



### About the Charlottesville Writing Center

The Writing center is Central Virginia's most well-known and celebrated writing and literary resource center. Founded in 1996, the CWC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that continually raises the bar for community stewardship in the arts and education every day.

The organization relies on private donations from individuals and companies to meet expenses that are not covered by tuition income alone. Hosting classes for adults and children is just one of the many activities the Center provides. It also provides tutoring for low income students, ESL training, editing help, and manuscript reviews.

The Center is launching a new program this summer to work closely with K-12 teachers on their own writing. The Writers and Teachers Collaborative is a resource guild for Writers who Teach and for Teachers who Write. Kick off in late June.

Call us or write to us. Check out our website for daily writing prompts.



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## MYSTERY DETECTIVES

Nothing quickens the pulse faster than a good mystery, which is why millions of readers surrender themselves to the page-turning exploits of their favorite sleuths. Mystery is an expansive genre, welcoming amateur detectives, intellectual puzzle-solvers, police officers, private eyes, lawyers, spies, even average folk caught in a web of suspense.

To write riveting mysteries, you must merge the skills of a fiction writer with the clever tricks of the mystery trade. During the week, you will learn about the various types of mysteries and their special requirements, as well as fundamentals of fiction craft.

Whether you seek to write short stories or novels, classic puzzlers or crime fiction, we'll show you how to capture readers.

Camp sessions begin in June and run weekly  
Monday – Friday from 9 am – noon.

Sessions are \$175.00 per week.

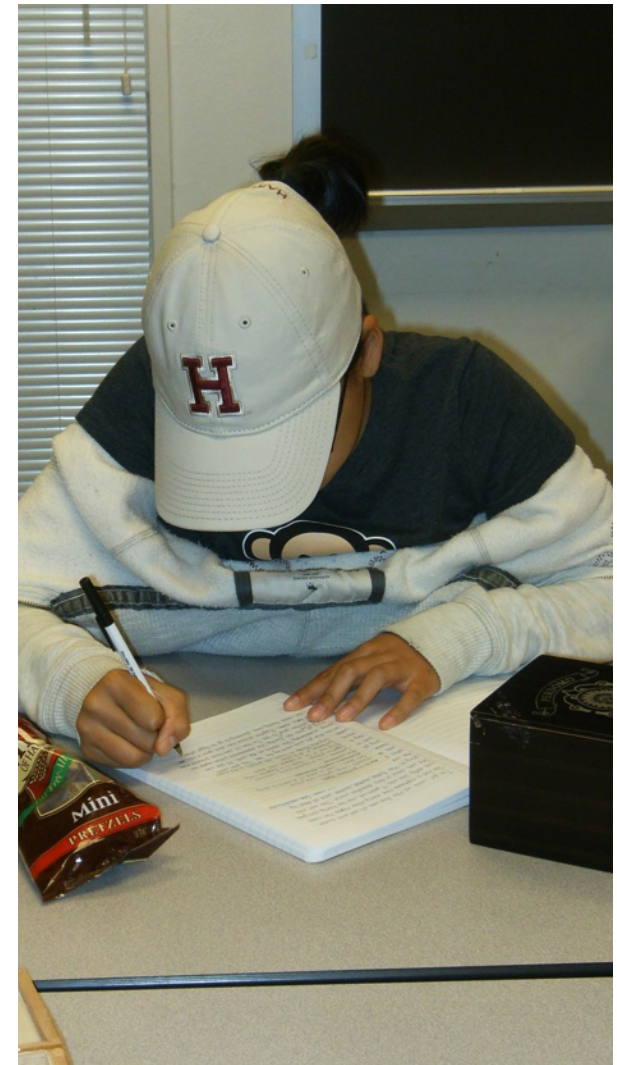
Discount offered for attending multiple sessions  
and for sending two more students to the same  
session.

Content varies weekly.

Limited scholarship money is available.

## CHARLOTTESVILLE WRITING CENTER

### Creative Writing Camp Summer 2011





# CREATIVE WRITING CAMP

## Sample Daily Plan

### Monday

8:45 Children arrive  
 9:00 Intro game  
 9:30 Write and share biography poems  
 10:00 Focus on CHARACTER in stories  
 10:30 SNACK  
 10:45 INTRO to Mystery Writing  
 11:00 Collaborative activity: Creating the Mystery to Solve. Role Playing  
 11:30 Independent work, Homework assigned, Individual consultations with faculty  
 12:00 Children are picked up.

### Tuesday

8:45 Children arrive  
 9:00 SETTING: Consider the places where mysteries take place  
 9:30 Collaborative Poetry & collage exercise  
 10:30 SNACK  
 10:35 CONFLICT in story telling  
 11:00 INSPIRATION Edgar Allen Poe mysteries, local unsolved mysteries  
 11:30 Independent work, Homework assigned, Individual consultations with faculty  
 12:00 Children are picked up.

### Wednesday – Friday

Similar activities including field trip; **Friday** morning potluck reception and student reading for parents. All sessions introduce a craft element, and lessons in multiple genres. We build in plenty of time for individual and group feedback.

## Summer Schedule\*

Session	Dates	Grades
Session 1 Creative Writing	June 13 – 17 9 am – noon	3 – 5
Session 2 Creative Writing	June 20 – 24 9 am – noon	6 – 8
Session 3 Creative Writing	June 27 – July 1 9 am – noon	3 – 5
Session 4 Creative Writing	July 11 – 15 9 am – noon	6 – 8
Session 5 Creative Writing	July 18 – 22 9 am – noon	3 – 5
Session 6 Writers at the Ready: Back to Class	August 8 – 12 9 am – noon	8 & up

## Collaborative Legend Pantoum Grades 6–8, Summer 2009

We mine for the ancient mineral green  
 Deep underground in a forest of trees  
 King Salazar loves us, he's not really so mean  
 As long as we protect the presidential keys.

Deep underground in a forest of trees  
 People like me live peacefully.  
 As long as I protect the presidential keys  
 No harm can come to my family.

People like me live peacefully  
 Protecting our country, protecting our homes.  
 So no harm comes to our families,  
 We summon the animal from the ritual stone.

Protecting our country, protecting our homes  
 We mine for the ancient mineral green  
 And summon the animals from the ritual stones  
 So King Salazar will love us and never be mean.

## Summer Schedule\*

We will do everything we can to accommodate your schedule, even by having sessions in the afternoon, if there is enough demand. Sometimes age groups will need to be combined to run a full session. This has worked in the past; our first few summers ran that way. Your help in finding more students to attend and being flexible will be appreciated.