



Red Cedar Writing Project at Michigan State University

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>

Register at <http://camps.cal.msu.edu>

"Early Bird" Registration Fee:
(until June 1, 2015)

Half-day* camps: \$110
Full-day* camps: \$200

Standard Registration Fee:
Half-day* camps: \$121
Full-days* 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> for more information on Bessey Hall and parking on campus.



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June 15-18 8:30 – 12:00	June 15-18 12:30 – 4:00	June 22-25 8:30 – 12:00	June 22-25 12:30 – 4:00	June 29 – July 2 8:30 – 12:00	June 29 – July 2 12:30 – 4:00	July 13-16 8:30 – 12:00	July 13-16 12:30 – 4:00
Session 1 Elementary 3-5 Creative Writing I Instructor: Kristin Graham	Session 2 Elementary 3-5 Creative Writing II Instructor: Kristin Graham	Session 9 Elementary 1-2 Growing Young Writers I Instructor: Renee Webster	Session 10 Elementary 1-2 Growing Young Writers II Instructor: Stephanie Geiger	Session 19 Elementary 3-5 Creative Writing I Instructor: Shawn Alexander	Session 20 Elementary 3-5 Creative Writing II Instructor: Shawn Alexander	Session 25 Elementary 3-5 Creative Writing I Instructor: Kristin Graham	Session 26 Elementary 3-5 Creative Writing II Instructor: Kristin Graham
Session 3 Elementary 3-5 Creative Writing I Instructor: Kristine Megge	Session 4 Elementary 3-5 Creative Writing II Instructor: Kristine Megge	Session 11 Elementary 3-5 Creative Writing Instructor: Stephanie Geiger	Session 12 Elementary 3-5 Writing with Girls- Yes, We Can! Instructor: Renee Webster	Session 21 Elementary 3-5 Restaurant and Food Reviews Instructor: Andrea Valo	Full day 8:30-4:00 →	Session 27 Elementary 3-5 Creative Writing Instructor: Annette Kelly	
Session 5 Elementary 3-5 Creative Writing Instructor: Annette Kelly		Session 13 Elementary 3-5 Creative Writing I Instructor: Jill Hoort	Session 14 Elementary 3-5 Creative Writing II Instructor: Jill Hoort	Session 22 Middle School 6-8 Restaurant and Food Reviews Instructor: Christina Frost	Full day 8:30-4:00 →	Session 28 Elementary 3-5 Skits and Scripts Instructor: Christina Frost	Full day 8:30-4:00 →
Session 6 Elementary 3-5 Sports Write Now! Instructor: Andrea Valo	Full day 8:30-4:00 →	Session 15 Elementary 3-5 Responding to Remarkable Books Instructor: Mary Wilkinson	Full day 8:30-4:00 →	Session 23 Middle School 6-8 Playing with Digital Writing Instructor: Kristin Graham	Full day 8:30-4:00 →	Session 29 Elementary 3-5 Restaurant and Food Reviews Instructor: Andrea Valo	Full day 8:30-4:00 →
Session 7 Elementary 3-5 Creative Writing: Starting w/Pictures Instructor: Mary Wilkinson	Full day 8:30-4:00 →	Session 16 Elementary 3-5 Animal Facts and Fables Instructors: Ashley Schertzling Kristin Kochheiser	Full day 8:30-4:00 →	Session 24 Middle School 6-8 Skits and Scripts Instructor: Rachel Kenney	Full day 8:30-4:00 →	Session 30 Middle School 6-8 Creative Writing Instructor: Rachel Kenney	Full day 8:30-4:00 →
Session 8 Middle School 6-8 Songwriting Instructor: Dan Laird	Full day 8:30-4:00 →	Session 17 Middle School 6-8 Sports Write Now! Instructor: Andrea Valo	Full day 8:30-4:00 →				
		Session 18 Middle School 6-8 Creative Writing Instructor: Rachel Kenny	Full day 8:30-4:00 →				

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 fieldtrips 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.*

Writing with Girls—Yes, We Can! - Elementary 3-5 Session 12

Get ready to write alongside your peers who share your passion for individuality and writing. This session of writing camp emphasizes creative and critical thinking, decision-making, and mentoring. Some of the writing prompts encourage you to use short biographies of women leaders as discussion and writing prompts. You will have opportunities to build friendships and receive feedback on your writing. This session is taught by Renee Webster, a National Writing Project Teacher Consultant.

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 Hoot, 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. National Writing Project Teacher Consultants Andrea Valo and Christina Frost will facilitate these sessions. If you're eager to share your culinary opinions, this camp is for you! *These sessions are full-day camps, so you should bring a daily lunch.*

Skits and Scripts - Elementary 3-5 Session 28 and Middle 6-8 Session 24

Do you love creating stories, bringing characters to life, and inventing alternate worlds? Come join the fun in our Skits and Scripts sessions taught by National Writing Project Teacher Consultants Christina Frost and Rachel Kenney. In these writing camps, you will write scripts and learn how to act out the scenarios in ways that will resonate with your audiences. *These sessions are full-day camps, so you should bring a daily lunch.*

Sports Write Now! - Elementary 3-5 Session 6 and Middle 6-8 Session 17

Learn to hook your readers and grab their attention in your very first line, whether you are doing a podcast interview, blog post, or short story related to your favorite sport or athlete. In this session, you will look at how the pros structure their writing about sports across genres. Daily excursions to athletic centers on campus are planned to spark ideas for sports pieces. Come join the fun! These sessions will be facilitated by Andrea Valo, a National Writing Project Teacher Consultant. *These sessions are full-day camps, so you should bring a daily lunch.*

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.*