



# Summer Writing Camp with Denver Writes!

9am-5pm, Monday through Friday,  
at

**Back Space at Metropolis Coffee**  
(1 S. Broadway, Denver 80209)

**& all over Denver!!**

## for lovers of writing

Denver Writes\* is proud to present its sixth annual, highly-requested, always-entertaining Summer Writing Camp! This summer we're offering two camps -- and have just added a third due to popular demand! The theme of each camp is Adventure Tales & Survival Stories.

June 16-20 for ages 8-11

July 14-18 for ages 11-15

August 11-15 for ages 8-15

These camps are for kids, like you, who like to write. You don't have to be good at writing, you certainly don't have to get good grades in writing, and we accept all kinds of handwriting, but you have to LIKE TO WRITE. Otherwise, things might be a drag.

Our home base is at Back Space (below Metropolis Coffee) at 1 S. Broadway. We also will go on field trips to places throughout Denver that have inspired writers -- and all types of people -- to express themselves in positive ways with the best words they could find.

Finally, we will publish an online book that **you** help author. We want you to see new things, think new thoughts, and then write new stories to share with the world.

Join us, if you dare. Space is limited!

\*Please note: Denver Writes used to be called Metro Denver Promotion of Letters (MDPL). All of our programming lives under the name Denver Writes, and at this point we are continuing to use **MDPL** in all of our legal documents. We thought you should know in case there was any confusion. Denver Writes and MDPL are the same organization. Yay!

**If you like  
to think ...**

**If you like  
to create ...**

**If you like  
to write ...**

**Then come  
with us  
for a week of**

**words**

**& words**

**& more words!**

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# Frequently Asked Questions

## **The details for you and for your parents or guardians**

### **What is Denver Writes?**

We are a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide young writers in the Denver area with a supportive community and creative opportunities to express themselves through writing.

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**How much does camp cost? Parents: if this fee is a burden for you, we do offer scholarships.**

Camp costs \$200 for each student. We were able to offer seven scholarships for June and July camps, but unfortunately we do not have any available for August (unless you or someone you know would like to sponsor a child for summer camp! Please let me, Jenny, know if you're interested: 303-518-4138.)

**How long is camp? Can I live there?**

Camp will be from 9-5, Monday through Friday, and it is important that you stick with us all five days. Don't show up more than 15 minutes before camp begins, or stay more than 15 minutes after camp ends, because adults need more sleep than even y'all do.

**Do I have to bring my own food?**

We will have limited quantities of snacks. We suggest that you bring a water bottle, just in case. You will need to bring your own lunch, except for Friday -- lunch will be on us!

**Will we stay in the same place all of the time?**

Never! We believe that writers need to experience as much of the world as possible so that they can feed their imaginations AND write stuff about the world. We will go on a field trip most days. This means that you need to wear shoes you can walk at least two miles in (probably no flip-flops), clothes that are comfortable and modest, and sunscreen. You should probably bring a backpack and an umbrella or parasol for extra protection from the elements.

**Can I bring a friend/sister/brother/parent/pet?**

We will take friends/sisters/brothers if they turn their own applications in on time, and convince us they really want to go. Parents, grandparents, guardians, and pets are not really part of this. Prepare yourself to meet new people! Oh -- a warning. If cell phones become a problem, we will ask you to turn them off or not bring them. Be independent!

**Who are the adults who will be hanging out with us?**

The adults will be Denver Writes volunteers. Many of them will be teachers on summer break, or college students, or adults who just really like to write and hang out with kids. All of them will be fun and knowledgeable. Parents: our volunteers are background-checked and kids are never left alone with a volunteer in a private place.

**How many kids can participate, and how will those kids be chosen?**

We would like to take all of the kids in the world who love writing, but we cannot yet make sure that we have enough adults to work with each student.

# Frequently Asked Questions, continued

We will take the fifteen kids who turn in their applications, **completed, with tuition**, and with really good answers to our questions, to Denver Writes as soon as possible. We'll stop accepting applications once we've found all the right characters for our adventure writing camps!

## **Where and how do I turn in my application?**

What a great question! You can do one of three things:

1. You can mail it to us: PO Box 9093, Denver, CO 80209.
2. You can scan the application and email it to us:  
hello@denverwrites.org.
3. If you are really anxious or don't trust the Post Office, you can call us at 720-422-1726 and find out a place to drop it off.

## **How will I know if I my application is accepted?**

We will call or email you one to two weeks after you submit your application to let you know if you will be one of our 15 writers.

## **If I get in, what comes next?**

We will send you ANOTHER information packet a few weeks before camp, and we will probably call you, too. You'll get to know us.

## **What is your cancellation policy? What if we win a trip to Disney World?**

For camp, if you tell us you cannot come at least a week before camp begins, we will refund your tuition because we can give your spot to another kid. If you let us know less than a week before camp begins, then we will keep your payment (unless there's an emergency, of course).

**What if I have more questions?** Call us at 720-422-1726 or email us at hello@denverwrites.org.

# Checklist to Organize Your Application

**Check off  
each part  
as you fill  
it out.**

**Don't  
forget any  
parts!**

**Part One:  
Contact Info**

So we can get to know you and contact you!

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**Part Two:  
Demographics**

So we can get grants to do all kinds of cool writing projects.

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**Part Three:  
What We Expect & Liability Waiver**

So you know what we expect from good campers.

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**Part Four:  
Medical Emergency Consent Waiver & Contacts**

So we know what to do if you get hurt.

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**Part Five:  
Tuition and Scholarships**

So we know you will show up every day and we can pay our fabulous lead instructors!

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**Part Six:  
Why You Want to Come to Camp and What You  
Will Do To Make It Great!**

So we can tell that you will have a great time with us this summer!

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**Denver  
Writes  
Summer  
Writing  
Camp**

**Application and Registration  
9am-5pm, Monday - Friday  
for kids ages 8-15 who love to write!  
DUE ASAP!**

Like to write? This is the place for you. Join us for five days of writing and adventures throughout Denver. We only have space for 15 students for each camp, so fill out ALL pages of the application and return it, with tuition, to be considered as one of our participants. Please read carefully and be sure to complete all information! Revise and edit your work!

**Please circle which camp you are applying for:**

**July 14-18 for ages 12-15**

**August 11-15 for ages 8-15**

**Read  
This!**

**Part  
One:**

**Contact  
Info**

**student name** \_\_\_\_\_ **age** \_\_\_\_\_

**address** \_\_\_\_\_

**phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**email** \_\_\_\_\_

**parent/guardian name** \_\_\_\_\_ **relationship to student** \_\_\_\_\_

**parent/guardian address** \_\_\_\_\_

**parent/guardian phone/s** \_\_\_\_\_

**parent/guardian email** \_\_\_\_\_

The following optional information will help us write grants in order to fund our programs.

**student date of birth** \_\_\_\_\_ **student sex** \_\_\_\_\_

**student nationality** \_\_\_\_\_ **student race** \_\_\_\_\_

**does the student receive free & reduced lunch at school?** \_\_\_\_\_

**what language does the student speak at home?** \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you hear about Denver Writes?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Part  
Two:**

**Demo-  
graphics**

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# Student and Parent/Guardian Agreements & Liability Form

## Part Three:

## What We Expect & Liability Form

Students are the most important part of Denver Writes Summer Writing Camp, and we expect our students to be the best writers and people that they can be. We ask all students and their parents to agree to our expectations below so that we can all enjoy the opportunities that Denver Writes strives to provide.

### STUDENT AGREEMENT:

I agree to work with the group on all projects and assignments while at Summer Writing Camp. If I finish before others, I agree not to act in a way that might disrupt others or keep them from working. I agree to respect the other students, the volunteers, and the staff of MDPL/Denver Writes and Metropolis Coffee. I agree to follow the reasonable directions of all staff and volunteers of MDPL/Denver Writes. I agree to listen to others and to respect their opinions, even if they are different from my own. I agree to arrive at camp on time and leave on time. I understand that if I do not follow this agreement, I will be asked to leave, my parents/guardians will be called to pick me up, and I will not be able to participate in camp anymore.

**Student Name (please print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT:

I would like my student to participate in MDPL/Denver Writes Summer Writing Camp, and I agree with the expectations of each student. I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the statements in this application are true and correct. I give MDPL/Denver Writes permission to assess my child's academic skills. I give my child permission to participate in MDPL/Denver Writes Summer Writing Camp and will ensure that he/she attends the program Monday through Friday, July 14-18, 2014 or August 11-15. I understand that failure to attend by the second day of camp (Tuesday, July 15, 2014, or Tuesday, August 12, 2014) will result in the forfeiture of my child's place in the program to a student on the waiting list, as well as the forfeiture of my payment. I understand that I am responsible for updating all contact information and parent guardianship, should they change prior to or during the course of the camp. I understand that my child will be undertaking certain activities, including walking on city streets, hiking through parks, taking public transportation, or riding in a rental van, and that he/she can undertake those activities successfully. I understand that written communication expresses personal opinions, and that writing produced at camp is not necessarily the opinion of MDPL/Denver Writes. I understand that MDPL/Denver Writes and Metropolis Coffee cannot assume responsibility for injury or death and I agree to hold harmless MDPL/Denver Writes, their directors, officers, employees, and volunteers, from any liabilities, demands, or claims for damage.

**Parent/Guardian Name (please print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# Medical Emergency Consent Form

(must be completed by parent or guardian)

In the event that my child, (print child's name) \_\_\_\_\_, has a medical emergency, I authorize the adult workers at MDPL/Denver Writes to consent to any examination, x-ray, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment, and hospital care my child may require, as long as it is rendered under the supervision of a physician or surgeon who is licensed under the Medical Service Act and serves on the medical staff of a licensed hospital -- whether or not the diagnosis or treatment is rendered at that physician's office or hospital. In addition (please initial each box):

- I consent to transportation for my child to a medical facility via ambulance or private vehicle, whichever is necessary in an emergency.
- I grant permission for my child to receive emergency medical treatment from any physician, hospital, or other medical center, as stated above, without first notifying me.
- I agree to hold blameless any physician, hospital, or other medical center for rendering such services.
- I release MDPL/Denver Writes from liability for injury or accident, and grant permission for MDPL/Denver Writes adult workers to secure proper medical attention for my child should the need arise. I understand that I will be financially responsible for any expenses incurred due to medical care, travel, and other expenses related to my child's injury, accident, or illness.

Parent/Guardian name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### STUDENT INFORMATION

Student's date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Permission to apply sunscreen (initial if permission given): \_\_\_\_\_

Does your student have any of the following conditions?

- Allergies? To what?
- Dietary restrictions? Please explain:
- Diabetes?
- Take any medication during the day? If so, what & when?
- Other? Please explain:

Name of Child's Physician: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number of Child's Physician: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number/s: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Tuition

## **Part Five:**

## **Tuition**

Denver Writes is a nonprofit organization and part of our mission is to provide students with great experiences -- at a low cost. To ensure your child's spot is reserved, tuition must be received with the application.

You can pay by attaching a check to this page (see below) or through Paypal on our website: [www.denverwrites.org/summer-camp](http://www.denverwrites.org/summer-camp).

**1. Please attach a \$200 check to this page (or let us know you paid with Paypal)**

**2. Make it payable to:**

**Metro Denver Promotion of Letters**

**3. Please write the student's name in the notes section of the check.**

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# **Written Essay To Prove YOU Want to Come to Camp!**

## **Part Six:**

**Show  
us your  
writing!  
Answer  
this ques-  
tion, and  
don't  
forget to  
edit your  
work!**

So, the most important part about our camp is that *you* want to be here. We don't want you to come because your parents want you to come. We want you to come because you like to write and explore the world. This is your chance to demonstrate that to us! Type or handwrite your answer to this question, attach it to this sheet, and make sure you read the statement below and sign this sheet, too.

Please answer this:

**Imagine you are stuck on a desert island, or braving a snowy mountain pass. What kinds of things would you like to have with you? How would you use them? Describe the island or snowy mountain pass and tell us what you would do for food, and any other details you think are important. In other words, tell us how you survive! Think of stories of survival and adventure!**

**Please note: You can come up with your own survival and/or adventure scenario...a desert island or a snowy mountain pass are only suggestions. Have fun!**

**I wrote this all by myself and promise to put forth the same amount of thought and effort at Summer Writing Camp!**

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**Student Signature:**

**Date:**

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**Student Name (please print):**

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