

**MDPL  
Summer  
Writing  
Camp**

**July 11-15, 2011  
9am-5pm  
at the  
UCD Writing Center  
& all over Denver!!  
FOR PEOPLE AGES 11 TO 15**

**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!**

Metro Denver Promotion of Letters is proud to present its third annual, highly-requested, always-entertaining Summer Writing Camp! We will take a few students for multiple Denver adventures and write about the amazing, memorable, and awe-inspiring experiences we shared. At the end, we will create a real, published book! Everyone will be able to read our words, ideas, experiences ... and more words.

This camp is 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.

We will begin and end our days at the University of Colorado at Denver's Writing Center, a state-of-the-art space that normally helps college students with their writing skills. This week, it will be our home base. While there, we will play writing games, try out a whole bunch of different writing exercises, and focus on finishing something really cool for our book. In the middle of the day, we 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 a book that **you** helped 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.



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# Frequently Asked Questions

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

**You know, F.A.Q.**

**What is Metro Denver Promotion of Letters?**

We are a nonprofit organization whose mission is to help students, ages 5 to 18, become skilled at communicating by offering individualized tutoring, writing workshops, and educational events.



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**How much does camp cost? Surely something like this must be expensive!**  
Camp is free, but a deposit is necessary so that we know you will show up. If you don't show up, you forfeit the deposit. If you do show up every day, you can get it back at the end of the week or give it to us. We have obtained generous help from numerous local organizations and nice folks who want to make this experience possible for anyone who wants to come. We are a nonprofit organization, so any help you or your parents want to give us is greatly appreciated (& tax-deductible)!

**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, but know that we are trying to get you some free food, as well!

**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 almost every day. 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, too.

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

We will take friends/sisters/brothers if they are of the correct age, 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 or other electronics 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?**

Most of the adults will be MDPL 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: all primary volunteers are background-checked and kids are never left alone with a volunteer in a private place.

# Frequently Asked Questions, continued

**Your flier said that only thirteen kids could participate, and that the kids would be chosen based on how much they want to come. Can you explain that?**

Surely! 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. So, this year we are only going to take students who take the time to write to us to tell us why they want to come and how they will help us make this the best Summer Writing Camp possible. We will take the thirteen kids who turn in their applications, **completed, with the deposit**, and with really good explanations of why they want to be there, to Metro Denver Promotion of Letters by our deadline -- **April 6, 2011**. If you aren't chosen right away, we will put you on the waiting list, but you might have to wait until next year. MDPL runs workshops during the schoolyear, and camp is every year, so don't be too sad if you aren't chosen this time.

Parents: it is up to MDPL to determine who the thirteen participants are. Our say is final.

## **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 48076, Denver, CO 80204.
2. You can scan the application and email it to us:  
info@promotionofletters.org.
3. If you are really anxious or don't trust the Post Office, you can call us at 303-518-4138 and find out a place to drop it off.

## **How will I know if I get to participate in camp and if my application is accepted?**

We will call you to let you know if you will be one of our writers by **May 2, 2011**. We will also call the next ten kids on the waiting list to let them know that they might have a spot; we'll call people on the list as soon as a spot opens up. We will send letters to everyone else so they can say yes to all of the other summer camps that they want to attend!

## **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 if I have more questions?** Call Jenny at 303-518-4138 or email us at info@promotionofletters.org.



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

**Don't  
forget a  
part!**

# Checklist to Organize Your Application

- 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:  
Deposit**  
So we know you will show up every day!

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- Part Six:  
Photo & Publishing Waiver**  
So we can make a book, or video, or use your picture in the book.

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- Part Seven:  
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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# Application and Registration July 11-15, 2011 9am-5pm

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**DUE APRIL 6TH, 2011**

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 13 students, so fill out ALL pages of the application and return it, with a deposit, to qA`111111be considered as one of our participants. Please read carefully and be sure to complete all information! Revise and edit your work!

**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?** \_\_\_\_\_

**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 MDPL 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 free services and opportunities that Metro Denver Promotion of Letters 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 and UCD Writing Center. I agree to follow the reasonable directions of all staff and volunteers of MDPL and UCD Writing Center. 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 Metro Denver Promotion of Letters 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 Metro Denver Promotion of Letters permission to assess my child's academic skills. I give my child permission to participate in Metro Denver Promotion of Letters Summer Writing Camp and will ensure that he/she attends the program Monday through Friday, July 11-15, 2011. I understand that failure to attend by the second day of camp (Tuesday, July 12, 2011) will result in the forfeiture of my child's place in the program to a student on the waiting list. 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 Metro Denver Promotion of Letters. I understand that Metro Denver Promotion of Letters and UCDenver cannot assume responsibility for injury or death and I agree to hold harmless Metro Denver Promotion of Letters, 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)

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

In the event that my child, (print child's name) \_\_\_\_\_, has a medical emergency, I authorize the adult workers at Metro Denver Promotion of Letters 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 phsysican, hospital, or other medical center for rendering such services.
- I release Metro Denver Promotion of Letters from liability for injury or accident, and grant permission for Metro Denver Promotion of Letters 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)** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Parent/Guardian signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
_____	_____

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

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

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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**Part  
Five:**

**Deposit**

# **Deposit to Guarantee That You Show Up Every Day!**

MDPL is a nonprofit organization and part of our mission is to provide students with great experiences -- at no cost. Our Summer Camp is free, but we do require a \$50 deposit in order to guarantee attendance. Once a student completes the camp, we will destroy your check or you may donate it to our organization.

Your support -- in any way -- is very much appreciated and allows us to keep offering programs like this one. Thanks for supporting what we do.

- 1. Please attach a \$50 check to this paper.**
- 2. Make it payable to:  
Metro Denver Promotion of Letters**
- 3. Please write the student's name in the notes section of the check.**

If the deposit is difficult for you, please explain your circumstances below. We will do what we can to help you out.



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# **Consent Form for Use of Photographs, Movies, Published Work, Sound Recordings, or Video**

## **Part Six:**

## **Photo & Publish- ing Waiver**

From time to time, we may want to use photographs or video footage of students who participate in our MDPL workshops and camps. We also very much want to publish their work or make sound recordings of students reading. We sometimes use these for our website, brochures, and articles. This helps us promote MDPL programs. We will only use students' first names in any photo captions or credits.

I hereby consent to the use of photographs, movies, videotapes, sound recordings, online or the printing and electronic publication of information of my child, myself, or of my writing (collectively "Works") by MDPL and its respective designees, licensees, successors, and agents (collectively "affiliates"). For good and valuable consideration, I hereby transfer and assign to Metro Denver Promotion of Letters all of my rights, title, and interest in and to any such Works and the copyright in such Works, including all rights of registration, publication, and the right to create derivative works. I further agree that Metro Denver Promotion of Letters and its affiliates may reproduce, publish, and use my likeness or images of my writing, or that of my child, in any format (including electronic and printed formats) for promotional purposes or any other purpose consistent with their charitable purposes.

I hereby release Metro Denver Promotion of Letters and its affiliates from any and all claims, demands, and liabilities of any nature whatsoever, whether now existing or hereafter arising, which relate to the use of any such Works or of my likeness in accordance with this Consent.

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

Student Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Legal Guardian  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date  
\_\_\_\_\_



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# Written Statement About Why You Want to Come to Camp & What You Will Do To Make It Great!

## Part Seven:

### Why You Want to Come to Camp and What You Will Do To Make It Great!

So, the most important part about our camp is that you want to be there. 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 tell us **Why You Want to Come to Camp and What You Will Do to Make It Great!** If you've come to our camp before, please write about **Something You Did to Make MDPL Writing Camp Great!** You can be honest and/or creative. Understand that students who come to camp will be the ones who convince us that they will make camp amazing for themselves and for others. If you type it, please just attach that sheet to this one, sign that sheet, and make sure you sign this one, too.



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I wrote this all by myself and promise that I will make it happen if I get to come to MDPL Summer Writing Camp.

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Student Name (please print)

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