

You're invited to the first annual

Writing on Water

Writing Retreat

Sponsored by the West Tennessee Writing Project

October 24-25, 2003

Paris Landing Inn

The writing retreat is for all West Tennessee Writing Project Teacher Consultants who are interested in writing about their teaching practice for publication.

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Writing on Water Retreat Schedule

Friday

October 24:

Check-in 4-6 p.m.

Dinner 6 p.m.

Welcome and Introduction,
followed by a whole-group writing session
7 p.m.

Saturday

October 25:

Breakfast 8-9 a.m.

Writing Time, Lunch and whole-group sessions on writing for publication facilitated by
Kathleen O'Shaughnessy

9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Dinner 6 p.m.

Community Reading, Anthology Discussion, and Evaluations
7 p.m.

Conclusion 9 p.m.

Kathleen O'Shaughnessy, will lead sessions on writing for publication and will be available for one-on-one conferences with writers. She is the co-director of the National Writing Project of Acadiana and a 6th grade reading/writing workshop teacher at Episcopal School of Acadiana in Cade, LA.

**The cost of Writing on Water is \$25.00,
which includes lodging for one night, four meals, a T-shirt, certificate of
participation, and the beauty and time to write about our teaching
practice in the beauty and relaxation of Paris Landing.**

Please make checks payable to Beth Halbert.

Deadline for receipt of \$25 registration: August 15, 2003

Space is limited! Register early!

If you require a private room, please send a separate check payable to WTWP for \$35.00. Send this check, along with the \$25.00 check, to Beth Halbert, 640 Centerville Rd., Lebanon, TN 37087

If you would like to stay Saturday night, rooms will be available for \$73 each. Please make arrangements by calling Ann Manners at 1-800-250-8614

This *Writing on Water* retreat offers:

- time to reflect on and write about teaching practices
- a supportive writing community in which to develop and refine professional writing
- knowledge and experience to help participants write professionally

We will focus on professional writing, such as:

- narratives of school/teaching life
- opinion pieces about issues in the teaching of writing
- journal and newsletter articles
- case studies

On-site writing coaches will provide support for writers. Through participation in small writing groups and other opportunities to share writing, participants will become part of a community of writers. The structure of the retreat is designed to accommodate writers at any level in their development. The retreat helps writers develop pieces for a wide variety of publications and audiences.

Writing on Water registration due August 15, 2003

Please complete and send along with \$25 registration to Beth Halbert
640 Centerville Rd., Lebanon, TN 37087:

Name: _____

Address: _____

School Address: _____

Home phone: _____ work phone: _____

e-mail: _____ T-shirt size _____