



IN PERSON & VIRTUAL SUMMER CAMPS



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Offering time and inspiration, our camps support writers in a collaborative atmosphere where they can explore a variety of genres. Minnesota Writing Project camps engage young writers in reading and crafting a variety of texts based on the theme and focus of the camp.



THE CAMPS

In person camps include interactive projects for individual, small group, and whole group collaborative learning. Virtual camps include face-to-face facilitation over Zoom and optional at-home activities. Camp Leaders for both in person and virtual camps will send an introductory email the Friday before camps begin and each day of the week with a review of what was covered and possible extensions such as conversation topics or additional texts.

THE CAMP LEADERS

All Camp Leaders are currently licensed and practicing K-12 teachers and are considered leaders in the profession.



THE COST

One-Week In Person Camps: \$200

One-Week Virtual Camps: \$150

Two-Week Virtual College Essay Camps: \$200

Four-Week Rise Up and Write Virtual Camp: \$800

We believe that literacy takes many forms and that all youth are knowledgeable creators.

CAMPS FOR GRADES 4-6

Making a Difference (In Person)

Lead by Candace Bunyan & Warda Mohamed

June 21-24 | 9AM-12PM | Grades 4-6

June 27-July 1 | 9AM-12PM | Grades 4-6

July 11-15 | 9AM-12PM | Grades 4-6

July 18-22 | 9AM-12PM | Grades 4-6

What changes do you want to see in the world and how will you make those changes? Campers will create their own story of how to make a difference in the world whether it's the real world or one that they've created. Are you up to the challenge to be a difference maker? Then this camp is for you!

The Coolest Me There Is! (In Person)

Lead by Xai Thao & Faith Cephus

June 21-24 | 1-4PM | Grades 4-6

June 27-July 1 | 1-4PM | Grades 4-6

July 11-15 | 1-4PM | Grades 4-6

July 18-22 | 1-4PM | Grades 4-6

You are the coolest you there is, and your role in your community is very important!

Through games and writing activities, you will think about who you are through your eyes and the eyes of others. We will think about how our identities connect to those around us., and how our similarities and differences can be used to better the world around us!



CAMPS FOR GRADES 7-9

Fantasy World-Building (In Person)

Lead by Erin Griffin

June 27-July 1 | 9AM-12PM | Grades 7-8

July 11-15 | 1-4PM | Grades 7-8

Do you love to invent new creatures, characters, and worlds? In this world-building workshop, participants will learn the unique craft of fantasy map-making before designing unique plants, animals, and civilizations. We will use our creations to inspire free-writes that will transport us to new worlds!

Fantasy World-Building (Virtual)

Lead by Erin Griffin

June 27-July 1 | 1-2:30PM | Grades 7-9

Do you love to invent new creatures, characters, and worlds? In this world-building workshop, participants will learn the unique craft of fantasy map-making before designing unique plants, animals, and civilizations. We will use our creations to inspire free-writes that will transport us to new worlds!

Flash Fiction (In Person)

Lead by Jonathan Nelson

June 21-24 | 9AM-12PM | Grades 7-8

June 21-24 | 1-4PM | Grades 7-8

Writing a story can be a daunting task! There's so much to do, so much to say, so much to describe, and not everyone has the time or energy to write a 300 page novel! In Flash Fiction, we work to develop stories that are bite-sized, but also pack a punch. Develop authentic characters and dream up exciting conflicts in a camp that will challenge you to write in a flash!

CAMPS FOR GRADES 7-9 (continued)

Gender and History in Science Fiction and Fantasy (In Person)

Lead by Jacob Juliar

July 11-15 | 9AM-12PM | Grades 7-8

Explore gender, relationships, and hateful histories in this new science fiction and fantasy camp. Students will read and study their own copy the novel *Pet* by Nigerian non-binary author Akwaeke Emezi and then write their own short stories in their own worlds.

Graphic Novels are Real Books! (In Person)

Lead by Jacob Juliar

July 11-15 | 1-4PM | Grades 7-8

July 18-22 | 9AM-12PM | Grades 7-8

Campers will put their own spin on fairy tales we've heard (or wish we had heard). We will get to enrich these stories, add in what's been erased and take out what's no longer working. Whether you love magical elements in stories or hate them, and however familiar you are with any fairy tales already, there is a place for your writing as we create contrary, modernized stories.

Harry Potter Fan Fiction (In Person)

Lead by Jess Emery

June 21-24 | 9AM-12PM | Grades 7-8

June 21-24 | 1-4PM | Grades 7-8

Potter fans, unite! In this camp, we will explore the genre of writing fan fiction. We will have the chance to be creative and let our imaginations soar. We'll invent backstories for beloved characters, create alternate endings, and much more. Writers who have participated in this camp before are welcome again—we'll make space for working on pieces that have already been started as well as some new exercises.

The POWER of Playwrights (In Person)

Lead by A'nia Rae

June 27-July 1 | 1-4PM | Grades 7-8

July 18-22 | 1-4PM | Grades 7-8

Are you interested in equipping yourself with the tools to bring your stories on stage? In this camp, we will be exploring the powerful stories that exist through plays. Playwriting allows us the opportunity to explore different stories in a variety of ways including everyday life events, personal experiences, social/political conflict, humor, and DRAMA!

The POWER of Playwrights (Virtual)

Lead by A'nia Rae

June 21-24 | 1-2:30PM | Grades 7-8

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To Poetry and Beyond! (In Person)

Lead by Erin Griffin

July 11-15 | 9AM-12PM | Grades 7-8

July 18-22 | 9AM-12PM | Grades 7-8

Nothing rhymes with orange-- and that's okay! The universe of poetry is vast, exciting, and oftentimes rhymeless. In this workshop, we will explore the MANY forms that poetry may take, including lists, collections of objects, artwork and photographs, spoken word, and more! Poets will read, create, collaborate, and share their favorite work.

CAMPS FOR GRADES 7-9 (continued)

To Poetry and Beyond! (Online)

Lead by Erin Griffin

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Writing to Change the World (In Person)

Lead by Kara Marlin

June 27-July 1 | 9AM-12PM | Grades 7-8

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This camp is for everyone who wants to make the world a better place! We'll explore and discuss various important topics and learn about different ways we can make our voices heard. From letter-writing campaigns, to Zines, to catchy yard signs. This camp will give you the opportunity to raise awareness about the things that matter most to you.

Young People Destroy Science Fiction and Fantasy! (In Person)

Lead by Jacob Juliar

July 18-22 | 1-4PM | Grades 7-8

Interested in reading and writing science fiction and fantasy (SFF)? With tips from local and international authors, start world building and writing like the pros! Each participant will build their own world with its own rules and write a short SFF story (with optional artwork). Dragons, cybords, and magicians of all skill levels needed!

CAMPS FOR GRADES 10-12

Rise Up & Write! (In Person)

Lead by Anna Lehn

July 18-22 | 9AM-12PM | Grades 10-12

Rise Up & Write! is a youth advocacy camp designed to assist young activists identify issues they care about and develop advocacy campaigns to support their causes. We will consider roots causes, points of intervention, and meaningful forms of writing to inspire others to join you in your work. This camp ends with a community celebration of work accomplished so that young activists can spread their messages.

Writing the College Essay (Virtual)

Lead by Kevin Lally

June 22-July 1 (Two Weeks)

M, W, F | 9-10:30AM | Grades 11-12

July 11-22 (Two Weeks)

M, W, F | 9-10:30AM | Grades 11-12

Is it possible to write that killer application essay that will land you your dream school and have fun while doing it? Find out this summer! We'll focus on telling and developing the stories of the everyday in moving and meaningful ways, and polishing them into the perfect application essay. The essays and personal statements of the college app don't have to be the worst. Join us to take the anxiety out of the application essay!

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Virtual Week 1 (June 21–24)			Virtual Week 2 (June 27–July 1)		
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Middle School (Grades 7–9)	No AM CAMP	1–2:30pm The POWER of Playwrights	Middle School (Grades 7–9)	No AM CAMP	1–2:30pm Fantasy World-Building
High School (Grades 11–12)	Writing the College Essay (2 weeks long; 9–10:30 am; M, W, F)	No PM CAMP	High School (Grades 11–12)	Writing the College Essay (2 weeks long; 9–10:30 am; M, W, F)	No PM CAMP

In Person Week 3 (July 11–15)			In Person Week 4 (July 18–22)		
	9am–12pm	1pm–4pm		9am–12pm	1pm–4pm
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