

ABOUT DR. BECKER...

Dr. John Becker has devoted his life to educating children, and working for the conservation of wild animals. After receiving his bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University in 1964, Dr. Becker taught in the elementary schools of Pontiac, Michigan. He returned to Ohio State and received his Master's and Ph.D. degrees in teacher education. Thereafter, Dr. Becker taught at Macalester College, and the University of



Florida in teacher education programs.

In 1978, Dr. Becker embarked on a career combining wildlife conservation and education when he became an administrator at the Columbus Zoo in Columbus, Ohio. In 1986, he became Director of Program Development for Coastal American Field Studies, traveling extensively in Costa Rica. He also served as a consultant with the Wilds, and in 1988, Dr. Becker became a founder and Executive Director of the International Society for Endangered Cats.

Dr. Becker is a full-time freelance writer, and is currently writing a series of books for children entitled "Returning Wildlife." He has also co-authored a college textbook, and written articles about wildlife for Highlights for Children, Boys' Life, Chickadee, Hopscotch For Girls, Zoolife, Animals, Wildlife Conservation, Wild Outdoor World, and Georgia Wildlife magazines. He is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators.

Dr. Becker has given well over 1300 presentations across the United States and Canada. He teaches writing in the Greater Columbus Arts Council's "Artist-in-Schools" program, and at The Thurber Writing Academy, the Delaware Cultural Arts Center, and the Metroparks of Columbus and Franklin County, Ohio.

COMMENTS FROM PRINCIPALS

"Dr. Becker's presentation on "Adventures In Writing" was truly remarkable... it's obvious to recognize his love for animals, and enthusiasm for writing... Dr. Becker has the special ability to transfer his great knowledge and experiences to each child in a natural and authentic style... I've never witnessed such a large group of children who were so motivated and excited about writing." Dean A. Casella, Independence Elementary School, Hopewell, PA.

"I would like to compliment and recommend John Becker for his wonderful workshops... Dr. Becker came to our elementary school and took students and staff on an adventure of their lifetime... Dr. Becker did more for our staff than any other presentation we have ever had... He had endless amounts of energy and positive phrases for every single student." Susan Lindberg, Mark Twain Elementary School, Miamisburg, OH.

"Dr. Becker's rapport with the students was excellent... All the students got involved regardless of their age or ability level... Dr. Becker's programs are perfect for elementary school students... The biggest endorsement that he could get was that my teachers and students asked that he be invited back to our school again for a multiple day nonfiction writing program." Judith E. Galo, Memorial Elementary School, Brunswick, OH.

"Parents reported that their children had raved over the writing experience. We were gifted with many student generated stories about animals. Dr. Becker served as cheerleader for the budding writers." Barbara M. Conger, Edison Elementary School, Willoughby, OH.

"It is a pleasure to write regarding the wonderful writing experience Dr. John Becker gave to our children. The most difficult part is to adequately describe the joy our children had on his visit... Anyone who is fortunate enough to have time with Dr. Becker will be enhanced as our children were. For many, this was the impetus to improve their skills, imagination, and desire to write. For that, I am grateful to him." Jill Spanheimer, Ed.D. West Broad Elementary School, Columbus, OH.

ADVENTURES IN WRITING

WITH DR. JOHN BECKER

*Discovering the enjoyment of
nonfiction writing*



**WRITING
WORKSHOPS
FOR
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Select one of the following "themes."

“Discovering Endangered American Animals”

We'll dive in a river on the coast of Florida to swim with the gentle, giant manatees. We'll ride a swamp buggy deep into the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge to radio-track panthers. And we'll observe playful river otters being released in Indiana for the first time in fifty years

“An African Safari”

We'll take a safari in East Africa through the vast grasslands of the northern Serengeti and view the magnificent animals found in that part of the world. We'll drive right up to elephants, lions, cheetahs, and giraffes, ride in a boat surrounded by hippos, and sleep in tents on the Serengeti.

“Adventures in the Rainforest”

We'll ride on a jungle train high in the mountains, canoe down a peaceful river, search for jaguars deep in the forest, and listen to howler monkeys bellowing in the trees above us. The rainforest is alive with an unbelievable number of plants and animals, but you must look carefully to see the animals hidden in the trees.

“Exploring the Coral Reef”

We'll travel to the Caribbean Sea off the coast of Belize, and go snorkeling at one of the world's greatest barrier reefs. An unbelievable variety of aquatic life abounds beneath us as we bob in the crystal clear water.

"Mysteries of the Amazon"

We'll take a cruise down the earth's mightiest river as pink river-dolphins splash nearby. Then we'll climb to the dizzying heights of a canopy walkway, fish for hungry piranha, and hike through the steamy jungle.

Choose one of the following workshop formats:

- 1-Day: \$1,000.00
- 2-Day: \$1,800.00
- 3-Day: \$2,600.00
- 4-Day: \$3,400.00
- 1-Week: \$4,200.00
One grade level per day
One school per day
One grade level per week

All workshops include: Orientation, initial writing exercise, grade-level presentations with "trip," and comprehensive writing experience.



- Programs are age-appropriately geared for K-8 audiences.
- Each presentation is 45-60 minutes in length.
- All sessions are interactive, and students will write in each session.
- Young children will be encouraged to tell stories through the pictures that they draw.
- All program options also require a \$.32 per mile round trip reimbursement from Delaware, Ohio.
- Multiple day programs require overnight accommodations and meals.
- Travel exceeding 150 miles (round trip) requires overnight accommodations.