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.

ABOUT THE NEBRASKA WRITING PROJECT
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Agate Teacher’s Workshop:
Exploring the Language of Fossils
June 6 – 8, 2016
Sponsored by the Nebraska Writing Project & Agate Fossil Beds National Monument
Exploring the Bones of Place: 50 Years in the Nebraska Panhandle

Spend three 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 Agate’s unique history of paleontology, geology, and place
- leave with classroom activities for integrating science and writing

Registration fee for the program is $55. The workshop is limited to fifteen participants. It begins at 9:00 a.m. on June 6th and concludes at 3:30 p.m. on June 8th. Food and lodging are not available at the park. Registration with payment ends April 30, 2016.

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)

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

is available through the following link: http://goo.gl/dT3HL2 or by contacting Alvis Mar (308) 668-2211 (308) 436-9768

Registration fee can be sent to:
Alvis Mar
National Park Service
Agate Fossil Beds National Monument
301 River Road  Harrison, NE 69346
Attn: Writers Workshop

Checks made payable to:
Oregon Trails Museum Association
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/