

FEATURES *of the retreat*

Workshops

Hands-on time to practice specific techniques and genres in an encouraging, small group setting.

Sessions

General sessions with our guest author, who will present on topics of interest to writers.

Individual Writing

Time to work on your own - to get away from the hassle of life and just focus on your writing.

One-on-One Critiques

Individual time to meet with our guest author, who will give you advice and personalized instruction, based on a work of your own.

GUEST AUTHOR:

Michele Huey



Michele Huey is an inspirational speaker and award-winning author whose published books include several novels, as well as compilations from her award-winning newspaper column, "God, Me & a Cup of Tea." Her favorite setting for her fiction is western Pennsylvania, where she lives with her husband, Dean, who provides her with much fodder for her writing. She serves as the lay pastor for a small congregation in Punxsutawney, Pa., whom she lovingly calls her "little flock." The mother of three grown children and the grandmother of nine, she loves hiking, camping, swimming, and reading, and is an avid (and sometimes rabid) Pittsburgh Pirates fan.

DETAILS

Who Can Come?

Writers of all levels and genres are welcome (ages 18 and older). Whether you are a beginner, intermediate, or more advanced writer, you are sure to gain useful insight at the retreat. Writers of poetry, fiction (short stories, novels), devotionals, creative nonfiction / memoir, and nonfiction (journalism, biography, autobiography, historical), etc. are all welcome.

What is the Cost?

Regular registration is \$85 / person, including a one-night stay in Dorm 5 (double-occupancy) or \$105 / person (single-occupancy). Each room is heated and there are restrooms located on each dorm floor. This fee includes Friday night snacks and breakfast/lunch on Saturday. A commuter rate is available for anyone living nearby or staying in their own cottage. After February 28th, pricing increases.

How Do I Register?

Fill out the registration form included in this brochure and send to Mahaffey Camp. You'll be emailed a writing questionnaire, which you'll submit along with a one-page typed manuscript (a piece of your own writing) for one-on-one critique time.

What Should I Expect?

Our Writer's Retreat will include a balance of whole-group instruction, hands-on practice, and individual writing time. You will be welcome to share your works and ideas with other writers to your level of comfort. You'll benefit from teachings from our guest author during session times, as well as direct opportunity to practice writing techniques in workshops. You'll have time to work individually on your own current writing projects. Additionally, each attendee will have an individual meeting time scheduled with our guest author for one-on-one instruction.

Wonderful Words

WRITERS' RETREAT

Friday - Saturday

March 27 & 28, 2020



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TIME TO FOCUS AND GROW

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” - 1 Peter 4:10

At the “Wonderful Words” Writers’ Retreat, writers of all experience levels and genres will have opportunity to grow - to develop and strengthen the writing talent they’ve been blessed with. Join us in the tranquil setting of Mahaffey Camp for a time to hone your writing skills, be inspired by other writers, practice a variety of techniques, work individually without interruption, and hear practical instruction from our guest author.

Open to writers ages 18 and older.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Comfortable clothing
- For those staying in the dorm: bedding for a single bed, pillow, towel, and toiletries.
- Jacket and cool-weather clothing
- Bible
- Notebook / Writing Utensil
- Your preferred tools for working on your individual writing projects (journal, laptop, etc.)
- Copy of your manuscript submission for one-on-one critique time
- Copies of any works you’d like to share during open mic time. If you’d like to share a musical performance (acoustic) at the open mic, bring your own instruments and music!

Note: please do not plan to rely on an online program (like Google Docs) for writing, as the wifi in our Dining Hall can only support a small internet connection.

SCHEDULE

Friday, March 27th

- 6:00 - 6:30 pm Registration
6:45 Welcome and Introduction
7:00 Session #1: “Pursue the Vision”
8:00 Break
8:15 Evening Activity:
Open Mic and Appetizers
*Bring a work (or works) of your own to share!
Acoustic musical performances are also welcome!*

Saturday, March 28th

- 8:00 am Breakfast
8:30 Workshop #1
9:15 Break
9:30 Workshop #2
10:15 Individual Writing / One-on-One Critiques
12:00 Lunch
12:30 Individual Writing / One-on-One Critiques
2:00 Session #2: “Finding Your Niche”
3:30 Final Words and Dismissal

Once we receive your registration, we’ll send you a writing questionnaire via email. This survey will help us understand your writing level and genre interests, so that we can better prepare and personalize your retreat experience. You’ll submit the questionnaire, along with a one-page manuscript of your own writing to use for review during your one-on-one critique time.



REGISTRATION

Wonderful Words Writer’s Retreat

Please complete one per attendee and write clearly in ink.

Copies may be made for additional registrations.

After sending in your registration, you’ll receive a writing questionnaire via email to submit, along with a one-page manuscript for one-on-one critique time.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Select a Payment Option:

Pricing on or Before February 28th, 2020:

_____ 2 Day Retreat: \$85 / person *including meals, snacks, and Dorm 5 accommodations - double occupancy.*

_____ 2 Day Retreat: \$105 / person *including meals, snacks, and Dorm 5 accommodations - single occupancy.*

_____ 2 Day Retreat: \$75 / person *including meals and snacks - NO accommodations in Dorm 5 (staying in own cottage or commuting).*

Pricing after February 28th, 2020:

_____ 2 Day Retreat: \$95 / person *including meals, snacks, and Dorm 5 accommodations - double occupancy.*

_____ 2 Day Retreat: \$115 / person *including meals, snacks, and Dorm 5 accommodations - single occupancy.*

_____ 2 Day Retreat: \$85 / person *including meals and snacks - NO accommodations in Dorm 5 (staying in own cottage or commuting).*

Roommate Request (if applicable):

Send Payment and Registration Form to:

**Mahaffey Camp
PO Box 277, Mahaffey PA 15757**

Please make checks payable to Mahaffey Camp.

Sorry, no refunds will be issued once funds have been received. In the case of a cancellation, you may transfer your registration to a friend.