



ABOUT THE NEBRASKA WRITING PROJECT

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Mission Statement

The Nebraska Writing Project, a network of professional educators and affiliated writers, provides opportunities to improve, enhance and celebrate writing for classrooms and communities across Nebraska.

Belief Statements

The best teachers of writing are writers themselves.

Teachers provide the best instruction for other teachers.

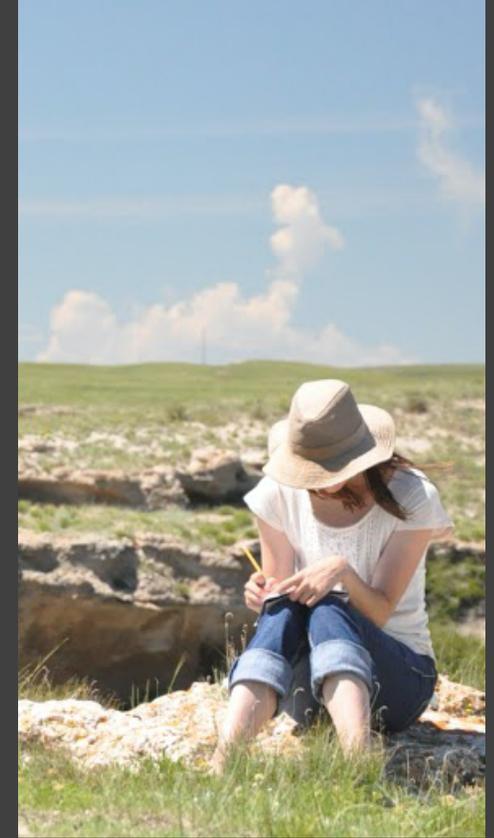
Anyone, no matter their ability level, can improve their writing in a supportive context with other practicing writers.

True school reform comes through democratic partnerships across grade levels.

Teachers, students and communities benefit when teachers form networks with other teachers and draw on collective expertise.

Nebraska Writing Project

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Agate Teacher's Workshop:

Exploring the
Women of the West

July 17-19, 2017

Sponsored by the

Nebraska Writing Project &
Agate Fossil Beds National
Monument



Exploring the Bones of Place: 50 Years in the Nebraska Panhandle

Spend two days at Agate Fossil Beds National Monument discovering the bones of place. Staff from the National Park Service and Nebraska Writing Project will lead teachers through a variety of activities designed to make science exciting, inviting and accessible through writing.

This workshop is open to teachers of all grade levels and content areas.

Participants can expect to:

- generate their own creative writing
- explore the women of Agate and their unique roles in paleontology, geology, and place
- leave with classroom activities for integrating science and writing

Registration fee for the program is \$75. The workshop is limited to fifteen participants. It begins at 8:00a.m. on July 17th and concludes at 2:00p.m. on July 19th. Food and lodging are not available at the park. Registration ends June 30, 2017.

Participants will need to arrange for lodging in nearby communities. Local hotel or camping accommodations can be found at:

- Harrison House Hotel in Harrison, NE (www.harrisonhousehotel.com)
- Hotels in Scottsbluff/Gering, such as Comfort Inn, Days Inn, Hampton Inn and Suites, Holiday Inn Express
- Fort Robinson State Park (Nebraska Games and Parks Commission)

A limited number of tent camping sites are available within Agate. Sites have access to an indoor bathroom and kitchen facilities. Reservations for tenting sites is available through the following link <https://goo.gl/yGfG8C> or by emailing Alvis Mar at alvis_mar@nps.gov

Agate Fossil Beds: Fossils and Much, Much More

In the 1890s, scientists uncovered what the Lakota Sioux already knew: 20 million-year-old bones preserved in one of the world’s most complete Miocene mammals sites.

Yet, this place called “Agate” is a landscape that reflects many players—from early animals roaming the valleys and hills, to tribal nations calling the High Plains home, to explorers passing through or settling in the American West. www.nps.gov/agfo

Registration for the Agate Teacher’s Workshop

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Registration fee can be sent to:
Robert Brooke
Nebraska Writing Project
202 Andrews Hall
Lincoln, NE 6588-0333
Attn: Writers Workshop

Checks made payable to:
Nebraska Writing Project

Indicate Agate Writers Workshop
in the memo line



Information about entertainment and the surrounding areas can be found at the following:

West Nebraska: www.westnebraska.com
Scottsbluff: www.visitscottsbluff.com
Sioux County: www.visitnorthwestnebraska.com/index.htm
Dawes County: www.discoverdawescounty.com/