May 26, 2026

Dear Valued Community Partner,

On behalf of Kejeba Ink Publishing and Camp Kejeba, I would like to invite you to partner with us in supporting the next generation of young storytellers.

Founded by Michigan children's author Kelly J. Baptist, Camp Kejeba is a residential writing camp for serious storytellers ages 12–16. Camp Kejeba exists to provide a creative and supportive space for young writers to compete, workshop their manuscripts, study storytelling techniques in books and film, and learn from professionals in the publishing industry. At the end of camp, Kejeba Ink Publishing will award its first publishing contract to at least one camper. The inaugural session of Camp Kejeba will take place June 14–18, 2026, on the campus of Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

In a time when literacy development is critical to student success in and out of the classroom, Camp Kejeba seeks to create meaningful opportunities for students to use storytelling and the power of their own words to expand their literacy capacity.

Camp Kejeba currently has students registered from over five school districts in Southwest Michigan, including Berrien Springs, Coloma, and Eau Claire. Beyond that, we have young writers coming from Ann Arbor, Toledo, OH, and even Virginia!

Because Camp Kejeba is offered free of charge to participating students, community support and sponsorships are essential to making this opportunity possible.

Sponsorship Opportunities

We are currently seeking sponsors and donors to help support:

- Camper housing and dorm accommodations
- Meals and snacks
- Camp T-shirts and materials
- Media and documentary production

Sponsor Recognition

In appreciation for your support, sponsors and donors will receive recognition through the following opportunities:

- Company logo placement on official Camp Kejeba materials and T-shirt
- Recognition and interview opportunities in our Camp Kejeba documentary short film
- Recognition during camp events and activities

We would be honored to have your organization join us in investing in young writers and amplifying their voices.

How to Support Camp Kejeba

If your company is interested in becoming a sponsor or making a donation, please contact us using the information below.

We are grateful for your consideration and support of Camp Kejeba 2026.

Sincerely,

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Optional Sponsorship Levels

Platinum Sponsor — $2,000+

- Large logo placement on camp materials and T-shirts
- Featured recognition in documentary short film
- VIP invitation and special acknowledgment during closing awards ceremony
- Official Certificate of sponsorship

Gold Sponsor — $1,500+

- Logo placement on camp materials and T-shirts
- Recognition in documentary short film
- Recognition during camp events and closing ceremony

Silver Sponsor — $1,000+

- Logo placement on camp materials
- Recognition in documentary short film

Sponsor-A-Camper — $824

- Sponsor acknowledgment and personalized thank-you letter
- VIP Invitation and special acknowledgement during closing awards ceremony

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About Kelly J. Baptist

Kelly J. Baptist was born and raised in the great state of Michigan, and she fell in love with words at a young age. She's been writing since...well, since she learned how to write! Kelly's writing career was launched when she won the 2015 We Need Diverse Books short story contest, and her winning entry is included in the middle grade anthology, *Flying Lessons and Other Stories.* That short story prompted two more novels with the same character: *Isaiah Dunn Is My Hero* and *Isaiah Dunn Saves The Day.* Kelly also won the 2017 Lee and Low New Voices Honor Award for her picture book manuscript, *The Electric Slide and Kai*. Her second picture book, *The Band In Our Basement,* was inspired by real-life family events. Kelly's other novels include *The Swag Is In The Socks; Ready, Set, Dough;* and the NAACP Image Award-nominated *Eb & Flow.* Kelly is a huge Kobe Bryant fan and constantly applies his Mamba Mentality to the craft of writing. She is an HBCU grad (Oakwood University) and a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Kelly lives and writes in Southwest Michigan, where her five children bless her with plenty of story ideas!