

# Third Coast Writing Project

2015 Camp for Young Writers | June 15-26

*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 29, 2015)

For more information, contact Mrs. Emily Ziegler, co-director,  
[zieglerem@kalamazoo.k12.mi.us](mailto: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: What's your superpower?**

*Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's a super hero—of your design!* This creative camp will offer to writers in grades 3-5 the chance to bring to life heroes and heroines with powers and abilities far beyond those of mere mortals. Stretching creativity farther as far as their imaginations can reach—they will learn to develop seemingly ordinary or unlikely characters with hidden superpowers. These superheroes will be put right in the thick of action-packed plots where they vanquish nasty villains. Writers in this camp will create and illustrate a two-page comic strip, of 18 frames or less, that tells an original triumphant tale that is sure to astound readers.

### **Ages 11-14: So you want to be an author?**

This camp for older writers, aged 11-14, is designed to teach more advanced writers strategies that published authors use to develop character, setting and plot. By researching story ideas for setting, character, historical accuracy or time period, authors will learn to write with more accuracy and authenticity. This camp will focus how writers develop ideas through research beyond a search engine, and also how to apply a variety of writing strategies that work! Young writers will be able to choose genre and a portion of their piece to create a group anthology.

### **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, our camp director, is a Literacy Coach at Washington Writers' Academy.

Stephanie Hampton teaches at Maple Street Magnet School for the Arts.

Dionna Roberts teaches at Winchell Elementary School.

Our Program Staff, a group of WMU students who are excited to work with young writers.

### **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 **\$130**. 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."*

*"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*

→ **What's your superpower? (8-10)**

→ **So you want to be an author? (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 our camp directors. 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?

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**Application deadline: Friday, May 29, 2015.** Qualified applications will be accepted in the order received. 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](mailto:zieglerem@kalamazoo.k12.mi.us).



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