Lodging

Attendees are responsible for securing their own meals and lodging. Early reservations are recommended. Hotel rooms ($72/night in Holt Lodge), lodge rooms ($60/night for Mountaineer Lodge, $50 for Cedars, Lakes and Main) and dorm rooms ($15 adult/$12 youth) are available at Cedar Lakes. Note that dorm rooms do not include linens, so bring your own twin sheets and towels. Reservations for rooms and arrangements for dining hall meals must be made directly with Cedar Lakes. www.cedarlakes.com HC 88, Box 21, Ripley, WV 25271 304-372-7860 info@cedarlakes.com

Other lodging available in nearby Ripley:

Quality Inn
1 Hospitality Drive, Ripley, WV 304-372-5000 ex 2

Best Western McCoys Inn & Conference Center
701 Main Street W, Ripley, WV 25271 (304) 372-9122 or 800-288-9122

Holiday Inn Express
111 Memorial Drive, Ripley, WV 25271, 304-372-4444

Super 8 Motel – Ripley
102 Duke Drive, Ripley, WV 25271 304-372-8880

77 Motor Inn
RR 3 Box 80, Ripley, WV 25271 304-372-5949

Costs

All three days: $145 ($125 members)
Saturday and Sunday: $125 ($105 members)
Friday only: $85
Saturday only: $95
Sunday only $75
Students: 50% off adult prices
WV Writers Membership: $20

Members of national writing guilds receive $20 discount with presentation of membership card.

Getting There

Cedar Lakes is near Ripley, WV and is located off I-77 at the Ripley/Fairplain Exit #132, 38 miles north of Charleston, WV and 45 miles south of Parkersburg, WV. Follow the brown state park signs to Cedar Lakes.

Registration

Pre-registration has not yet opened, but is strongly encouraged. We will announce on our website when it has begun. If you are pre-registered and your fees are pre-paid in full, you’ll be able to pick up your registration packet through the “express lane.” WVW can process credit cards through Pay Pal.

The registration desk is located in Assembly Hall and will be open during the following hours:

Friday 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Sunday 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Please join us for three jam-packed days of writing workshops, informal discussions, panel discussions social activities and fantastic entertainment.

This program is presented with financial assistance through a Grant from the West Virginia Division of Culture and History, with approval from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts.

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Activities

PEOPLE’S CHOICE SESSIONS
Bring your short poetry or prose to read aloud (four minute limit). Those present vote for the best. Winners will be recognized at the Awards Banquet.

WRITER’S WALL
Bring one page of poetry or prose to post on the Writer’s Wall. The author’s name must NOT appear on the piece. Sign up on the sheet next to registration in Assembly Hall. Ballots will be distributed with the registration packet and winners will be recognized at the Awards Banquet.

SILENT AUCTION
An eclectic mix of autographed books, writing magazines, gift certificates, White Elephants and much more will be sold to the highest bidder. All those donating an item will be in a special door prize drawing.

ENTERTAINMENT
Saturday night will be singer Doug Van Gundy and his band Born Old.

BOOKSTORE
Attendees may display books or CDs they’ve authored or published to sell at the bookstore.

BUSINESS MEETING
Where we introduce our workshop leaders, hold officer elections and conduct our annual membership business meeting. Friday at 1p.

AWARDS BANQUET
Saturday evening’s awards banquet, where we announce the winners of our annual Writing Contest.

More Presenters

- Stan Bumgardner - Editor of Goldenseal
- Sarah Dooley - Author of middle grade novels
- Doug Van Gundy - Poet and musician
- Marc Harshman - WV Poet Laureate & children’s book writer
- Hayley Haugen – Poet
- Cathy Teets – Headline Books
- Michael Knost - Author & marketing specialist
- Matthew Neill Null - Historical fiction writer
- Anna Smucker - Author of picture books
- Christy Smith - Attorney & fiction writer
- Sandy Tritt - Founder of Inspiration for Writers
- Matt Wolfe - Fantasy & science fiction writer
- Jennifer Weingardt - Author & social media specialist
- Meredith Sue Willis - Author of fiction & nonfiction books

PANELS ON - publishing, social media and WV Literature.

Poetry Critique Sessions

One-on-one pitch sessions with a publisher

Additional presenters will be announced on our website at www.WVWriters.org.

More Fun

The WV Writers Conference is known for its laid back atmosphere and camaraderie. No one is a stranger and all are welcome. After the entertainment ends each evening, attendees are invited to hang out at the bonfire to relax, catch up with folks they know or get to know new ones.

More Information

Information about the 2016 Summer Conference will be continually updated via our website, eventually to include the complete conference brochure, conference workshop schedule, workshop descriptions, presenter bios, registration forms, and everything you need to know from how to get there to what to do once you’re there. Visit our website at www.WVWriters.org.