TEEN SUMMER WRITING CAMP
July 8 – July 18, 2019
Mondays through Thursdays
9:00 a.m. to noon

The Vachel Lindsay Association makes History Come Alive with its 2-week poetry and fiction writing camp for students age 13 to 18. Held at the Vachel Lindsay Home State Historic Site, the writing camp will focus on creating new writing in both poetry and fiction, as well as revising work for inclusion in a small literary publication that will be read at a community performance in August. Participants are expected to attend all camp sessions. Parents may drop off their students 15 minutes prior to the start of camp; participants must be picked up no later than 12:15 p.m. each day.

Poetry Workshops
Teen writers will study basic elements of poetry, including sound, imagery, sensory detail, metaphor and simile, rhythm, line breaks and white space. Students will be exposed to a broad range of classic and contemporary poetry, and will use the study of those poems as a springboard for their own work. By the end of their sessions, students will have poems that leap off the page and break imagination’s boundaries.

Fiction Workshops
Teen writers will study and practice the basics of storytelling, including how to create interesting characters, intriguing settings, workable plots and fast-paced dialogue. Discussion will include inventing original characters and storylines, and borrowing from and playing with existing fictional creations. Everybody loves a great story, and these sessions will help participants get those great stories on paper.

Teen Summer Writing Camp Registration Form
Deadline: June 30, 2019

Contact Information

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Teen Summer Camp
Cost: $120 for non-members; $100 for VLA Family Members

___ Poetry and Fiction Camp, ages 13-15
___ Poetry and Fiction Camp, ages 16-18

Course Fee

TOTAL: __________

Please mail your registration form and complete payment on or before June 30, 2019 to:
Vachel Lindsay Association, Attn: Workshop Registration, P.O. Box 9356, Springfield, IL 62791

Questions? Contact the VLA at vachellindsay@gmail.com