This summer, you can sign up for either of the following experiences:

**Ages 8-10: Diary of a Poetic Kid: "Ode" School**

In this camp for young writers, ages 8-10, students will write "ode" style poetry where they look for ordinary and overlooked objects in their everyday lives, to pay tribute to. When writing "ode school", the poet's purpose is to write to an ordinary person, place or thing with exaggerated adoration or deliberate disgust. Students will learn to incorporate poetic devices such as simile, metaphor, personification, repetition and hyperbole—just to name a few—when crafting original odes in their poetry diaries. Writers in this camp will publish an extraordinary anthology of their love for ordinary things.

**Ages 11-14: Spinning Shakespearean Sonnets Ages**

Sometimes Shakespeare’s Sonnets can have your head spinning…now it’s time to put your own personal twist on this form of poetry!

This camp for older writers, aged 11-14, is designed to decode Shakespeare’s language, structure, and rhythm in a way that is fun and relatable. By using the anchor text from *No Fear Shakespeare*, campers will see example sonnets, and then they will craft their own sonnets based on their favorite songs, objects, and people in their everyday lives. Sonnets were meant to not only be read, but heard by an audience. At the Third Coast Camp for Young Writers at Western Michigan University, “all of the world's a stage” for your creative voice!

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**Who will be there?**

You’ll meet lots of other motivated, high-spirited young writers like yourself -- people who love to write. And some great teachers, too, including:

- Stephanie Hampton teaches at Maple Street Magnet School for the Arts.
- Dianna Roberts teaches at Winchell Elementary School.
- Rebecca Moore, assistant teacher at large
- Dr. Jonathan Bush, professor at WMU
- Our Program Staff, a group of WMU students who are excited to work with young writers.

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**When, Where, What**

The camps meet daily on campus at Western Michigan University (Monday-Friday) in Sangren Hall for two weeks from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Due to the writing process of anthology production, campers need to attend both weeks.

Tuition for the camp is $150. The fee includes computer fees, T-shirt, and all writing supplies.

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**From previous “young writers” . . .**

- “Coolest camp ever!”
- “I love writing even more now.”
- “The teachers are super!”
- “I met lots of great other kids!”
- “I learned a lot about my own style.”
- “I can’t wait for next summer!”

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**And Parents . . .**

- “I was extremely impressed with the quality of this camp. The teachers and staff are great.”
- “This is the best extra-curricular educational activity I've seen. I wish I could attend!”
Third Coast Writing Project
Camp for Young Writers
June 20- July 1, 2016

Camper’s Name

Address, City, Zip

Parent(s) Name ___________________________ Parent Signature ___________________________

Phone ___________________________ Family E-mail ___________________________

School ___________________________ Grade (next fall) ___________________________ Age ___________________________

Sign up for your camp experience

☐  → Diary of a Poetic Kid (8-10)

☐  → Spinning Shakespearean Sonnets (11-14)

A Note on Mailing …

Our preferred means of sending camp information (welcome packages, maps, registration materials, newsletters, etc.) is through email.

All materials will be sent to the above email. If you would prefer paper copies, please check this box.

Potential campers: please write a letter to our camp directors. Use the following questions to help you with your letter.

- Why do you like to write?
- What are you working on now as a writer?
- Why do you want to come to writing camp?

Mail, fax or email application and letter to:

Third Coast Writing Project Camp for Young Writers
English Department, Western Michigan University
Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5331

Fax: 269.387.2562 or email to: pamela.mottley@wmich.edu

Application deadline: Friday, June, 2016. Qualified applications will be accepted in the order received. Welcome packets will be mailed after notification of acceptance.

A limited number of reduced-tuition scholarships are available.
For scholarship information, please contact Ms. Stephanie Hampton
tcwpcampforyoungwriters@gmail.com