



Spartan Writing Camp

June 18-21, June 25-28, July 9-12,
July 16-19, July 23-26

Audience

This year Spartan Writing Camp (SWC) offered 32 sessions for 1st – 2nd grade, 3rd – 5th grade, and 6th – 8th grade students.

The following camps were offered:

- **Growing Young Writers:** Elementary 1-2
- **Discovering Genres:** Elementary 3-5
- **World of Wizarding:** Elementary 3-5
- **Kids for Causes:** Intermediate Middle 5-8
- **Creative Writing:** Middle 6-8
- **Creative Nonfiction:** Middle 6-8
- **Geeking Out:** Middle 6-8
- **Art of Writing:** Middle 6-8
- **Adventures in Writing:** Elementary 3-5
- **Photo Essays:** Elementary 3-5
- **Zines:** Elementary 3-5
- **Historical Fiction:** Middle 4-7 & 6-8
- **Warriors of Writing:** Middle 6-8

Full- and half-day camps were offered Monday – Thursdays over the weeks of June 18-21, June 25-28, July 9-12, July 16-19, July 23-26

The 2017 participants included:

- 15 Red Cedar Writing Project (RCWP) Teacher Consultants. The RCWP is MSU's chapter of the National Writing Project (NWP).
- 225 young writers in grades 1-8



Funding

Spartan Writing Camps are funded primarily from registration fees: 'Early bird' rates of \$125 and \$225 for half-day & full-day camps; or \$140 and \$240 for regular registration fees.

A grant from The Arts Council of Greater Lansing, in the amount of \$1440, provided scholarships for 6 full day students and 1 half-day student based on free or reduced lunch eligibility.

Spartan Writing Campers receive a Spartan Writing Camp t-shirt, a writing journal, a treat from the MSU Dairy Store, and a handout of writing tips and activities to take home.

Objectives

Spartan Writing Camp is designed to create an atmosphere of community to help campers lead a writerly life and to gain new "writing tools" and experiences for their "writing toolboxes." Teachers and campers model how to collect ideas from the world around them to use in their writing. Campers are introduced to a variety of authors through mentor texts and try their hand at writing alongside these distant mentors.

Outcomes

- "My favorite activity was blackout poetry because I could use words already written and make new words."
- "I made new friends!"
- "My favorite activity was the add-on story. It was fun to see what other people added to my story. Some of it was funny!"
- "I have been coming to camp since I was six. Now I am ten. My favorite activity at Spartan Writing Camp is walking around campus to find things to write about."

Additional Significant Information

- SWC continues to have a high rate of returning attendees.
- SWC continues to serve a high number of faculty children and youth, which contributes to faculty retention and investment in the community.

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