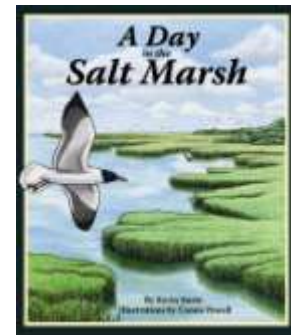
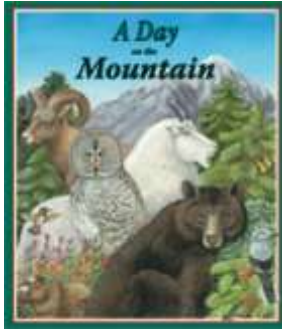


Schedule a School Visit with South Carolina Children's Author Kevin Kurtz!



Spend a Day on the Mountain

Five-thousand feet above sea level, watch a herd of rams as they graze. Five-hundred feet higher and hummingbirds hover! Kurtz shows children how the mountain habitats change with climate and elevation. Familiarity with different habitats broadens children's environmental awareness and teaches them to value the Earth, from near and far. With the help of Erin Hunter's vivid illustrations, Kurtz introduces the reader to a host of mountain animals including black bears, garter snakes, Bighorn sheep, Yellow-bellied marmots, salamanders, a Great Gray Owl, Clark's nutcracker, hummingbirds, mountain goats and snow fleas.

Kevin Kurtz has loved books and nature since he was a kid growing up in upstate New York. He holds degrees in English literature and elementary education and started his professional career working in a marine biology laboratory. While assisting on a research project studying some of the inhabitants of salt marshes, he quickly became fascinated with this important and unusual ecosystem. For most of the past decade, Kevin has combined all of these experiences by working as an environmental educator and curriculum writer for organizations such as the South Carolina Aquarium, the Center for Birds of Prey, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and the South Carolina Marine Educators Association. He has written and edited the South Carolina Aquarium's award-winning K-8 curriculum, as well as curriculum activities for NOAA, the College of Charleston's COASTeam project and the Center for Birds of Prey. He also helped develop and was the first coordinator of the South Carolina Aquarium's High School Intern Program, which

What will you learn while reading *A Day on the Mountain*?

The follow up to Kevin Kurtz's *A Day in the Salt Marsh*, *A Day on the Mountain* tackles educational aspects of a different habitat—the mountaintop. Told in rhyme, this story takes children from the bottom of a mountain to the top.



Not only are Kevin's books fun, they are educational, too!

The back of each Sylvan Dell book features a "[For Creative Minds](#)" section:

A Day on a Mountain

- Mountain Ecosystems
- Mountain to Arctic Pole Map Comparison
- Above or Below the Tree Line?
- Match the Animals

A Day in the Salt Marsh

- Salt Marsh Plants and Animals Matching
- Tidal Animals Activity
- What Causes Tides?
- Why Salt Marshes are Important

Visit Details:

Kevin has a master's degree in elementary education and over nine years of experience teaching school groups of all ages as an environmental educator at organizations such as the South Carolina Aquarium. He has presented his books to students from kindergarten to fifth grade as well as to high school biology classes. A visit from Kevin can include:

- A reading of *A Day on the Mountain* or *A Day in the Salt Marsh* while it is projected on a screen.
- An informative discussion based on grade-level science standards of the habitats featured in the book and the animals and plants that live there.
- A discussion of the process of writing a children's book
- A question-and-answer period
- A book signing

Rates:

- All day visit at one school includes five 45-minute programs (maximum 125 students per program) and book signings - \$500 plus travel expenses.
- Five 45-minute writing workshop programs (maximum 30 students per program) and book signings. All day visit at one school. \$500
- Schools near each other can split a day visit into separate morning and afternoon visits. Each school visit would include two 45-minute programs (maximum 125 students per program) and book signings - \$250 per school plus travel expenses.
- Evening PTA program is a 45-minute program and book signing - \$200 plus travel expenses.
- Schools outside of Charleston, SC will need to add travel expenses to the program rates.



Photo Becky Holmes

How To Schedule:

1. Coordinate with other classes (or schools or libraries), and decide what day works best.
2. Contact author directly to schedule date, time and details.
Email Kevin Kurtz at KevKurtz@gmail.com
Visit Kevin's website at <http://kevinkurtz.homestead.com/>
3. Send letter home to parents announcing the author visit and offering them the opportunity to order autographed books for their children. (Form letter enclosed!)
4. Preorder books and coordinate book sales with author.

Dear Parents,

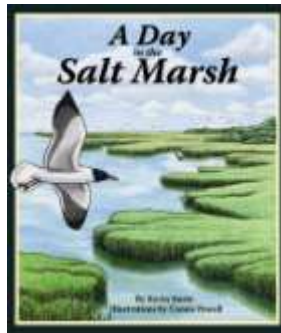
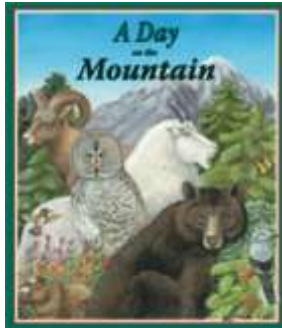
We are excited to announce that children’s author Kevin Kurtz (*A Day in the Salt Marsh* and *A Day on the Mountain*) will be visiting our school on _____ to meet our students, talk about his book and lead the classroom(s) in fun, educational discussions and activities! To purchase a copy of either book so that your child can receive an autograph and remember this special day, please fill out and return the attached order form by _____.

Best wishes,

**Yes! I would like to help my child remember
Kevin’s school visit!**

Name of Child: _____ Name of Teacher: _____

Grade: _____ Personalize Autograph To: _____



Title		Retail Price	School Fair Price	Quantity	Total
<i>A Day in the Salt Marsh</i>	Hardcover	\$15.95			
	Paperback	\$8.95			
<i>A Day on the Mountain</i>	Hardcover	\$16.95			
	Paperback	\$8.95			
Plush 12” Black Bear		\$21.75			

Please make checks payable to (if applicable):

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Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____