



SPARTAN WRITING CAMPS

This year Spartan Writing Camp offered 28 sessions for 1st - 2nd grade, 3rd - 5th grade, and 6th - 8th grade students (Greenrock is available for high school students.).

A variety of camps were offered, organized around genre (Sports Write Now! Creative Writing Camp, Middle School Poets' Club, Skits & Scripts); particular audiences (Writing with Girls - Yes We Can! Growing Young Writers, Reading & Writing Together); writing methodologies (Playing with Digital Writing, Creative Writing: Starting with Pictures); and writing in response to books (Responding to Remarkable Books).

Full- and half-day camps were offered Monday - Thursdays over 4 different weeks (the weeks beginning with June 16th, June 23rd, July 14th, and July 21st).

PARTICIPANTS

The 2014 participants included the following:

- 15 program leaders who are National Writing Project (NWP) Teacher Consultants trained in Red Cedar Writing Project (RCWP), MSU's site of the National Writing Project
- 239 young writers, 1st - 8th grade

FUNDING

Spartan Writing Camps (SWC) are funded primarily from registration fees: \$110 and \$190 for full & half-day camps, respectively; \$121 and \$190 regular registration fees.

SWC also receives financial support from Red Cedar Writing Project (RCWP), Michigan State University's site of the National Writing Project.

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

SWC GOALS

Our goal is to help all SWC campers feel, think, and plan like writers, in addition to gaining 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 great authors through mentor texts and try their hand at writing alongside these distant mentors.

STUDENT ASSESSMENTS

Campers complete an end-of-camp reflection survey to assist us in evaluating our program. Below we offer just a few of the student assessments of Spartan Writing Camp:

- *I wish you never can leave. You can stay and write, write, write!*
- *I think Spartan Writing Camp is fun and it encourages kids to write more.*
- *You can never come to the end of the road of creativity and writing is one of its greatest camps.*
- *I think everything is perfect how it is.*
- *Spartan Writing Camp is really fun and a great opportunity to write stories about whatever you want.*
- *I am sad it's over. Keep sacred writing the same. Don't change anything! I really loved writing camp! I'll be back next year!*
- *You get a wonderful teacher that gives you information about how to write.*
- *It is a good chance to find inspiration and meet other writers your age.*
- *It was an amazing experience. I loved it, and hope to do it again next year.*
- *It's really fun, you will love it and the instructors are awesome. You will learn so much.*
- *I LOVED THE CAMP! (And considering I pretty much hate all camps that's great!)*
- *That it is the best camp ever!*
- *It was so much fun. I made a really cool graffiti, words that describe me in the shape of a hand, a couple online stories, a couple slideshows, and a website.*

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