

Schedule a School Visit with Children's Author **Patti Zelch!**



New Release! Fall 2010
Ready, Set...WAIT!



When hurricanes threaten, humans prepare, but what about wild animals. How do they prepare? *Ready, Set... WAIT!* answers that question. Children of all ages will learn how dolphin pods squeeze closer – squeak and squawk at one other — how sharks explode through the shallows of a nearby bay; and how crocodiles crawl into caves in the canals that crisscross the land. They know and they wait.

What was your incentive to write this particular book?

“As we prepared for Hurricane Wilma, my oldest grandson asked me ‘What do the wild animals do during a hurricane?’ I didn’t know. After much research, I found it fascinating that wildlife senses the upcoming storms long before humans. I knew immediately that this would capture the attention of children of all ages, and that it was a great topic for teachers and parents.



What is the best part about this book?

Since Katrina, hurricanes have become major news items. Much has been written about how people prepare and survive these dangerous storms. *Ready, Set... WAIT!* presents new and exciting information about how wild animals react and prepare for hurricanes. Children of all ages will find this information fascinating.

Not only is Patti’s book fun, but it’s educational, too!

Ready, Set... WAIT! features a “For Creative Minds” section (see below), Cross-curricular “Teaching Activities,” English/Spanish eBooks and audio, child-friendly “Related Websites,” and Comprehension & Math quizzes, all available at www.SylvanDellPublishing.com.

“For Creative Minds”

Natural Disasters—What is a Hurricane
Difference Between Hurricanes, Typhoons, and Cyclones
Where in the World these Storms Occur
How to Prepare for a Storm
Animal Behavior during a Natural Disaster

A School Visit with Patti...

Patti is available for elementary school visits, book signings, library presentations and readings. She will be happy to work with you to create a specific session/workshop for your class or group. Programs vary according to age groups.

Example Sessions:

- **Science**
 - What is a Hurricane?
 - Preparing for a Hurricane
 - Do Animals have a Sixth Sense?
 - The Scientific Method
- **Language Arts/Writing**
 - Research and the Writing Process
 - Making Writing Fun with Alliterations

The fee depends on the size of the group, where you are located and the length or number of sessions.

About Patti Zelch...

One of Patti Zelch's fondest childhood memories is of her family's weekly visit to her hometown library in East Liverpool, Ohio. That family ritual created a love for books that traveled with her when she and her husband moved to south Florida. There she read to her three children, shared books with the pupils in her elementary school class and used picture books to introduce lessons to her middle school students. After fifteen years of teaching, Patti retired and became a student. She earned her MFA at Spalding University in Louisville, Kentucky, and pursued her dream of writing for children.

Many of her stories are influenced by the wonderful wildlife of South Florida, but it was a question from her oldest grandson that inspired her to write *Ready, Set... WAIT!* While the family prepared for Hurricane Wilma, he asked, "What do wild animals do during a hurricane?" Now that she has answered Jaxon's question, Patti is busy fishing, boating, reading and, of course, writing from her home in the beautiful Florida Keys.



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.**
 - Patti Zelch, zelche4@gmail.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.**
 - Coordinate book sales with author.

Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce that children's author Patti Zelch (*Ready, Set...WAIT!*) will be visiting our school on _____ to meet our students, talk about her book and lead the classroom(s) in fun, educational discussions and activities! To purchase a copy of her 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 Patti's school visit!

Name of Child: _____

Grade: _____

Name of Teacher: _____

Personalize Autograph To: _____



Title		Retail Price	School Fair Price	Quantity	Total
<i>Ready, Set... Wait!</i>	Hardcover	\$16.95			
	Paperback	\$8.95			
Manatee Stuffed Animal		\$13.80			
Please make checks payable to Patti R. Zelch				SUBTOTAL	
				SALES TAX <u>6</u> %	
				TOTAL	

Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

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