2017 MWP Summer Writing Retreat!

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Description: The idea for a summer writing retreat originated with members that wanted time for writing, sharing, and conferencing amongst themselves with just enough structure to foster productivity. Some want support for their individual intentions for publication, but your personal writing objective is welcome here. No formal workshops or presenters are planned.

Who is eligible: Maine Writing Project teacher-consultants. Your writing will be welcomed and supported by experienced, like-minded members of the writing project.

Dates: July 10-14, 2017 (Monday noon - Friday noon) on the UMaine campus at Orono

Fee: $340 fee paid to MWP

Credit: 30 Contact hours*

Program: writing and sharing writing, inspiring activities with MWP colleagues, attendance at Promising Practices Conference, opportunity for Maine Writes publication.

Other:
- registration includes Monday welcome light lunch and dinner, lunch Tuesday-Friday, enough snacks to keep you energized each day!
- some University housing is available for the week.
- Optional guest presenters may be planned.

Facilitators:
TC organizing committee: Amy Philbrook ’12, Barbara Keene ‘13, Kristina Clements ‘14

Registration Deadline: May 17th, 2017
Register online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JFCNHML
You will have the option to pay be check or with credit card using UMaine’s TouchNet online payment system.

*Graduate credit option: Those enrolled in a M.ED. or CAS program may apply to complete the writing retreat as part of an independent study. This option includes regular tuition and fees and includes pre- and post-institute work. Application deadline: May 17th, 2017.
Tentative Schedule:
- Arrive Monday, 7/10, (dorm check-in available before noon).
  - Noon: Arrival, registration, and light refreshments
  - 1:00 Getting Started: Introduction to the retreat, Planning for Success, Opening activity
  - 2:00 Writing Marathon
  - 4:00 Sharing our writing aspirations for the week, retreat details.
  - 5:30 Dinner
  - 7:00 Writing Lounge

- Tuesday and Wednesday
  - 7:30 Options: morning meditation (maybe Yoga); outdoor walk
  - 8:00 Refreshments available
  - 8:30 Please be on time for our Opening Moment and community warm-up
  - 9:00 Individual writing time
  - 11:30 - 1:00 lunch provided — Dine & Discuss options to be announced
  - 1:00 Individual time to write or conference
  - 3:30 Cool down writing, daily reflection
  - 4:00 Activity time
  - 5:30 Dinner
  - 7:00 Writing Lounge

- Thursday
  - 7:30 Options: morning meditation (Yoga?); outdoor walk
  - 8:30-4:00 Promising Practices Conference
  - 4:00 Activity time
  - 5:30 Dinner
  - 7:00 Writing Lounge

- Friday
  - 7:30 Options: morning meditation (maybe Yoga); outdoor walk
  - 8:30 Opening Moment
  - 9:00 Individual time to write or conference
  - 11:00 Read-around, final reflection and future direction setting
  - 12:00 Join the summer institute for a Pizza Party!