

June 15th – 18th

June 22nd – 25th

June 29th – July 2nd



Spartan Writing Camp



College of Arts & Letters
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

(for elementary & middle school students)

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9am – 12pm	12:30pm – 3:30pm	9am – 12pm	12:30pm – 3:30pm	9am – 12pm	12:30pm – 3:30pm
#1 Elementary Grades 1-2 Growing Young Writers Instructor: Abbie Sliger	#2 Elementary Grades 1-2 Growing Young Writers Instructor: Abbie Sliger	#6 Elementary Grades 1-2 Growing Young Writers Instructor: Abbie Sliger	#7 Elementary Grades 1-2 Growing Young Writers Instructor: Abbie Sliger	#12 Elementary Grades 1-2 Growing Young Writers Instructor: Abbie Sliger	#13 Elementary Grades 3-5 Comics and Graphic Novels Instructor: Abbie Sliger
#3 Elementary Grades 3-5 Genres on the Loose Instructors: Annette Kelly & Ashleigh Shephard	#8 Elementary Grade K Exercising our Imaginations Instructors: Elana Waugh & Lori VanHoesen	#9 Elementary Grades 1-2 Writing Through Play Instructors: Elana Waugh & Lori VanHoesen	#14 Elementary Grades 3-5 Minecraft! Instructor: Elana Waugh	#15 Elementary Grades 1-2 Adventures in Writing Instructor: Elana Waugh	
#4 Elementary Grades 3-5 Wizarding World of Writing Instructors: Elana Waugh & Dawn Reed	#10 Elementary & Middle Grades 3-4 Creative Writing Instructor: Kristine Megge		#16 Elementary Grades 3-5 Genres on the Loose Instructors: Annette Kelly & Ashleigh Shephard		
#5 Middle Grades 6-8 Creations around Campus Instructor: Kristin Graham	#11 Elementary Grades 3-5 Genres on the Loose Instructors: Annette Kelly & Ashleigh Shephard		#17 Middle Grades 6-8 Kids for Causes Instructor: Mike Foster		
				#18 Middle Grades 6-8 Exploring the Circus	

SWC Session Descriptions 2020

Week 1: June 15-18

#1 and 2: Growing Young Writers: Superheroes Week

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. We will be eating a snack during this half day. This week's theme is superheroes with a focus on making comics! Students will work to create their own comic books. You will visit many sites on campus that will help cultivate creative ideas for your writing. These sessions are ½ day camps.

TC: Abbie Sliger

#3: Genres on the Loose

Are you looking to be inspired to think outside the box and explore different genres and different ways to publish your writing? Look no more.... Genres can be so much more than your traditional personal narrative, opinion piece, or informational report. This exciting camp explores different genres besides what we learn in school. The emphasis is on exploring new ideas, taking risks in writing, and having fun writing in new genres. We will go on several field trips, create crafts, and read books to inspire our writing. Children will transform unforgettable experiences into unforgettable pieces of writing and art. Children will explore several genres by appealing to all five of the reader's senses. This dynamic camp is for 3-5 grade students who love to write!

TCs: Annette Kelly and Ashleigh Shepherd

#4 Wizarding World of Writing

Witch and wizard writers, embrace your creativity and join us for a Wizarding World of Writing. If you dream about attending Hogwarts or having a magical adventure and you like writing about your adventures and wizarding tales, then join us for a fantastic fantasy writing experience. Writers will be provided opportunities to explore magic in the world around them inspired from various sites on the beautiful Michigan State University. Extending our imaginations through different types of writing opportunities including exploring various genres, as well as writing techniques, are a part of this wizarding writing adventure.

TCs: Elana Waugh and Dawn Reed

#5 Creations Around Campus

Do you love to write? Then this camp is for you! Come and explore the beautiful campus of Michigan State University while having the opportunity to write in a variety of genres, and using various campus locations as inspiration. Come prepared to learn some new writing tips, tricks and techniques, and to work on fiction and non-fiction writing pieces throughout the week. This session is a full day, so you should bring snacks, lunch, and appropriate footwear for walking around campus.

TC: Kristin Graham

Week 2: June 22-25

#6 and 7 Growing Young Writers: Royalty Week

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. We will be eating a snack during this half day. This week's theme is royalty, a perfect fit for all of those prince and princesses! We will focus on journaling during this week. You will visit many sites on campus that will help cultivate creative ideas for your writing. These sessions are ½ day camps.

TC: Abbie Sliger

#8 Exercising Our Imaginations

Through talking, drawing, and writing, children will explore storytelling and writing using their imagination. Students in this session will participate in conversations with fellow campers, mixed media art, murals, and book making. This camp culminates with an invitation for parents to celebrate their writers with a special writing celebration.

TCs: Elana Waugh and Lori VanHoesen

#9 Writing Through Play

Play allows children to interact with the world around them. We will look at writing through the eye of a child while involved in play. During this camp, campers will be invited to play with materials that will inspire creativity, imagination, and stories. This camp culminates with an invitation for parents to celebrate their writers with a special writing celebration.

TCs: Elana Waugh and Lori VanHoesen

#10 Creative Writing for Young Writers

We write, we read, we laugh, we get messy, we polish things up, we bond. We make each other better! This is a great camp for students who are eager to attend and who want to write for fun. Writers will be guided by National Writing Project Teacher Consultant Kristine Megge using shared reading, read alouds, shared writing, narrative writing, and poetry. This session is a full day, so you should bring a water bottle, snacks, lunch, and appropriate footwear for walking around campus. Come join the fun!

TC: Kristin Megge

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TC's: Annette Kelly and Ashleigh Shepherd

Week 3: June 29-Jul 2

#12 Growing Young Writers: Dr. Seuss Week AM Only

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TC: Abbie Sliger

#13 Comics and Graphic Novels

Give students an opportunity to explore an unfamiliar genre with this camp! National Writing Project Teacher Consultant, Abbie Sliger, will be the guide to this new and intriguing genre. Students will be taking daily field trips around campus to make observations that inspire stories! Students will be exploring this genre by creating multiple projects using many different materials! Students will be eating a snack during this half day camp. Let the fun begin as students become immersed in this fun and engaging genre of writing!

TC: Abbie Sliger

#14 Minecraft!

Does your child LOVE minecraft? If so, this camp is for him or her. This technology free camp will inspire your child to create their own minecraft world through various art mediums. Campers will learn about the different elements that make a story and use those elements to create a story about their world.

TC: Elana Waugh

#15 Adventures in Writing

There are so many great places to visit on the campus of Michigan State University, and it is even more fun when campers have a "friend" with them! Campers will be encouraged to bring their favorite stuffed animal or doll each day as we adventure around campus visiting different places. Each new place is a new adventure, and we will document them through handmade books. This camp culminates with an invitation for parents to celebrate their writers with a special writing celebration.

TC: Elana Waugh

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TCs: Annette Kelly and Ashleigh Shepherd

#17: Kids for Causes

Are you passionate about injustices that you see in the world today? Do you want to be a positive force for change? Then this camp is for you! Campers will become activist learners by taking on a cause that they are zealous about and write persuasively to elicit positive change. Blogging to real audiences and creating activist art will all be a part of making our world a better place. You will be taught by National Writing Project Teacher Consultant Michael Foster who has helped hundreds of children have their voice heard. This session is a full day, so you should bring snacks, lunch, and appropriate footwear for walking around campus.

TC: MiKe Foster

#18: Exploring the Circus

We will explore that unique and mysterious culture that is the circus. Come prepared to learn about the history of the circus and its performers — including the quality of the lives of circus animals and the young people who perform there. We'll also consider what future circuses could look like. Time will be spent daily on learning how to juggle. Plan to write fiction and non-fiction pieces along each step of our journey.

TC: Aram Kabodian