

Lodging

Attendees are responsible for securing their own lodging. Early reservations are recommended. Hotel rooms (\$65/night @Holt Lodge), lodge rooms (\$45/night for Mountaineer Lodges, \$44 for Cedars, Lakes and Main) 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
HC 88, Box 21, Ripley, WV 25271
(304) 372-7860 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

Super 8 Motel – Ripley

102 Duke Drive, Ripley, WV 25271
304-372-8880

77 Motor Inn

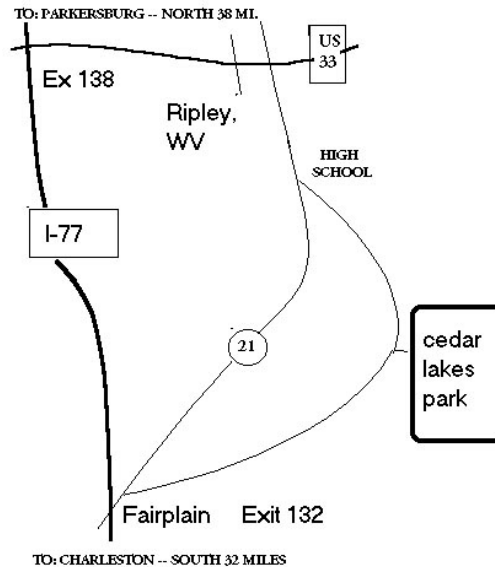
RR 3 Box 80, Ripley, WV 25271
304-372-5949

Costs

All three days: \$100 (\$85 members)
Saturday and Sunday: \$85 (\$70 members)
Friday only: \$45
Saturday only: \$55
Sunday only \$40
Students: 50% off adult prices
WV Writers 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." WW cannot process credit cards. Checks or money orders should be made payable to WW, 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.

Celebrating  **Writers** 30th Summer Gathering
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Cedar Lakes

Conference Center

Ripley, West Virginia

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

West Virginia Writers, Inc.

**202 North Lee Street
Lewisburg, WV 24901**

www.WVWriters.org

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Activities

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, WVW will present an evening of short plays called *Joe's Shorts*, honoring recently departed playwright Joe McCabe. Saturday night will be a concert featuring award-winning musician Pops Walker as well as WV musicians Keith and Joan Pitzer. Bonfires will follow, weather permitting.

BOOKSTORE

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

BUSINESS MEETING

Where we introduce our workshop leaders, hold officer elections and conduct our annual membership business meeting, Friday at 1p.

AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday evening's awards banquet, where we announce the winners of our annual Writing Contest.

More Presenters

Gretchen Moran Laskas— author of *The Miner's Daughter* and *The Midwife's Tale* will lead workshops on finding one's voice as a writer as well as one on novel revision.

Marc Harshman— noted children's book author, will lead workshops on current trends in children's books as well as a session on religious poetry.

Robert W. Walker – author of 40 novels of horror, fantasy and suspense, will lead a 3 hour intensive workshop on the craft of fiction. He'll also lead a shorter workshop on novels vs. short stories.

Dolly Withrow – on writing for newspaper columns and one on grammar.

Suzanne McMinn – Romance writer, author of the Haven series of romance novels, will lead workshops on breaking into the romance writing business and getting to the heart of emotions.

Jim Minick – on how poetry can teach lessons to nonfiction writers and one on humorous writing.

Krista Fink – on writing from personal experience.

Dr. John McKernan – on writing the list poem and revising strategies.

Llewellyn McKernan – on exercising your poetic imagination.

Robert Tinnell – Award-winning screenwriter and comic book scribe, will discuss both.

Belinda Anderson – Author of *The Bingo Cheaters* and the forthcoming *Buckle Up, Buttercup* on the mechanics of finalizing a manuscript.

Sandy Tritt –on the Lifecycle of a Character and one on Point of View.

Rich Knoblich – nationally noted storyteller will present on that subject.

Dr. Victor Depta – of Blair Mountain Press.

Additional presenters will be announced on our website at www.WVWriters.org.

More Workshops

Over fifty workshops, presentations and panel discussions 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 WVW 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, which will be available soon.

Conference information at www.WVWriters.org will be continually updated.

We will accept credit card payments through PayPal. See our website for details.

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