# SPARTAN WRITING CAMP

**2016 ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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:** (Through June 1, 2015)
- Half-day* camps: $125
- Full-day* camps: $225

**Standard Registration:**
- Half-day* camps: $140
- Full-days* camps: $240

**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

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2016 Spartan Writing Camp Session Descriptions

Sessions 1, 2, 9, 10, 15, 16, 22, and 23: Growing Young Writers  Elementary 1-2
Come join the fun and grow your talents as a writer. National Writing Project Teacher Consultant, Abbie Sliger, will help you, as a beginning writer, 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. These sessions are ½ day camps.

Sessions 21 and 24: Sports Write Now!  Elementary 3-5 and Middle 6-8
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.

Sessions 3, 4, 5, 17, 18, 20, and 25: Creative Writing  Elementary 3-5 and Middle 6-8
Do you enjoy being creative and having the freedom to write what you want? Creating 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 (Annette Kelly, Kristine Megge, Jill Hoort, Christina Frost, and Aram Kabodian) 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! These sessions are full-day camps, so you should bring a daily lunch.

Sessions 11: Creative Writing  Elementary 3-5
Do you enjoy superheroes, Legos, and Minecraft? In this camp, writers will be inspired through play to develop action-packed stories. You will take many excursions across the MSU campus to gather ideas. You will create new worlds and explore them in various ways. This camp is designed to create strong settings, characters and stories through play! You will enjoy this adventure with National Writing Project Teacher Consultant: Christina Frost. This session is a full-day camp, so you should bring a daily lunch.

Session 6: Creative Writing: Starting with Pictures  Elementary 3-5
Participation in this session will send you on excursions to various locations across the MSU campus to capture pictures and gather story ideas then use them to create a unique photo journal. This session of writing camp emphasizes visual images, descriptive writing, and creative thinking. You will be taught by a National Writing Project Teacher Consultant: Mrs. Mary Wilkinson. This session is full day, so you should bring snacks and a lunch each day of camp.

Session 7: Animal Facts and Fables  Elementary 3-5
Do you love animals? Do you enjoy technology? 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. Writers will first learn strategies to take those facts and implement them into a fable, creating a fiction piece using digital resources with their animal as a main character. National Writing Project Teacher Consultants, Kristin Kochheiser and Ashley Prichard, can’t wait to build your skills on note taking, personification, character development, dialogue, collaborative writing, digital publishing, and much more! This session is a full-day camp, so you should bring a daily lunch.

Session 8: Fiction in a Flash: Super Short Stories  Middle 6-8
Campers will draw inspiration from and will experiment with the very short story and will learn about quick plot, setting, and character development. This camp
will be great for those who have LOTS of ideas they want to develop! Campers will work with Rachel Kenney, a National Writing Project Teacher Consultant. **This session is a full-day camp, so you should bring a daily lunch.**

**Session 12: Digital Storytelling** Elementary 3-5  
This camp offers young writers the opportunity to compose their writing digitally using an iPad. Campers will enhance their writing skills, as they learn to incorporate visual and audio elements into their writing. Come join the fun as campers use visits to such MSU sites, as the MSU Museum, The Red Cedar River, various campus gardens, the Dairy Store, and other scenic landmarks around campus to stimulate writing in a range of genres. Campers will work with Mrs. Mary Wilkinson, a National Writing Project Teacher Consultant. **This is a full day, so campers should bring snacks and lunch each day of camp.**

**Session 13: Diary of You!** Middle 6-8  
Do you enjoy reading Jeff Kinney’s popular books? If so, this camp is for you! Write your own *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*-like adventure with National Writing Project Teacher Consultant, Ben Woodcock. Don’t worry; this won’t be “…all ‘Dear Diary’ this and ‘Dear Diary’ that” as Greg states in his own diary. **This is a full day, so campers should bring snacks and lunch each day of camp.**

**Session 14: Geeking Out: Science Fiction and Fantasy Writing** Middle 6-8  
Robots?! Time travel?! Wizards?! Oh, my! Whether you dream of coming up with the next Hunger Games, the next Star Wars, or the next Harry Potter, you will find your inspiration in this camp. We'll experiment with more far-fetched and fantastical character, plot, and setting development as we draw our inspiration from each other and from Sci-Fi and Fantasy texts. Campers will work with Rachel Kenney, a National Writing Project Teacher Consultant. **This session is a full-day camp, so you should bring a daily lunch.**

**Session 19: Creating Comics** Middle 6-8  
Do you like to doodle or draw? Do you like to tell stories? If you answered yes to either or both of these questions, then this is the camp for you! In this camp, you will learn the basics of comic book creation, including parts of the comic book (panels, borders, gutters, splash pages, etc), basic elements of drawing or composing with pictures (perspective, lighting, angles, etc), and comic book writing (script writing, plot format, character creation, revision, etc.). During this time, working either alone or with a partner, you will create your own 1-4 page comic by the end of the week. Campers will work with Dianna Baldwin, a National Writing Project Teacher Consultant. **This is a full day, so campers should bring snacks and lunch each day of camp.**

**Session 26: Poetry Writing** Middle 6-8  
For experienced and new poets alike, if you want to experiment with figurative, poetic language, rhyme, and rhythm, this camp will give you inspiration. We'll experiment with various forms of poetry and ultimately develop a number of original poems! Campers will work with Rachel Kenney, a National Writing Project Teacher Consultant. **This session is a full-day camp, so you should bring a daily lunch.**

**Sessions 27-30 Kids for Causes** Elementary 3-5 and Middle 6-8  
Do you want to help change the world? This camp is for you! Campers will take on a cause that they are passionate about and write persuasively to illicit change. Ultimately, they will create blogs with Kid Blog to post their work, so they can communicate with the outside world and have real audiences. You will be taught by a National Writing Project Teacher Consultant: Mike Foster. **These sessions are full days, so you should bring snacks and a lunch each day of camp.**