

Three fantastic Writing Project adventures in one fabulous weekend:



## Nebraska Writing Project Platte River Writing Marathon

September 10, 2011

## Nebraska Writing Project Writing Retreat

September 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2011



Events will be held at beautiful Platte River State Park, located halfway between Lincoln and Omaha just off of I-80

(park entrance requires a permit for each vehicle @ \$4.00/day or an annual permit)

### Options for participating:

1. Retreat with your own accommodations: Reserve your own cabin, pitch your tent at nearby Mahoney State Park, or commute from your home, and then join us for the writing retreat and writing marathon activities. This option would work well for families, couples, or groups who might want their own space. Check cabin availability and prices at 402-234-2217 or check online at <http://www.ngpc.state.ne.us/parks/parks.asp>.
2. Come for the Marathon on Saturday, Sept. 10th: Join us for the Fall Writing Marathon, starting with Lunch on the Lawn at Platte River State Park's Owen Landing (bring a picnic or buy something from the concession stand). Enjoy writing in the park's beautiful, rustic setting and wrap up your day with snacks and a read-around at Camp NeWP (Owen Cabins #5-#7). You're welcome to stay for the Potluck Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the campfire, too.

### Book Exchange and Book Talks

The **Book Exchange** will be held Sunday morning. Bring those books from home that you've read several times and are ready to share with others. Or, bring those books you always thought you'd read but that never quite made the pile by the bedside. You can bring as many books as you want and take as many books home as you give away. Bring books to Owens cabins by Sunday morning at 9:00 AM. We'll do a quick book exchange and then we'll share our favorite personal and professional reads for the year.

**Book Talks** from last year inspired our new One Book, One NeWP event. Come talk about your favorite books from the past year and help us choose the One Book, One NeWP selections for this coming year.

## Tentative Retreat/Marathon Schedule:

### Friday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>

- 5:00 p.m. Check in at Camp NeWP
- 6:30 p.m. Pizza Party
- 8:00 p.m. Campfire, S'mores, and Socializing

### Saturday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 a.m. Optional Writers' Coffee Klatch Groups (meet at Camp NeWP HQ and bring four copies of something to share)
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch at Owen Landing (bring a picnic lunch or buy something from the concession stand). Organize Writing Marathon Groups
- 12:30 p.m. Platte River Writing Marathon
- 3:30 p.m. Marathon Read-Around
- 6:30 p.m. Writing Retreat Potluck
- 8:00 p.m. Campfire, S'mores, and Socializing

### Sunday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 a.m. Book Exchange and Book Talks
- 11:00 a.m. Check-out

### About Platte River State Park:

Nature-lovers delight in the variety of flora and fauna found at the park and its environs. Typical species include those common to the eastern hardwood forests, the tall-grass prairies, and the Platte River flood plain woodlands. This overlapping makes the park a rare treat for visitors interested in the world of nature.

Activities range from swimming at the supervised pool to guided horseback trail rides through the timbered hills. Sights to see include the quaint Red Barn (converted to a group camp) and a charming little waterfall. If you're watchful, you might even spot a flock of wild turkeys as they wander past your cabin. Those who like to rise with the sun should indulge in a hike through the picturesque woodlands.



**Reserve your spot in the NeWP-reserved cabins by contacting Anne Walden, [awalden@lps.org](mailto:awalden@lps.org) or 402-421-2360. The Deadline for reservations is August 1, 2011.**