The West Tennessee Writing Project’s 20th Annual Summer Institute for K-12 Teachers
May 12 and June 4-14, 2012 on the campus of The University of Tennessee at Martin

Open to teachers of all subjects who are interesting in improving the teaching of writing or in adding writing to their curricula

Registration Fee: $350* (online registration available): 
http://app.perfectforms.com/player.htm?f=_nOBggUm

How the Summer Institute Works:

Led by WTWP Director David Carithers, a group of no more than twenty teachers will work together May 12 and June 4-14 (Mon-Thurs, 9:00 – 4:00) and will gather for two follow-up meetings during the next academic year. Teachers learn new pedagogies during the summer and then share classroom results during follow-up sessions.

What happens during the Summer Institute:

1. Teachers share effective classroom strategies using writing across the curriculum.
2. Teachers read and discuss research in literacy practices in the classroom.
3. Teachers write, revise, and share their work in writing groups.

Results: Longitudinal studies show that students who are taught by teachers who have participated in National Writing Project programs outperform their peers on writing assessments. Access the Research Brief here: http://www.nwp.org/cs/public/print/resource/3208

Details on the 2012 Summer Institute:
Teachers participating in WTWP’s Summer Institute will receive the following:

1. New ideas for teaching writing that they can take directly into their classrooms.
2. Confidence in themselves as writers that will improve the way they teach writing.
3. Free books on writing and reading pedagogy.
4. Membership in a vibrant community of professionals interested in improving the teaching of writing in West Tennessee.
5. **48 Renewal Points** for use toward Recertification. Add two online courses offered by UTM’s Office of Extended Campus and Online Studies and teachers will have 90 Pts.
6. **Registration** is available online through E.C.O.S. See URL above.

A short history of the West Tennessee Writing Project (WTWP):

An affiliate site of the National Writing Project (NWP), WTWP has provided professional development in writing to hundreds of teachers in West Tennessee since 1992. WTWP is guided by the principles that teachers will become better writing teachers if they actively practice writing themselves and that the best teacher of a teacher is another excellent teacher. Unlike many one-time professional development activities, WTWP provides its members with opportunities to stay connected throughout the school year and for years to come.

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*NWP is a federally recognized professional development provider under the NCLB guidelines: http://www.nochildleftbehind.com/nclb-law/Subpart-2-National-Writing-Project. Schools can use Title I or Title II monies to pay for the institute. The Office of E.C.O.S. will send an invoice to the school contact person.