

To apply to Inkstains, please fill out and return the form below with all necessary materials by June 20, 2016.

Select the session to which you are applying:

- _____ Session 1: incoming grades 6-8
July 11-15 9 a.m.—3 p.m.
_____ Session 2: incoming grades 9-12
July 18-22 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

Student's Name

Phone Number

Home Address

City State Zip code

Frequently Checked E-mail Address

Name of Recommending Teacher

Grade Level Next Fall _____

T-shirt size (adult): Please circle one.

Small Medium Large

Did you include in your mailing packet:

Application form? Best piece of writing?

Letter of recommendation?

Check for \$225 made payable to the Eastern Michigan Writing Project? Add \$200 for each additional sibling.

For applications postmarked after June 20, the tuition rate is \$245 for one, \$220 for each additional sibling.

Registration confirmation and camp information will be sent to the e-mail address listed above.

A note about our tuition rates:

In March 2011, the federal government stopped funding the National Writing Project, including the Eastern Michigan Writing Project (EMWP). Since its inception, Inkstains has been funded through the EMWP. As a result of this total loss of funding, we have had to increase the cost of camp tuition the past couple of years. We share in your disappointment over these higher costs, and we continue to actively pursue both the restoration of federal funds and other revenue sources.



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Writing Project*

Presents



Middle and High School

July 2016

Why A Writer's Camp?

"Most of the basic material a writer works with is acquired before the age of fifteen." —Willia Cather

- Writing camp is 9 a.m., awakening, inspired by the bustle-hustle of the Eastern Michigan University campus, watching, thinking, composing, being.
- It's walking across campus, writer's notebook in one hand, pen in the other, the writer's eye seeking stories in tattered backpacks, crows, squirrels, and new faces; connecting lives and memories, building stories in a twenty-minute stroll.



- It's paddling an imaginary raft down the whitest water that the mind can conjure, big rapids, hydraulic slips and holes, dreaming adventure scenes for the stories of tomorrow.
- Writing camp is bringing out the hip hop rhythms, the beat, the rhyme, the hook, and the tale, laughing and crying at the same time. It's what poetry was meant to do.
- It's surprising yourself with ideas, opinions, and the power of words.



"A writer lives, at best, in a state of astonishment. Beneath any feeling he has of the good or evil of the world lies a deeper one of wonder at it all." — William Sansom

How do I apply?

Please complete the following steps to apply:

- Fill out the application form.
 - Include a short piece of writing that is polished, school appropriate, and 1-4 pages in length.
 - Submit one letter of recommendation from a current or former teacher addressing your abilities, strengths, and interests.
 - Please let us know if you have any special learning needs we should consider in our planning for camp.
 - Enclose a check for \$225 for camp tuition made payable to: Eastern Michigan Writing Project.
- The tuition rate increases to \$245 for applications postmarked after June 20.
- Send your completed application to:

*Eastern Michigan Writing Project
c/o Inkstains: EMU Writer's Camp
612 Pray-Harrold
Eastern Michigan University
Ypsilanti, MI 48197*

Please note: new and returning students are encouraged to submit their complete application packets by June 20 for consideration.

For more information, please visit our website at www.emichwp.org
or contact Kim Pavlock at kpavlock@emich.edu or 734.487.4220.

What happens at Inkstains?

- Camp runs for one week from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday—Thursday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Friday.
- Student writers are grouped with their peers: middle school (incoming grades 6-9) and high school (incoming grades 9-12).
- Student writers have time to write, share, and publish their writing with each other and with camp teachers for purposes of revision and growth.
- Student writers learn a variety of strategies for empowerment and growth by camp teachers.
- Student writers work in a variety of genres, selecting a piece to be anthologized in the camp publication.
- Student writers have access to EMU's campus and facilities for stimulating and thought-provoking experiences.
- Student writers receive a hard-bound writing journal for writing. Camp participants also receive a t-shirt and a copy of the anthology with select writings published from the week.



"A writer has a facility with words. A good writer can also think." — Cynthia Ozick