



Plan now for “March is Reading Month”!

Thomas Funke, Author “50 Hikes in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula”

Dear Committee for “March is Reading Month”:

I would like to make myself available as an author to read, present, and/or interact with your students during “March is Reading Month” in 2010.

I authored “50 Hikes in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula” (W.W. Norton, publisher) which has been available at major bookstores and online since 2008.

My background is in outdoor education, most recently having been the Director of Conservation Education at Binder Park Zoo in Battle Creek. I have been interpreting nature to all ages for over twenty years.

I can read excerpts from my book, short stories from my backpacking adventures, and/or use props such as a backpack to engage students in finding out what it takes to explore outdoors in wild places. My presentations are dynamic and engaging for all ages.

I charge no fee or mileage to schools in Barry, Kent, Eaton, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Calhoun, or Allegan counties, All I ask is that the school sends home a form with students giving their parents the opportunity to purchase a signed copy of the book at a discount. There is no minimum to buy.

I encourage schools outside of the above counties to contact their local library to coordinate a visit as libraries typically pay for my services and this would allow me to visit a school outside my normal range.

Feel free to contact me anytime to schedule an appearance.

Sincerely,

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