



## Presents

### The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual State Writers Conference

June 9-11, 2006

Cedar Lakes Conference Center

Ripley, West Virginia

Please join us for three jam-packed days of writing workshops, informal discussions, social activities and entertainment.

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## Lodging

Attendees are responsible for securing their own lodging. Early reservations are recommended. Hotel rooms (\$59/night @Holt Lodge), lodge rooms (\$40/night @Cedars, Lakes, and Mountaineer Lodges) and dorm rooms (\$13.20 adult/\$11 youth) are available on the Cedar Lakes premises. Note that dorm rooms do not include linens, so bring your own twin sheets and towels. Reservations must be made directly with Cedar Lakes. [www.cedarlakes.com](http://www.cedarlakes.com)  
HC 88, Box 21, Ripley, WV 25271  
(304) 372-7860 [info@cedarlakes.com](mailto:info@cedarlakes.com)

Other lodging is available in nearby Ripley:  
**Best Western McCoys Inn & Conference Center**  
701 Main Street W, Ripley, WV 25271  
(304) 372-9122 or 800-288-9122

**Holiday Inn Express**  
One Hospitality Drive, Ripley, WV 25271  
304-273-5000 [holidayinnexpress@wvdsi.net](mailto:holidayinnexpress@wvdsi.net)

**Super 8 Motel – Ripley**  
102 Duke Drive, Ripley, WV 25271  
304-372-8880

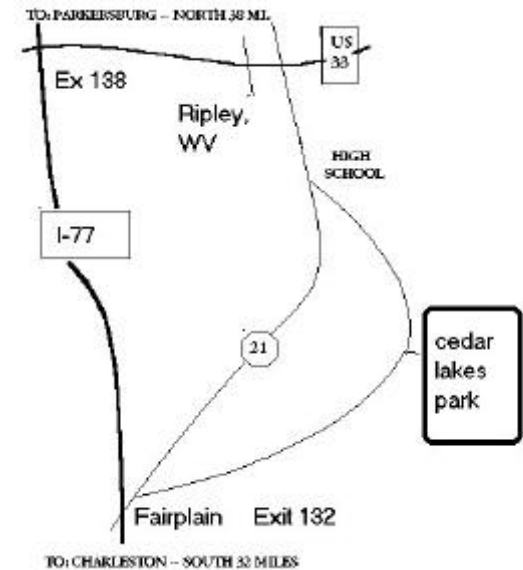
**77 Motor Inn**  
RR 3 Box 80, Ripley, WV 25271  
304-372-5949

## Costs

All three days: \$90 (\$80 members)  
Saturday and Sunday: \$75 (\$65 members)  
Friday only: \$40  
Saturday only: \$50  
Sunday only \$30  
Students: 50% off adult prices  
Membership: \$20

## Getting There

Cedar Lakes is near Ripley, WV and is located off I-77 at the Ripley/Fairplain Exit #132, 38 miles north of Charleston, WV and 45 miles south of Parkersburg, WV. Follow the brown state park signs to Cedar Lakes.



## Registration

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. If you are pre-registered and your fees are pre-paid in full, you'll be able to pick up your registration packet through the "express lane." WVW cannot process credit cards. Checks or money orders should be made payable to WVW, Inc.

The registration desk is located in Assembly Hall and will be open during the following hours:

Friday	10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday	8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Sunday	7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

## More Activities

### SCENE OF THE CRIME PROCESSING

A law enforcement officer will create a crime scene and go through the actual steps taken.

### FIVE PEOPLE'S CHOICE SESSIONS

Bring your short poetry or prose to read aloud (four minute limit). Those present vote for the best. Winners will be recognized at the Awards Banquet.

### WRITER'S WALL

Bring one page of poetry or prose to post on the Writer's Wall. The author's name must NOT appear on the piece. Sign up on the sheet next to registration in Assembly Hall. Ballots will be distributed with the registration packet and winners will be recognized at the Awards Banquet.

### SILENT AUCTION

An eclectic mix of autographed books, writing magazines, gift certificates, White Elephants and much more will be sold to the highest bidder. All those donating an item will be in a special door prize drawing.

### ENTERTAINMENT

Friday night, Joe McCabe will MC an evening exploring short plays. Saturday night, special entertainment will be provided by Appalachian musician Paul Epstein. Bonfires will follow, weather permitting.

### BOOKSTORE

Attendees may display books or CDs they've authored or published to sell at the bookstore.

### BUSINESS MEETING

Officers will be elected and business conducted Friday at 1 p.m.

### PANEL DISCUSSION

A Writing and Publishing Discussion: From Rejection to Publication. George Lies, president emeritus of WVV, Inc., will moderate this panel of writers and publishers who will provide personal experience and new approaches on how writers can get their work in magazines and books and out of the slush pile.

## More Presenters

What a line up! A total of 22 presenters will be lecture and lead workshops at beautiful Cedar Lakes.

These include:

**Irene McKinney** – Poet Laureate of WV

**Chuck Kinder** – Author of *Honeymooners*, *Snake Hunter* and *Silver Ghost*.

**Jean Battlo** – Award-winning playwright

**Pam Hanson** – Author of 19 romantic comedies published under the pen name Jennifer Drew.

**Cheryl Ware** – Author of Children's Books

**Jimmy Carl Harris** – Writer and teacher will present three workshops on the craft of fiction.

**Susan Shepherd** – Internationally published poet and writer

**Jim Casto** – Well-known syndicated columnist

**Geoff Fuller** – Writer and speaker will present flash fiction and the business of writing

**Wilma Acree** – Poet and *Confluence* editor

**Ethan Fischer** – Literary editor and teacher

**Rob Merritt** – Creative writing professor

**Cathy Teets** – President of Headline Books Publishing Company

**Karin Fuller** – Award-winning columnist for the Charleston Gazette

**Eric Fritzius** – Special presenter of web-related publishing and blogging

**George Brosi** – Editor of *Appalachian Heritage* will discuss Appalachian writing and small publications

**Paul Epstein** – Songwriter and performer

**George Lies** – Writer and president emeritus will explore ways to generate an explosion of writing ideas.

**Krista Holcomb** – Teacher and writer

**Austin Remple** – Fantasy writer

Additional presenters will be announced on our website at [www.WVWriters.org](http://www.WVWriters.org).

## More Workshops

Romance, Fantasy, Suspense, Mystery

Poetry, Playwriting, Songwriting

Novels, Short Stories, Flash Fiction

Faces of Nonfiction

Columns, Blogging, Websites

Writing and Publishing Children's Books

Writing the Synopsis and Query letter

What Editors and Publishers Look For

Over fifty workshops are scheduled to suit the needs of poets and writers of all genres, all ages, and all experience levels. Special workshops will also be available on Saturday for young people ages 8 – 18. Additionally, each attendee will receive a WVV totebag full of writing publications, information, and surprises.

## More Information

For more information, download the complete brochure (includes schedule, workshop descriptions, presenters' bios, registration forms, and everything you need to know from how to get there to what to do once you're there) at [www.WVWriters.org](http://www.WVWriters.org), which will be available mid-May. Conference information at [www.WVWriters.org](http://www.WVWriters.org) will be continually updated.