



Fox Valley Writing Project

Combining Professional Development and Summer Writing Camps

The Fox Valley Writing Project (FVWP) has held Young Writers' Camps (YWC) for the past 3 summers in the Fox Valley area. Students attend the August camp for two weeks, Monday – Thursday from 8:30 a.m. – noon. FVWP teachers facilitate the camp and visiting authors from a variety of fields (newspaper, novelists, singer-songwriters and historians) lead workshops during the two-week camp. A morning Writers-Marathon is a favorite event of the YWC.

From the strengths of the YWC and our teacher professional development, the FVWP has created a new model. We are making professional development, which is implicit in the YWC, an explicit part of the design. The writing camp can become part of a school district's summer school program or stand on its own. FVWP teacher-consultants will come to the schools and plan the camps with district teachers. This week of professional development will precede the Writers' Camp. Following the two-week Camp, teachers will attend a follow-up meeting to debrief and reflect upon the experience.

This professional development experience – one-week professional development, two-week Writers' Camp, one day de-briefing – is worth three graduate credits through UW Oshkosh, Fox Valley Writing Project, Issues in Writing.

- One week professional development
“Young Writers Camp for Middle School Students – How to”
Led by FVWP teacher consultants
- Two-week Writers' Camp
Monday – Thursday
8:30 – noon, suggested time
Location: School or public library; computer access is vital
Students 11 – 14 years old
Fees: \$100 - \$150
- Debriefing day
- 3-graduate-credits available through UW Oshkosh

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