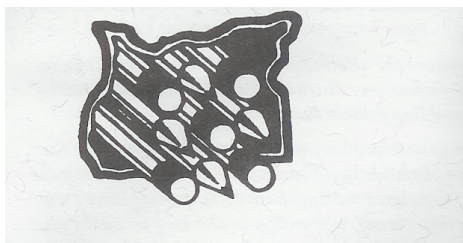


Twenty-eighth Annual
Oregon Writing Festival
May 5, 2012



October 17, 2011

TO: School District Superintendents, ESD Curriculum Specialists,
and Oregon Writing Festival Contact Persons

RE: 2012 Oregon Writing Festival

The twenty-eighth annual Oregon Writing Festival will be held on **Saturday, May 5, 2012**, on the Portland State University campus. This event has showcased the writing of more than 30,000 students (grades 4-12) from school districts all across Oregon and has been an exciting event for students and teachers for twenty-seven consecutive years.

2012 Festival: *please return the attached form by November 18. Once we know that you wish to participate, we will allot student spaces to your district (we can accommodate a total of about 800 for all of Oregon) and send your contact person a Registration Packet.*

The Festival has a need for many **volunteers**, and we must depend on you and your colleagues for that help. At the Festival, students are placed into groups of ten. A **Day Group Leader** accompanies each group throughout the day and facilitates the sharing of students' writing. *Each participating district must provide at least one teacher for every 10 students, or portions thereof, who will serve as a Day Group Leader. Please write the name of that teacher(s) from your district on the enclosed intent-to-participate form.* He or she will be contacted with further details in early January.

Bart King, award-winning author of many juvenile books, will be the keynote speaker for 4th and 5th graders and will talk about his new *Pocket Guide to Brilliance* and his *Big Book of ...* series. **David Ward**, author of the popular *Mask Trilogy*, *One Hockey Night*, and *Between Two Ends*, will speak to middle schoolers, and **Laini Taylor** will be our author for grades 9-12; her books are *Faeries of Dreamdark* (series), *Lips Touch: Three Times*, and *Daughter of Smoke and Bone*.

We look forward to a successful twenty-eighth OWF, and we invite you to join us at Portland State University.

Sincerely,

Ulrich H. Hardt, Chairperson
Oregon Writing Festival

INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

Oregon Writing Festival – May 5, 2012

_____ School District # _____

declares its intent to participate in the twenty-eighth annual Oregon Writing Festival on May 5, 2012, on the Portland State University campus. Please send further information to our district contact person.

District Contact Person:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Day Group Leaders from your district:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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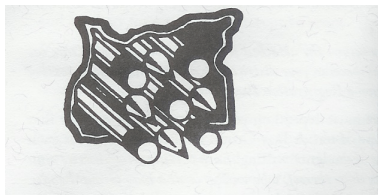
Signature

Return by November 18, 2011, to:

Barbara Wiegele, Registrar

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email: bjwiegele@aol.com Phone: 503-723-6275



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Oregon Writing Festival Information

What is the Oregon Writing Festival?

It is an annual springtime event organized by a group of educators from the Oregon Council of Teachers of English and Portland State University. The Festival is designed to recognize and encourage the efforts of Oregon students and teachers to improve writing. Students have an opportunity to hear from well known authors and to participate in writing workshops. In addition, each student brings 12 copies of an original piece of writing to share with a group of students on the day of the Festival.

When is the Festival?

This year's event will again be held on the Portland State University campus on Saturday, May 5, 2012. It is a day-long event, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Who participates?

Students in grades 4 through 12 are welcome. School districts determine their own selection process and decide which students will attend.

What is the cost to districts?

A non-refundable registration fee of *\$35 per student* is required to cover costs of speakers, workshop presenters, facilities, and the packet of materials for students.

What are the district's responsibilities?

Districts are responsible for getting students to and from the Festival site, for obtaining and forwarding parental permission forms and student registration forms, for paying the registration fees, and for furnishing the Festival with one teacher for every 10 students, or portions thereof, to serve as a *day group leader*.

Keynote speakers for 2012 are the following authors:

Grades 4-5	Bart King
Grades 6-8	David Ward
Grades 9-12	Laini Taylor