Middle School Writing Camp  
May 28 - June 19 at  
Missouri Western State University

Our camp director is Josie Clark, grade 8 language arts teacher at Bode Middle School. She is an energetic teacher and an enthusiastic writer who likes to think outside of the bubble. She is stoked to lead the writing camp this year!

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Final Celebration (Parents invited)

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“Words are, in my not-so-humble opinion, our most inexhaustible source of magic.”
— Albus Dumbledore

This year’s writing camp will focus on giving our creativity voice and intensity. We will try fun strategies and activities that can help you and your writing harness power in order to create magic with words! We will make pieces of writing come alive while working heavily with word choice, technology, visuals, and CREATIVITY! Throughout camp, we will create and publish some awesome final pieces of writing!

The camp is for motivated, creative writers going into 8th or 9th grades in the 2014-2015 school year. It meets on the campus of Missouri Western State University. Campers spend the first part of each day reading and looking closely at a variety of genres and types of writing to use as mentor texts. They will be able to choose their own writing style and work over the course of the camp to create pieces for publishing. The campers will have ultimate creative control as they put together a published portfolio of their work.

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“IT was nice being around people who also like to write.”
- Heather Daugherty, Camper

WHAT WILL I WRITE?

In this year’s camp, we will try out lots of new ideas that help give our writing creative power: We will brainstorm, explore, and discuss how to make our writing live up to its own potential.

During your time at camp you may write poetry, short stories, twisted tales, screenplays, song lyrics, essays, or whatever else your heart desires!

The highlights of our camp will be creating digital compositions, videos, photography compositions, personalized writer’s notebooks, and ultimately publishing some of your work in an anthology and online!

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Application forms must be received by Friday, April 11, 2014. All applicants will be notified whether or not they have a spot in the 2014 camp by early May. Fees will be returned to applicants not accepted for this year’s camp. Unfortunately, we have a limited number of spaces available. To ensure that you get into camp, make sure all requirements are met by the deadline.

WHAT DO I NEED TO SEND IN?

In order to attend camp, you must do all of the following:

1. Complete, detach, and return the application
2. Include $20.00 check or money order (made out to “Prairie Lands Writing Project”)
3. Write a letter telling us about yourself as a writer...
   Why do you like to write? What are your future plans for writing? A reader...
   What are some of your favorite books? Favorite authors? A learner...
   What topics and issues are important to you?

Mail the application, letter, and $20 fee so that they arrive by Friday, April 11.

Ok, so you think you might dig writing. That’s awesome! But sometimes, do you feel like you could be doing something more with your ideas? Do you want your writing to shimmer and catch light like a piece of gold in a pile of rusted metal? Do you have ideas bursting out of your mind, but you aren’t quite sure how to maximize their potential? We can work with that!

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