



# WordGirls New York Getaway

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## Christian? Female? Want to Write?

You are invited to an exclusive WordGirls event created with you in mind. The getaway will be customized for our registrants' needs—and will help you get to the next step whether you're an experienced writer or just starting out. Perfect for those wanting to write for blogs or to become a professional writer. Also designed for those already in the business looking for insider information so they can do well in the publishing industry. **(Limited to 16 attendees, counting Kathy.)**

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**DELUXE CONDO LODGING** at Peek'n Peak (Clymer, NY) will be assigned as you register to match the rooms/beds available. Check with Kathy prior to sending payment to make sure we have the room you've selected available. Those who reserve soonest get the best room selections.

### *Each WordGirls Attendee will go home with:*

- A plan of action for your next step.
- More ideas than you'll know what to do with, and ways to dream up new ones in the future!
- A jumpstart for any writing-related projects that have stalled out.
- Materials—information, tools, and resources you will use to get to the next step.
- Assessment to help create detailed short-term and long-term goals for writing.
- Sharpened writing and marketing skills.
- Insight into the publishing industry, with insider information and tips.
- Strengthened book proposals or query letters.
- Progress on your work-in-progress (WIP).
- A sense of community with other fun WordGirls serious about writing.
- Fresh wind in your sails, enough to tackle your next project or revive your current one.

### *We do it the WordGirls way! What does that mean?*

- **Boutique-style format.** Offers highly specialized products and services.
- **One-on-one coaching.** Individual brainstorming with an industry pro.
- **Workshop size.** Limited group size to maximize your takeaways.
- **Synergy.** From the WordGirls' leader as well as from your fellow attendees.
- **Customized.** Each getaway is designed for that specific group. Not cookie cutter – we use the experience, knowledge, and interests of each group to determine the content.

As a result, no two WordGirls events will be identical. What makes the difference is **you**.



### **About Your WordGirls Leader**

Known as God's Grin Gal, Kathy Carlton Willis writes and speaks with a balance of funny and faith, whimsy and wisdom. Over a thousand of Kathy's articles have been published in books, magazines, newspapers, and online publications. She is known for her Grin Gal line of books. Kathy served as literary publicist for over 200 popular authors and publishing houses and also served as a speaking trainer and columnist. She has edited books, newspapers, and devotionals. Kathy is not only active as a book industry pro for conferences and clients—her coaching group, WordGirls, propels Christian women toward their writing goals. Kathy stimulates brain tsunamis as she coaches others. The WordGirls members lovingly call her WordMama. Her words inspire grin-worthy moments despite groan-worthy experiences.

### **Getaway Features**

- 1-hour one-on-one coaching with Kathy, plus over 10 hours of WOW! time
- 4 interactive Group Sessions (Topics based on each group's needs)
- 2 group brainstorm times (Your own think tank)
- 2 nights deluxe condo lodging (and condo amenities)
- 3 Meals
- 2 Light Breakfasts
- Spacious condos (The five bedroom is 4,500 sq. ft and the seven bedroom is 5,500 sq. ft., connected buildings)

## **Endorsements from Previous Getaway Gals**

### **General**

- If you ever have an opportunity to attend a WordGirls getaway—DO IT!
- I recently attended my first WordGirls getaway and it won't be my last. I will be going again and again.
- Genuine, valuable wisdom and advice. Exceeded my expectations.
- The amount and level of fellowship was beyond my expectations.
- Ample time to work on our individual projects and have valuable group sessions.
- WordGirls does not apologize for setting a standard of excellence.

### **Our Coach**

- Kathy made it easy for me to warm up to a dozen strangers. Immediately made me feel at home.
- Her passion for writing and her "girls" is palpable.
- Kathy's experience in the publishing field is extensive.
- She freely pours out tips to be a successful writer.
- She is articulate, organized, faithful and considerate as a coach.
- Kathy sees right into my heart and is such an encouragement when I doubt my abilities.
- She listens to her clients and prepares for coaching sessions so that she is ready to serve them.
- Kathy answers questions with rapid coherent answers, based on industry knowledge.
- If Kathy doesn't know the answer to a question, she'll research it rather than bluff through a response.

### **Individual Benefits**

- Our one-on-one coaching was worth the whole trip.
- I walked away feeling like I could do this writing thing.
- Kathy is encouraging and can tell you precisely what you need to hear without killing your spirit.
- Practical help that you can implement immediately.
- Kick-started my creativity again!
- One-on-one coaching helped me narrow down my long list of "to-dos" in levels of importance.
- I left the retreat feeling validated and encouraged.
- I didn't expect the emotional healing that came from open-hearted, open-handed love and sharing.

## Group Sessions (*Endorsements Continued*)

- Group sessions were filled with laughter, tears, and excellent teaching.
- The Surrender Service was amazing!
- The content given was far above what I would have received anywhere else.
- You will feel less invisible, receive support, and be infused with knowledge,
- The group sessions helped me relate to others' questions and struggles.
- I was inspired to hear how others have made progress.
- There was a holy atmosphere in the room, one of genuine concern for each person there.

## Tentative WordGirls Weekend Getaway Schedule

*\*WOW! Time is your personal writing retreat "Working on Writing!"*

### Monday

*Get settled as soon as possible in your lodging and start your own WOW! Time before we meet.*

9:00–10:00	Individual Coaching Session at Remote Location
10:00–11:00	Individual Coaching Session at Remote Location
11:00–12:30	Load Up and Travel Time
12:30–1:30	Lunch at Alexander's on the Lake (10417 Main St, Findley Lake) <i>you pay</i>
1:30–2:00	Travel to Peak'n Peek Condos (Clymer), Get Set Up
2:00–3:00	Individual Coaching Session / WOW! Writing Retreat Time
3:00–4:00	Individual Coaching Session / WOW! Writing Retreat Time
4:00–5:00	Individual Coaching Session / WOW! Writing Retreat Time
5:00–5:30	<b>(ALL)</b> Introductions, Discuss Intentions for Weekend
5:30–6:15	<b>(ALL)</b> Dinner
6:15–6:45	Cleanup
6:45–7:45	<b>Group Session</b>
7:45–9:00	Q&A Discussion, Snack & Fellowship

### Tuesday

9:00–10:00	Individual Coaching Session / WOW! Writing Retreat Time
10:00–11:00	Individual Coaching Session / WOW! Writing Retreat Time
11:00–12:00	<b>Group Session</b>
12:00–12:30	Food Prep
12:30–1:30	Lunch
1:30–2:00	Clean-Up
2:00–3:00	Individual Coaching Session / WOW! Writing Retreat Time
3:00–3:30	Food Prep
3:30–4:30	Individual Coaching Session / WOW! Writing Retreat Time
4:30–5:00	Food Prep / WOW! Writing Retreat Time
5:00–5:45	<b>(ALL)</b> Dinner
5:45–6:15	Clean Up
6:15–7:15	<b>Group Session</b>
7:15–8:30	OPTIONAL: Group Workshop & Snack
8:30–9:30	WOW! Time until Lights Out

### Wednesday

Pre-9:00	WOW! Time (Starts whenever you're ready)
9:00–10:00	Individual Coaching Session / WOW! Writing Retreat Time
10:00–12:00	<b>Group Session: Surrender Service:</b> Light for Your Feet & Your Path: Next Steps & Goal Setting, Goodbyes and Clean Up
12:00–1:30	Travel Time & Restaurant for Lunch (Amish meal you pay \$20 including tip)
1:30–2:00	Travel Time
2:00–3:00	Individual Coaching Session at Remote Location
3:00–4:00	Individual Coaching Session at Remote Location
4:00–5:00	Individual Coaching Session at Remote Location



# New York

## WordGirls Getaway

### 2024 Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Check:**

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2308 S. Kennedy Ave.  
Tyler, TX 75701

**PayPal:**

Contact Kathy to request PayPal Invoice  
*Will not receive PayPal payments that were not invoiced*

**Bring spending money:**

2 meals out  
To purchase each other's books

**Cancellation Policy:** You will receive a full refund if you cancel prior to April 1. If after that date, refund depends on expenses caused by your reservation. We will work with you to try to find someone to fill your spot.

**Will you be flying or driving?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have any special dietary needs?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Briefly describe what you hope to work on and learn while at the Getaway.**