



Parent Orientation

Campers do not need to attend the orientation with their parents.

1. Welcome and introduction to instructors and volunteers

- The Young Writers' Camp at the University of North Carolina Greensboro sponsors a two-week summer program for young writers. The program will be conducted under the direction of university faculty members, a staff of outstanding classroom teachers, and a group of certified teachers enrolled in the Masters of Reading Education or Masters of Elementary Education Degree Program who are currently learning about innovative writing instruction practices in a graduate class.
 - Grades K-2 Dearing 102/SOEB 221
 - Grades 3-4 Amber 104 and Bryan 211
 - Grades 4-5 Tiffani 106 and Bryan 221/Curry 3045
 - Grades 5-6 Laura 108 and SOEB 407
 - Grades 7-8 Thomas 110 and SOEB 007
 - Grades 9-12 Natalie 118 and MHRA 1305
 - Podcasting with Audrey SOEB 102/SOEB 407
 - Fiction with Julia SOEB 104/SOEB 221
 - Spoken Word with Josepuhus SOEB 108/SOEB 007
 - Community Voices Teens with Jill and Dominique SOEB 217/Eberhart 160
 - Community Voices Adults with Christy and Amber SOEB 219/Moore 322
- **The Researchers:** Faculty members and graduate students would like your permission to involve your students in a research project about how students develop their writing skills during a young writer's camp. We will talk in detail about the project in parent orientation and we will review a permission form for collecting your student work and audiorecording writing sessions (Audrey and April).

2. Information about The Melon Project and invited authors

- July 9: Representatives from The Melon Project (Theresa Lee)
- July 10: Carla Harper (fiction and poetry)
- July 11: Hassan T. Kingsberry and Dr. Francemise St. Pierre Kingsberry (non-fiction)

- July 12: Danielle Battaglia (reporter)
- July 13: Scott Reintgen (fiction)
- July 16: Robert Kershaw (digital storytelling)
- July 17: Joanne O'Sullivan (journalism and fiction)
- July 18: Dana Trent (memoir)
- July 19: Audrey Smith (creative non-fiction)
- July 20: Authors Circle: Campers share their work. Parents are invited.

3. Typical daily agenda for young writers

- 9:00-9:30 Author talk
- 9:45-10:45 Writing Workshop with writing coaches
- 10:45-11:00 Break/Snacks; Kona Ice Wednesdays!
- 11:00-12:00 Writing Workshop with writing coaches
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch (bring from home) in 104 with Faith
- 1:00-4:00 Advanced workshops with multiple breaks

- 4. The publication:** All writers will be published in an online format that will be posted on our website. This writing will also be sent to an orphanage in Kenya as part of The Melon Project.
- 5. Open Reading:** Your child will have the opportunity to read aloud and/or share their finished piece with an audience at the following two times and locations: Friday, July 20 at 11:00 (School of Education Building) OR Friday, July 20 at 6:00 (Scuppernong Bookstore on Elm Street). Please indicate which location and time your child prefers on the form provided in your bag.
- 6. Pick up and drop off:** Classes begin promptly at 9:00 am and/or 1:00, so please make sure you drop off your children between 8:45-8:55 am and/or 12:45-12:55. Here is a link to a campus map. <http://www.uncg.edu/online-map/>. Please park in Oakland Deck to drop off your child. Camp volunteers will be outside the School of Education Building to walk your child into the building. Safety is our priority. All students are accompanied by an adult for snack and restroom breaks. All classrooms are located in the School of Education Building. Students in the high school class can be released on their own with a permission slip signed by parents. In some cases, a picture ID may be required from parents picking up their children. If another party will be picking up your child, please make sure we receive the names of those who have permission to pick up your children.
- 7. What to bring:** We will provide all classroom supplies and students will have access to computers and/or laptops. A light snack and beverage will be served.
- 8. Google Account:** Several websites and Apps will require that students have a Google Account (gmail). We recommend creating an account with your child before the first day of camp. Otherwise, we will create one with them and we will inform you of the user ID and password.
- 9. Weatherspoon Art Museum:** This year campers will take a field trip to the Weatherspoon art Museum. Terri-Dowell-Dennis, the Associate Curator of Education, will work with students to use visuals to improve their writing. Here is the schedule for the campers.

Grades	Instructor	Weatherspoon
3	Amber	July 10 (11-12)
4	Tiffani	July 11 (10-11)
9-12	Natalie	July 18 (10-11)
5-6	Laura	July 12 (10-11)
K-2	Dearing	July 10 (10-11)
7-8	Thomas	July 17 (10-11)
Podcasting	Audrey	
Fiction	Julia	
Spoken Word	Josephus	
Community Voices	Jill and Dominique	July 17 (11-12)
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10. Volunteers: We have high school and college-aged volunteers who act as writing coaches at the camp. Let us know if you know of someone who is interested.

11. Writing and Robotics

12. Gate City Writes with teachers

13. Blog and Photos (photo release form).