

Third Coast Writing Project

2013 Camp for Young Writers | June 17-June 28

Do you LOVE to read and write?

Are you always thinking about your next story?

Do you write at home?

THIS IS THE CAMP FOR YOU!

To apply, fill out the application and return it to

**Third Coast Writing Project
Camp for Young Writers
English Department, Western Michigan University
Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5331
(269.387.2562 – fax)**

(Deadline: Friday, May 24, 2013)

For more information, contact Mrs. Emily Ziegler, co-director,
zieglerem@kalamazoo.k12.mi.us

You can also call the WMU English Department at
269.387.2572.

This summer, you can sign up for one of two different themed writing camp experiences.

Ages 8-10: Mini Mystery

We recommend this camp for young authors entering 3rd-5th grades.

It's not just a hunch, but it's a known fact that in this camp writers will uncover the secrets behind crafting a mini mystery. Writers will learn to hunt for good ideas, select the perfect sleuth, describe the scene of the crime, leave a trail of clues, throw in a red herring, and eventually lead their detectives towards solving the mystery. Evidence of their hard work is sure to be found in the camp anthology they will create.

Ages 11-14: Fiction-y Non-Fiction

We recommend this camp for young authors entering 6th-9th grades.

Using actual events, and writing just-the-facts, writers will explore how literary elements of writing are used in the genre of Creative Non-Fiction. Writers can choose significant events from ancient or recent history, and anywhere in-between. We'll craft facts using a literary prose style, drawing on careful research to capture facts accurately, and allowing the writer to use strategies such as vivid description to set a scene.

Who will be there?

You'll meet lots of other motivated, high-spirited young writers like yourself -- people who love to write. And some great teachers, too, including:

Emily Ziegler, camp co-director and the Literacy Coach at Washington Writers' Academy.

Suzan Aiken, camp co-director and our resident writer, teacher and performance poet.

Hanna Cronen, a teacher at Washington Writers' Academy returning for her third year with CYW.

When, Where, What

The camps meet daily on campus at Western Michigan University (Monday-Friday) in Brown Hall for two weeks from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. Due to the writing process of anthology production, campers need to attend both weeks.

Tuition for the camp is **\$150**. The fee includes computer fees, T-shirt, and all writing supplies.

From previous "young writers" . . .

"Coolest camp ever!"

"I love writing even more now."

"The teachers are super!"

"I met lots of great other kids!"

"I learned a lot about my own style."

"Now I know what 'genre' means."

"I can't wait for next summer!"

And Parents . . .

"I was extremely impressed with the quality of this camp. The teachers and staff are great."

"This is the best extra-curricular educational activity I've seen. I wish I could attend!"

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Camper's Name _____

Address, City, Zip _____

Parent(s) Name _____ Parent Signature _____

Phone _____ Family E-mail _____

School _____ Grade (next fall) _____ Age _____

Sign up for your camp experience

→ **Mini Mystery (ages 8-10)**

→ **cccccccccccccccc (ages 11-14)**

A Note on Mailing ...

Our preferred means of sending camp information (welcome packages, maps, registration materials, newsletters, etc.) is through email.

All materials will be sent to the above email. If you would prefer paper copies, please check this box.

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Potential campers please write a letter to camp directors Ms. Aiken and Mrs. Ziegler. Use the following questions to help you with your letter.

- Why do you like to write?
- What are you working on now as a writer?
- Why do you want to come to writing camp?

Send application and letter to:
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Application deadline: Friday, May 24, 2013. Qualified applications will be accepted in the order received. All applicants will be contacted before June 1. Welcome packets will be mailed after notification of acceptance.

A limited number of reduced-tuition scholarships are available. For scholarship information, please contact Mrs. Emily Ziegler at zieglerem@kalamazoo.k12.mi.us.