



WordGirls Missouri Getaway

October 15–17, 2024 in Louisiana, Missouri

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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 14 attendees, counting Kathy.)**

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Location: The Yellow Rose Historic Home, 804 N. Carolina Street, Louisiana, Missouri

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This 1919 historic home is right across the street from Kathy's childhood home. There are no private rooms available, so if you need special accommodations, we recommend you reserve lodging elsewhere and select a daytime pass for the getaway. Because we have limited beds available, please contact Kathy ahead of time to find out which options are still open. This river town is beautiful in October—the perfect setting to inspire creativity.

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 lodging
- 4 meals (gluten-free available)
- 2 light breakfasts

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

- 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 Getaway Schedule

**WOW! Time is your personal writing retreat “Working on Writing!”*

Tuesday (October 15)

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

1:00–2:00	Individual Coaching Session / WOW! Writing Retreat Time
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	(ALL) Introductions, Discuss Intentions for Weekend
5:30–6:30	(ALL) Dinner
6:30–7:00	Cleanup / Fellowship
7:00–8:30	Group Session
8:30–9:30	Q&A Discussion, Snack & Fellowship

Wednesday (October 16)

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	Group Session
12:00–1:00	Lunch
1:00–1:30	Clean-Up
1:00–2:00	Individual Coaching Session / WOW! Writing Retreat Time
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	Freshen Up / Fellowship
5:30–6:30	(ALL) Dinner
6:30–7:00	Clean Up / Fellowship
7:00–8:30	Group Session
8:30–9:30	OPTIONAL: Group Workshop & Snack

Thursday (October 17)

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	Group Session: Surrender Service: Light for Your Feet & Your Path: Next Steps & Goal Setting,
12:00–1:00	Lunch and Goodbyes



Missouri

WordGirls Getaway 2024 Registration

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

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Check (Discounted Rate):

Kathy Carlton Willis
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PayPal:

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

Cancellation Policy: You will receive a full refund if you cancel prior to October 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.