for lost items. We recommend bringing a small bag to carry around your items. We do **NOT** recommend bringing valuable items like laptops or iPads.

ADMISSION AND STANDARDS

Brigham Young University's Division of Continuing Education is committed to providing a learning atmosphere that reasonably accommodates persons with disabilities who are otherwise qualified to attend. Prior to registration, all applicants with disabilities may discuss the program requirements and available facilities with the applicable program director.

Participants attending these programs must maintain the standards of Brigham Young University (i.e., high standards of honor, integrity, language, and morality; abstinence from tobacco, alcohol, coffee, tea, and harmful drugs; and modesty in dress).

All hairstyles should be clean and neat. Extreme hairstyles are unacceptable. No midriff tops, sleeveless shirts, or tank tops are permitted. Short must be mid-thigh or longer (no short shorts allowed). Dress and grooming standards are strictly enforced on campus. Failure to comply with these standards may result in a request to make appropriate changes and/or dismissal from the camp. Due to safety and liability concerns, any participant found in or entering campus construction areas will be subject to immediate dismissal.

The following are the responsibilities of each participant: Maintain respectful attitudes toward faculty, instructors, counselors, and all other individuals; demonstrate proper use of university equipment and facilities; attend all camp sessions and activities; follow instructions; respect curfews; dress modestly; refrain from vulgar and profane language; and come prepared to observe the BYU Honor Code. Any participant involved in theft; the illegal use of drugs; consumption of alcohol; infraction of dormitory rules, curfew, or BYU standards; or any other unlawful or immoral act will be sent home and/or prosecuted. No refunds will be given for those asked to leave the program because of these violations. Parents are responsible for picking up a participant who has been dismissed and for paying any costs incurred for transportation. Due to safety and liability concerns, participants found in or entering campus construction areas will be subject to immediate dismissal without a refund.

Parent Attendance Policy

To comply with youth safety and child protection policies, this camp is designed to be a participant-only program during daily activities.

Parents and guardians are welcome to drop off their children in the morning from 8:00 - 9:00 AM and pick them up at 6:00 PM. However, parents may not remain in the building during the camp day.

This means that parents/guardians may not:

- Stay with their student during camp hours
- Attend writing classes or workshops
- Listen to guest speakers
- Join students for lunch
- Attend the end of day activity

These guidelines help us maintain a safe, supervised environment and ensure that all students can fully participate in the camp experience.

RULES TO KNOW

Breaking any of the following rules will result in the participant being sent home without a refund.

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1. Participating in or encouraging sexual relations, or immoral behavior of any kind, viewing or sharing pornography in any form, sexting, or using vulgar or inappropriate or suggestive language, verbally or in text is not allowed.
2. Shoplifting, theft, or vandalism of any kind
3. Possession or use of tea, coffee, tobacco, alcohol, or any illegal substances. In addition, prescription medicines cannot be shared with anyone.
4. Possessing weapons or firearms of any kind.
5. Doing anything harmful to yourself or others, physically, emotionally, or spiritually.
6. Leaving campus during the day.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Only a participant and his or her parent/guardian have authority to request a refund. A non-refundable handling fee of \$25 will be assessed on all cancellations. Brigham Young University cannot be held responsible for any change or cancellation charges made or required by airlines, travel agencies, or other institutions. The refund process will take between 14-21 working days. You will be reimbursed in the same way you made the payment.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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