

Tygart Lake State Park
presents

Women's Writing Weekend

November 18-20, 2011

Tygart Lake State Park will host an annual intimate weekend for women who express themselves in writing.

Writer Colleen Anderson leads this affordably priced weekend session, which begins on Friday evening and ends on Sunday morning.

The workshop is appropriate for beginners as well as practiced writers. With gentle guidance, you'll learn that your own memories and experience are the raw material for art — and you'll practice with the tools that can make your writing, in any form, more vivid. Bring a notebook, a sense of adventure, and open mind. Expect to hear some writing that inspires you and to surprise yourself with your own writing.

What a wonderful weekend, making new friends and sharing stories.

— 2009 participant



Colleen Anderson is a writer, performer, and owner of Mother Wit Writing and Design, a creative studio in Charleston. Her fiction, poetry, songs, and essays have been published and broadcast widely. She has won two literature fellowships from the WV Commission on the Arts and a residency fellowship from the Helene Wurlitzer Foundation.

She has conducted hundreds of creative writing and songwriting workshops for students, teachers, and adults. For more information, visit: www.colleenanderson.com

SCHEDULE

Friday Evening: Getting to Know You

7:30 p.m.: The weekend begins with a get-acquainted session and a short writing exercise to get you into the creative mode.

Saturday Morning: Rough Draft Writing

Beginning at 9:00 a.m., we'll delve into the storehouses of memory, bringing out discoveries and examining them with all five senses.

Saturday Afternoon: Polishing the Jewels

In the afternoon, we'll concentrate on revising — tightening the language and shaping the narrative. There will also be some free time for writing, hiking in the park, or just relaxing.

Saturday Evening: Wine & Cheese Reading

A celebratory time for listening and for sharing your work, if you choose.

Sunday Morning: Farewell Thoughts

A final session to integrate your new skills, a few words of encouragement, and a chance to bring up any writing-related topics we haven't addressed.

For more information, or to register, contact:

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