



## WRITERS RETREAT

October 14 – 17, 2016

### Shooting Star Ranch & Retreat

1007 Batchler Road - Red Oak, Texas 75154

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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 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 to dive deep into creativity and 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](http://www.shootingstar-ranchandretreat.com). Come join us and reunite with your creative self!

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

The **Writers Retreat 2016** begins at 10:00 am, Friday, October 14 and ends at 5:00 pm, Monday, October 17. Four glorious days of writing, resting and creating. We hope every writer will take full advantage of this time; however, we understand other commitments may shorten your time at the retreat. So that we can plan accordingly, it will help us to know...

What time you plan to arrive on Friday? \_\_\_\_\_

What time you plan to leave on Monday? \_\_\_\_\_

**RETREAT FEE:**

Members - \$150.00

Non Members - \$180.00

Price includes lodging and meals. Writers supply their own writing equipment and materials.

**REGISTER:**

*Online:* Go to [www.writersblockinc.org](http://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](http://www.writersblockinc.org).

**NOTE:** Registration must be received by Friday, October 7, 2016. No refunds will be issued; however, registration is transferable. Space is limited. Attendees agree to respect individual writing time and to release the facility, sponsoring organization and donors from all harm arising from attendance and participation.



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### RETREAT SCHEDULE

Friday, October 14			
Time	Activity	Location	Facilitator/Group
10:00 am	Check-In	Sloan House	All
10:00 am	Individual Writing Time	Sloan House or Select Locations (SL)*	All
1:00 pm	Lunch	Sloan House	All
1:00 pm	Individual Writing Time	Sloan House or SL	All
6:00 pm	Check-In	Sloan House	All
6:30 pm	Welcome, Orientation & Dinner	Sloan House	All
7:30 pm	Individual Writing Time	Sloan House or SL	All

Saturday, October 15			
Time	Activity	Location	Facilitator/Group
8:00 am – 11:00 am	Breakfast (self serve)	Sloan House	All
Open	Individual Writing Time	Sloan House or SL	All
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Lunch (self serve)	Sloan House	All
1:00 pm	Group Feedback or Individual Writing Time	Sloan House or SL	All or Select Participants
3:00 pm	Individual Writing Time	Sloan House or SL	All
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Dinner (self serve)	Sloan House	All
Open	Individual Writing Time	Sloan House or SL	All

Sunday, October 16			
Time	Activity	Location	Facilitator/Group
8:00 am – 11:00 am	Breakfast (self serve)	Sloan House	All
Open	Individual Writing Time	Sloan House or SL	All
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Lunch (self serve)	Sloan House	All
1:00 pm	Group Feedback or Individual Writing Time	Sloan House or SL	All or Select Participants
3:00 pm	Individual Writing Time	Sloan House or SL	All
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Dinner (self serve)	Sloan House	All
Open	Individual Writing Time	Sloan House or SL	All

Monday, October 17			
Time	Activity	Location	Facilitator/Group
8:00 am – 11:00 am	Breakfast (self serve)	Sloan House	All
Open	Individual Writing Time	Sloan House or SL	All
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Lunch (self serve)	Sloan House	All
Open	Individual Writing Time	Sloan House or SL	All
By 5:00 pm	Check-Out	Sloan House	All

\*Select Locations (SL) – Throughout the property and within the Sloan House are many comfy and quiet locations in which to curl up and write. Stake out your place and create!



### Sessions Defined

- **Individual Writing Time** allows attendees to write on their own. 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 per day on Saturday and Sunday, 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
- 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, etc. are provided by 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.