



## YARMOUTH Young Authors Camp

Yarmouth High School, Yarmouth, ME

Monday, June 22nd - Friday, June 26th, 2026

9:00AM-2:00 PM

**Current 4th-8th graders** (8th graders are CITs), Current HS students are Counselors

Do you have a budding writer who can not seem to put the pen or pencil down? Are you looking for an alternative to sports camps? Well, this camp is a perfect fit!

**Our Young Author Camps provide students a place to write in a relaxed, comfortable, and creative environment where they can bring their love of writing to life.** Campers will:

- explore different genres of writing that may include memoir, poetry, fiction, non-fiction, multi-genre, etc.. Writing is also accompanied by the arts;
- develop their writing with the help of experienced teachers/Southern Maine Writing Project teacher-consultants;
- celebrate and share in a relaxed, non-competitive summer atmosphere;
- become published authors by having some of their week's work included in our anthology.

### About the Instructor(s):

Lorrie King taught for forty-six years in Brooklyn & the Bronx, NY, Auburn & Yarmouth, ME. She retired recently spending her last 25 years as an Academic Support Specialist at Yarmouth High School. Lorrie co-directs the Southern Maine Young Author Camps and is a Writing Project Teacher Consultant. She loved and still loves teaching and encouraging students to simply do their best while enjoying the process. This will be her 13th year running the Yarmouth YAC!

Patricia Valley lived the dream of teaching students in grades five through eight at Jordan-Small Middle School in Raymond since 1988 and is enjoying her fifth year of retirement from full time teaching. Prior to moving to Maine, Patricia taught in Long Beach, California, followed by six years in Germany. As a Southern Maine Writing Project Teacher Consultant, she enjoys spreading the joy of writing with people of all ages, backgrounds, and interests, and watching writers grow.

The Southern Maine Writing Project is composed of diverse educators who are passionate about building knowledge and transforming classroom practices across the curriculum to improve writing and learning for all students.

**COST:** **\$250 (campers)**/**\$220 (CITs)** which includes five days of instruction (5 hours per day) all supplies, a fun tee-shirt, and an anthology of our young writers' works.

The anthology does take several months to create, but it is well worth the wait!

*Partial scholarships are available; email a request if needed.*

To REGISTER online, click here → <https://forms.gle/SaYmaauALZ6YpX5T6>

- Mail your check made **PAYABLE to UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE** for **\$250** or **\$220** and mail it to Lorrie King, 215 Melissa Dr., Yarmouth, ME 04096. Make sure to write the location of the camp and your child's name on the memo line. If you can't register online, fill out the form below and mail the form and the check to the same address listed above. **Please postdate the check for May 17, 2026** because USM does not cash checks immediately. We are sorry that we do not have electronic payment.

For more information contact:

Lorrie King and/or Kelly Tukey, SMWP YAC Co-directors at the [yac.smwp@gmail.com](mailto:yac.smwp@gmail.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ CURRENT Grade Level \_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

[illegible][illegible]

Student email address

[illegible]

Parental Phone Number(s) - cell(s) is best \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any need(s) your child may have - medical, allergies, special behavior needs, etc. If there are none, please write NONE.

**TEE-SHIRT:** *Check one only*

**YOUTH size tee-shirt** Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ Extra large \_\_\_\_\_

or **ADULT size tee-shirt** Small \_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_ Extra large \_\_\_\_

**Please initial the following:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I give permission for my child to take short walking excursions around Gorham with the staff of the Young Authors Camp. **Permission must be given as it is part of the activities.**

**Photos - Please check ONE**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I give permission for my camper's photograph to be used.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I do not want my child's photograph used in any publications EXCEPT the anthology

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not want any photographs used due to special circumstances.

How did you hear about this camp? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail application and payment for \$250, CIT cost is \$220.**

payable to UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE

**Postdate to 5/17/2026 if payment is sent before this date.**

**Mail to: Lorrie King, SMWP YAC Registrar, 215 Melissa Drive, Yarmouth, ME 04096**

**Confirmation that your registration has been received will come to you in an email.**