

Let your

creativity

flow

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**WHAT**

WordsWorth, a camp for youth who like to write, just about everything

**WHEN**

July 4-9, 2010 (ages 12-14)  
July 11-17, 2010 (ages 15-19)

**WHERE**

Kamp Kiwanis, Bragg Creek, AB

Sound like the perfect way to spend your summer? Perfect. **Sign up now!**

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## Coordinator

**Lisa Murphy-Lamb** would love to spend the day under the sun re-reading (again and again) *Dangerous Liaisons* while birds chirped accompaniment and servants (possibly her well-trained bearded dragon, Hickory) fed her grapes – but only if that day could be capped off with a Mad Hatter-style tea party featuring interesting people who could continue her life-long learning. Though formally trained as a teacher, Lisa's sense of adventure won't allow her to sit still for long. She's always on the move, whether it's attending the latest poetry slam, taking off for Thailand for three months without a game plan (yes, she did that!), or **coordinating a summer writing camp for YOU**. 2010 might be her first year at Kamp Kiwanis, but Lisa is no stranger to mentoring youth – or letting her creativity flow. As a former teacher – and writing coach – she has the chops (and then some) to push you to your creative limits.

## Mag-OH-Zine

**Mark Kozub** has been writing for magazines and radio since 1988. His poetry has been featured on CBC radio, CBC TV, Book Television and The Bravo! Network, and his *When I Was a Kid* video poem appeared on the TV show *ZzD* and at various comedy festivals. He is also the author of the novel *Uptown Browns*, co-author of the non-fiction coffee table book *A Calgary Album*, and a founding father of Edmonton's wild Raving Poets performance poetry-with-music scene. Both a saxophonist and a bassist, Mark also dabbles in painting, and teaching writing classes for young people.

## Writing for Social Change

**Carolyn Pogue** is a Calgary author and member of the Young Alberta Book Society who writes for all ages. She travels widely and meets amazing people. Her life's passion is building a better world of peace and justice for all. She serves on Raffi's *Child Honouring Advisory Council*. A co-founder of The Art of Peace: A Camp for Kids, Carolyn believes deeply that the pen is mightier than the sword and that peace is a process. Her newest book, *Given*, is a novel for young adults. Learn more about Carolyn at [www.carolynpogue.com](http://www.carolynpogue.com).

## Funny Business

**Barbara North** is an award-winning writer, stand-up comic, and comedic TV reporter. A recent-writer intern on CBC's *Royal Canadian Air Farce*, she performs on stages across Canada, including *Just for Laughs*. Barbara created, developed, and wrote several comedy television shows, including *Army Brats* for CBC, and *A Total Write-Off*, a 13-episode comedy-reality series on CTV stations. As a host and speaker, Barbara produces fun, informative talk shows, including *Journey to the Centre of the Girth*, *Dating 101*, and *Sex and the Prairie*. She recently wrote and performed a successful Fringe one-woman comedy show, *My Incredibly Screwed Up Sisters*.

## On spec

**Kim Firmston** has never won a Governor General's literary award, nor has she met Margaret Atwood. (Though she hears mentioning Margaret Atwood as many times as possible is a good way to break into the publishing industry). She was however short listed in the 2008 CBC Literary Awards with her short story *Life Before War* as well as written a few plays. *The Block*, *Wex*, *The Rock n' Roll Troll* and *Polar Power Quest* were all performed in and around the Calgary area. However, writing is only one of many talents. Kim can turn many kitchen ingredients into explosive science experiments, remain intact in most mosh pits and turn any conversation on its head. Writing, teaching children, reading comics, watching animation, learning Japanese and listening to music at obscene volumes are some of her main obsessions.

## Plotting a non-fiction course

**Joan Marie Galat's** fascination with astronomy led to her curiosity about the stories associated with the planets, constellations and Moon. She wanted to teach her children about astronomy and mythology, but couldn't find the right book for the task. As a result, she created the *Dot to Dot in the Sky* astronomy series. She also writes info-fiction fantasy, combining storytelling with curriculum related science. Joan has been writing since the age of 13, when she entered an *Edmonton Journal* writing contest. Long winter nights and big prairie skies are ideal for stargazing, but Joan also enjoys other outdoor pastimes such as kayaking, swimming, and nature walks. Joan is a constant reader as well as an accomplished juggler.

## Fiction Boot Camp

**Margaret Macpherson** was not raised by wolves, although her imagination tells her it would make for better bump. She grew up in the Northwest Territories on the shores of Great Slave Lake during the 60s and 70s and has spent the rest of her life in exile trying to figure out a graceful return to space and light. After nearly two decade of journalistic writing for both magazines and newspapers across Canada and abroad, Margaret decided to turn her craft to larger projects, the writing of books. In 1999 she published her first book of creative non-fiction and in ensuing years wrote and published three more works of creative non-fiction. Her literary work *Nellie McClung: Voice for the Voiceless* recently won the Canadian Authors Association Exporting Alberta award. Margaret holds a Masters Degree in Creative Writing from the University of British Columbia and has worked as a teacher and journalist in Halifax, Bermuda, and Vancouver. She currently lives in Edmonton with her husband and four children. There, she drafts and re-drafts a novel-in-progress between bouts of poetry, oil painting and laundry.

## Cartoon world

**Roger Garcia** immigrated to Canada from El Salvador at the age of seven. His next years were spent playing the new role of a Canadian citizen and tracing cartoon books. He evolved into a self-taught illustrator and cartoonist with some school training. Now, his original works can be seen in weekly newspapers, at various exhibitions in the city, and in different print media. In his spare time, Roger is lost in his little own world.

## Speaking out

Since founding the Calgary International Spoken Word Festival in 2003, **Sheri-D Wilson** has worked at quantum velocities to present one of the most respected Spoken Word Festivals in Canada. Sheri has several collections of her own poetry including *Autopsy of a Turvy World* and *Re:Zoom*. She has two Spoken Word CDs and four award-winning VideoPoems: *Airplane Paula*, *Spinsters Hanging in Trees*, *Surf Rave Girly Girrl* and *The Panty Portal*, all produced for BeavoFACT. Driven by the passion to connect people, voices and ideas, she founded the Spoken Words Arts Network in 2005 and 2007.

## And More...

- other instructors and workshops to be announced
- great new friends • Blue Pencil Café • WordPlay • entertainment
- a chance to wield your writerly weapon in beautiful Bragg Creek

## How to Register

To register, simply fill out the registration form. Please call the Young Alberta Book Society at (780) 422-8232 (Edmonton) or download it at [www.yabs.ab.ca](http://www.yabs.ab.ca)