

Yes, Kids Can Write!

Summer Camp at Cape Fear Community College

Unlock your imagination and learn to express yourself creatively through writing.

Did you know that English writer Daisy Ashford wrote a famous novella titled *The Young Visitors* when she was just nine years old? Or that Christopher Paolini was fifteen when he began writing the mythical fantasy novel *Eragon*, which has since sold over 24 million copies?

All a student needs to start writing is the drive to learn and the freedom to enjoy the creative process. This four-day workshop for aspiring writers ages 11-13 is designed to create a space that is safe for diverse learners to explore their own thoughts, feelings and imagination through words. Through lecture, group storytelling, fun activities and plenty of individual writing time, young writers will be encouraged to describe the worlds they create as only they can. Students will complete writing prompts, create interesting characters and dialog, develop plots and write the stories they want to write.

Successful completion of this course will help students gain confidence in their writing, become more aware of the world around them and give them a new passion to invest themselves in a life-long relationship to the written word.

Ages: 11-13
Days/Dates: Mon-Thurs, July 26-29, 2021
Times: 1-5 pm
Location: CFCC Wilmington Campus
Registration: \$149



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Camp Curriculum

Students will have opportunities to work in groups and as individuals, with time to write on their own and also to discuss ideas with the group in a workshop format.

Day 1: Course Introduction; overview of the creative writing process. Why every writer needs an idea notebook. Discussion of brainstorming to get ideas, setting, plot and creating characters. Writing prompts and activities.

Day 2: Lecture and discussion: importance of conflict in a story, why readers care about conflict and how to develop conflict. Writing prompts and activities.

Day 3: Lecture and discussion: creating and developing intriguing characters, how to get character ideas. Writing prompts and activities. Brainstorm and create a list of questions to help the process. Create a main character and begin writing short story.

Day 4: Question & answer session on story writing. Students continue writing story from Day 3 with individual assistance. Sharing stories with the group; peer feedback. Editing stories. Peer discussion about workshop experience and final thoughts.

Dress Code & Supplies

Students should wear comfortable clothing and closed-toed shoes. Masks and social distancing may also be required, depending on current guidelines from the NC Community College System.

Bring your own writing tools: pen & paper, laptop or tablet.

Snack Breaks

We recommend that you pack a protein-rich snack and a drink for your child. **If you have also registered for an additional morning or afternoon camp session**, you will need to include additional lunch items, snack items and drink(s). Please pack perishables on ice, as campers will not have access to a refrigerator. Please notify us at the time of registration if there are known food allergies, intolerances or health issues of which camp staff should be aware.



About Your Instructor

Originally from Long Island, N.Y., **Maria Pease** has always loved a good story and writing them seems to come naturally to her. She has published three mystery novels and numerous E-books, and regularly works as a freelance writer.

She also enjoys teaching writing workshops to aspiring writers of all ages, including *Yes, You Can Write!* for adult students at Cape Fear Community College.