# Spartan Writing Camp

## 2015 Elementary and Middle School Writing Camps (Grades 1-2, 3-5, 6-8)

### For more information see “Youth Programs” at [http://rcwp.msu.edu](http://rcwp.msu.edu)

Register at [http://camps.cal.msu.edu](http://camps.cal.msu.edu)

### “Early Bird” Registration Fee:
- **Half-day** camps: $110
- **Full-day** camps: $200

### Standard Registration Fee:
- **Half-day** camps: $121
- **Full-day** camps: $220

### Times: Monday - Thursday
- AM Half days – 8:30 to 12:00
- PM Half days – 12:30 to 4:00
- Full days – 8:30 to 4:00

### Location: All camps are held in Ernst Bessey Hall, 434 Farm Lane, East Lansing, MI 48824

Check [http://rcwp.msu.edu](http://rcwp.msu.edu) for more information on Bessey Hall and parking on campus.

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**Creative Writing I**

- **Session 1**
  - Instructor: Kristin Kochheiser
  - Dates: June 29-July 2
  - Time: 8:30-12:00

- **Session 2**
  - Instructor: Mary Wilkinson
  - Dates: July 13-16
  - Time: 8:30-12:00

**Creative Writing II**

- **Session 3**
  - Instructor: Rachel Kenney
  - Dates: June 15-18
  - Time: 12:30-4:00

- **Session 4**
  - Instructor: Sue Thomas
  - Dates: June 22-25
  - Time: 12:30-4:00

- **Session 5**
  - Instructor: Andrea Valo
  - Dates: June 29–July 2
  - Time: 12:30-4:00

- **Session 6**
  - Instructor: Kerri Mulcahy
  - Dates: July 13-16
  - Time: 12:30-4:00

**Sports Write Now!**

- **Session 7**
  - Instructor: Dan Laird
  - Dates: June 15-18
  - Time: 8:30-12:00

- **Session 8**
  - Instructor: Christine Frost
  - Dates: June 22-25
  - Time: 8:30-12:00

**Restaurant and Bar Reviews**

- **Session 9**
  - Instructor: Kristin Graham
  - Dates: June 29–July 2
  - Time: 12:30-4:00

- **Session 10**
  - Instructor: Kirk Johnson
  - Dates: July 13-16
  - Time: 12:30-4:00

**Animal Facts and Fables**

- **Session 11**
  - Instructor: Mary Wilkinson
  - Dates: June 15-18
  - Time: 8:30-12:00

- **Session 12**
  - Instructor: Kris Snell
  - Dates: June 22-25
  - Time: 8:30-12:00

**Middle School 6-8**

- **Session 13**
  - Instructor: Shawn Alexander
  - Dates: June 15-18
  - Time: 12:30-4:00

- **Session 14**
  - Instructor: Kristin Graham
  - Dates: June 22-25
  - Time: 12:30-4:00

- **Session 15**
  - Instructor: Kristin Graham
  - Dates: June 29–July 2
  - Time: 12:30-4:00

- **Session 16**
  - Instructor: Andrea Valo
  - Dates: July 13-16
  - Time: 12:30-4:00

**Digital Writing**

- **Session 17**
  - Instructor: Rachel Kenney
  - Dates: June 15-18
  - Time: 8:30-12:00

- **Session 18**
  - Instructor: Andrea Valo
  - Dates: June 22-25
  - Time: 8:30-12:00

**Creative Writing: Starting w/Pictures**

- **Session 19**
  - Instructor: Mary Wilkinson
  - Dates: June 15-18
  - Time: 8:30-12:00

- **Session 20**
  - Instructor: Andrea Valo
  - Dates: June 22-25
  - Time: 8:30-12:00

**Sports Write Now!**

- **Session 21**
  - Instructor: Kristin Graham
  - Dates: June 29–July 2
  - Time: 12:30-4:00

- **Session 22**
  - Instructor: Shawn Alexander
  - Dates: July 13-16
  - Time: 12:30-4:00

**Restaurant and Food Reviews**

- **Session 23**
  - Instructor: Kris Snell
  - Dates: June 15-18
  - Time: 12:30-4:00

- **Session 24**
  - Instructor: Mary Wilkinson
  - Dates: June 22-25
  - Time: 12:30-4:00

**Middle School 6-8**

- **Session 25**
  - Instructor: Andrea Valo
  - Dates: June 15-18
  - Time: 12:30-4:00

- **Session 26**
  - Instructor: Mary Wilkinson
  - Dates: June 22-25
  - Time: 12:30-4:00

**Middle School 6-8**

- **Session 27**
  - Instructor: Kris Snell
  - Dates: June 15-18
  - Time: 12:30-4:00

- **Session 28**
  - Instructor: Mary Wilkinson
  - Dates: June 22-25
  - Time: 12:30-4:00

**Middle School 6-8**

- **Session 29**
  - Instructor: Kris Snell
  - Dates: June 15-18
  - Time: 12:30-4:00

- **Session 30**
  - Instructor: Mary Wilkinson
  - Dates: June 22-25
  - Time: 12:30-4:00
2015 Spartan Writing Camp Descriptions

Growing Young Writers - Elementary 1-2  Session 9 (I), Session 10 (II)  Each section is unique; students do NOT need to have enrolled in I to enroll in II.
Come join the fun and grow your talents as a writer. National Writing Project Teacher Consultants Renee Webster and Stephanie Geiger will help you, as a beginning writer, to develop your appreciation for writing as a personally meaningful (and fun!) activity and will also help you develop your skills as a writer. You will visit many sites on campus that will help cultivate creative ideas for your writing.

Animal Facts and Fables - Elementary 3-5  Session 16
Do you love animals? The Animal Facts and Fables camp will help you learn how important research is to the writing process and how nonfiction and fiction can overlap. You will first use strategies to research an animal of your choice and write a nonfiction piece. Then you will learn strategies to take those facts and integrate them into a fable, using your animal as a main character. National Writing Project Teacher Consultants Kristin Kochheiser and Ashley Schertzing can’t wait to build your skills on note taking, personification, character development, collaborative writing, dialogue, and much more! This session is a full-day camp, so you should bring a daily lunch.

Creative Writing: Starting with Pictures - Elementary 3-5  Session 7
Participation in this session will send you on excursions to various locations across the MSU campus to capture pictures and gather story ideas. From there, you will use digital tools to create your writing. This session of writing camp emphasizes visual images, descriptive writing, and creative thinking. You will be taught by a National Writing Project Teacher Consultant: Mary Wilkinson. This session is a full-day camp, so you should bring a daily lunch.

Responding to Remarkable Books - Elementary 3-5  Session 15
This session will offer you an opportunity to read, think, talk, and write about powerfully crafted stories. You will work with Mary Wilkinson, a National Writing Project Teacher Consultant. Mrs. Wilkinson will combine visits to various sites on campus with mentor texts (texts that writers study to get ideas on how to improve their own writing). She will mingle books and field trips with opportunities to write in response to camp experiences. You will find this camp emphasizes critical thinking and decision-making in your writing. You will have fun developing your ideas into personal and creative compositions. This session is a full-day camp, so you should bring a daily lunch.

Creative Writing - Elementary 3-5 –(I and II)  Sessions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 13, 14, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 and Middle 6-8  Sessions 18 and 30  Each section is unique; students do NOT need to have enrolled in I to enroll in II.
Do you enjoy being creative and having the freedom to write what you want? Creative Writing Camp offers you the opportunity to discover new ways of communication to different audiences for many different purposes. You will work with a National Writing Project Teacher Consultant (Kristin Graham, Annette Kelly, Kristine Megge, Jill Hoort, Shawn Alexander, Stephanie Geiger, and Rachel Kenney) and visit sites on MSU’s beautiful campus. You will have the opportunity to try out several different writing techniques throughout the week! Join us for friendship and fun! Sessions 18 and 30 are full-day camps, so you will need to bring a daily lunch.

Restaurant and Food Reviews - Elementary 3-5  Sessions 21 and 29 and Middle 6-8  Session 22
Bon appétit! In this session, you will learn how to use your voice to spice up your review writing! You will practice developing and defending arguments as you construct accurate, well-rounded reviews for your readers. This session is a full-day camp, so you should bring a daily lunch.

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Playing with Digital Writing Middle 6-8  Session 23
Sure, you can write with pen and paper, but what about digital media? Participating in this session will enhance your writing skills, as you learn to incorporate visual and audio elements into your writing by using various digital technologies. You will take fieldtrips to different locations on campus to gather story ideas and use website and apps to create multi-modal compositions. This session is facilitated by Kristin Graham, a National Writing Project Teacher Consultant. This session is a full-day camp, so you should bring a daily lunch.

Songwriting Middle School 6-8  Session 8
Do you love music and writing? This camp is for you! You will immerse yourself in the art of songwriting with the help of a National Writing Project Teacher Consultant and musician, Dan Laird. Learn how to take your ideas and transform them into catchy and meaningful lyrics for your audience. This session is a full-day camp, so you should bring a daily lunch.