



WRITERS RETREAT

October 19 - 21, 2018

Shooting Star Ranch & Retreat

1007 Batchler Road - Red Oak, Texas 75154

The Writers' Block Writers Retreat is for writers of all genres who are serious about advancing a writing project and receiving specific feedback on that project. Held at the picturesque Shooting Star Ranch and Retreat, attendees will enjoy a setting that includes dense trees, a babbling brook, unique architecture, gentle wildlife, art sculptures and more. This setting facilitates a break from everyday life, allowing writers to dive deep into their creative writing. Modern amenities such as Wi-Fi and phone access exist for those who can't afford to break away completely. For a virtual tour of the **Shooting Star Ranch and Retreat**, visit www.shootingstar-ranchandretreat.com. Come join us and reunite with your creative self!

NAME: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

The **Writers Retreat 2018** begins at 3:00 pm on Friday, October 19 and ends at 1:00 pm on Sunday, October 21; a full weekend of writing, resting and creating!

RETREAT FEE: Members - \$150.00 Non Members - \$180.00
Price includes lodging (including bed linens and towels) and meals.
Writers supply their own writing equipment and materials.

REGISTER:

Online: Go to www.writersblockinc.org. Click on Block Programs, then click on Writers Retreat. Complete the form and pay online with a debit or credit card. Confirmation is automatically generated.

Mail: Complete this form. Make check or money order payable to Writers' Block. Mail both the form and the fee to *WBI, Post Office Box 170875, Dallas, Texas, 75217-0875*. Confirmation via email upon receipt.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS: call 214-263-7791 or 817-946-7752 or visit www.writersblockinc.org.

NOTE: Registration must be received by Friday, October 12, 2018. No refunds will be issued; however, registration is transferable. Space is limited. Attendees agree to respect others' writing time and to release the facility, sponsoring organization and donors from all harm arising from attendance and participation.

**Vegetarian options available. For more specific food/meals, please feel free to bring your own. No adjustment will be made to the price of the retreat registration.*



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RETREAT SCHEDULE

Friday, October 19			
Time	Activity	Location	Facilitator/Group
3:00 – 6:00 pm	Check-In & Writing Time	Sloan House	All
6:00 pm	Welcome, Orientation & Dinner	Sloan House	All
7:00 pm	Writing Time	Various Locations on the Grounds	All

Saturday, October 20			
Time	Activity	Location	Facilitator/Group
8:00 am – 11:00 am	Breakfast (self-serve)	Sloan House	All
Open	Writing Time	Various Locations	All
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Lunch (self-serve)	Sloan House	All
1:00 pm	Group Feedback or Writing Time	Sloan House and Various Locations	All or Select Participants
3:00 pm	Writing Time	Various Locations	All
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Dinner (self-serve)	Sloan House	All
Open	Writing Time	Various Locations	All

Sunday, October 21			
Time	Activity	Location	Facilitator/Group
8:00 am – 11:00 am	Breakfast (self-serve)	Sloan House	All
Open	Writing Time	Various Locations	All
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch (self-serve)	Sloan House	All
1:00 pm	Check-Out	Sloan House	All

*Throughout the property there are many comfy, lovely and quiet locations in which to curl up and write. Stake out your spot and create!



Sessions Defined

- **Writing Time** allows attendees to write on their own, at their own pace. The Shooting Star has a number of private locations where writers can stretch out and let the creativity flow. Electrical outlets are plentiful and the scenery is unmatched.
- **Group Feedback** is an opportunity for attendees to read aloud and receive critiques on their work-in-progress. Group feedback is held once on Saturday, around the lunch hour. This is an optional activity; however, if a writer seeks feedback they must also give feedback.
- **Open** is the designator that alerts writers to schedule as they please. This is free time that writers can fill with writing, a nature walk, meditation time, participating in the feedback sessions, sleeping or even a quick run to the store. Open time allows writers to indulge their flow.

Packing List

To make your stay as pleasant as possible, we suggest packing the following:

- Casual clothes
- Comfortable shoes
- Lightweight jacket or sweatshirt
- Laptop/charger/batteries
- Cell phone/charger/batteries
- Extension cord/surge protector
- Writing paper or journal/writing implements
- Dictionary/thesaurus
- Mosquito/bug repellent
- Flashlight
- Headphones/ear plugs (for sleeping and/or audio)
- Medicines, including aspirin and sunscreen
- Throw/Blanket
- Towels/soap/shower shoes
- Personal care/hygiene items
- Favorite snacks, munchies or drinks
- Rain gear

Household items such as pillows, linens, towels, hand soap, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, paper towels, etc. are provided by the Shooting Star. However, if you're like Linus and have a favorite item you cannot bear to leave at home, please feel free to bring it. We just ask that you're mindful and respectful of the other writers in attendance.