

## Author Visit Information

Thank you for your interest in an author visit! I hope to visit your school in the near future. Below is some preliminary information to get us started.

### The Day's Schedule

- A full-day author visit typically includes four or five presentations. Half-day visits include two or three. Typical presentation length is 45 minutes, though everything is flexible. Workshops are often longer. Presentations for younger students may be shorter.
- Please schedule ten minutes between back-to-back presentations in the same location and 15 minutes between presentations in different locations. Presenting in the same location will result in a smoother day, though I am happy to relocate as needed.
- I kindly ask that you email me the proposed schedule before finalizing it with the entire school. This will ensure that we're all in agreement up front on the best flow of the day.
- For full-day visits, lunch is much appreciated. I'm happy to eat with students.

### Preparation

- Presentations are always more meaningful when students are prepared in advance. For Klondike presentations, some prior knowledge of the Klondike gold rush and/or Jack London would be great. Ideally, students will have read *Call of the Klondike*.
- Presentations run smoothly when required technology is working. I kindly request that:
  - The projector, screen, and speakers are already set up and tested in each location. (I will bring the dongle/connector for my Mac laptop.)
  - Internet access for streaming videos is available (for some presentations).
  - The microphone is tested and ready (for large assemblies).
  - Your tech expert meets me upon arrival to test and troubleshoot in advance.
- A table in front for my laptop and props is necessary. Please leave some room to maneuver up front and clear aisles for student volunteers to approach.
- Book sales are not required, though you are welcome to organize this. You can order *Call of the Klondike* through an independent bookstore near you ([www.indiebound.org](http://www.indiebound.org)), Barnes & Noble, or Amazon. I am happy to sign books. Either way, I will gift a signed copy to your school library.

### Next Steps

1. Let's talk over the phone to discuss your educational goals and other details.
2. Once we have a verbal agreement, I will email you a scheduling form.
3. When we finalize the schedule, I will email you a letter of agreement.