



Avalon Writers Cabin Introduces...

YOUNG NATURE WRITERS WORKSHOP



Looking for incoming 7-9th graders who have a
passion for poetry!



This free program will be held from
9:00 am-12:00pm at the Writers Cabin on July 6-8.



For more information, or to register,
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“Attention is the beginning of devotion.”
- Mary Oliver

The [Young Nature Writers Workshop](#) is a three-day immersive workshop that will not only be a place for young poets to hone their craft, but an opportunity to experience the Avalon Nature Preserve in its summer glory. Through hiking trips and learning how to make keen observations in nature, students will learn how to take their perceptions of the natural world and transform them into finished works. When satisfied with their creations, students will have an opportunity to have their poetry published on the Avalon Writers Cabin website. Students will study techniques such as using their senses to inform their writing, as well as more technical skills such as how to effectively use meter and figurative language to build on a central idea. What separates this workshop for the rest is the special emphasis placed on movement- this will be a space for students to enjoy themselves, as opposed to the rigidity of a poetry unit during the school year. As part of this learning experience, writers will get the opportunity to study poems from contemporary nature poets. This will include close studies of featured authors, such as Mary Oliver and Joy Harjo. Under the guidance of the Writers Cabin Coordinator, Doug Elliot, this workshop will be led by two experienced authors from Ward Melville High School: Ava Micena and Ella O'Connor. Ava is a talented author who has been published through the NCTE National Writing Program and is the Youth Editor for the Avalon Writers Cabin Publication. Ella O'Connor is Suffolk County's first Teen Poet Laureate, a position that inspired the creation of this workshop. When not writing, both girls can be found spending time outdoors, and both are excited to share their love of poetry and nature with younger writers. They are frequently published in the Writers Cabin Publication, and you can find their work in past issues. Students will leave Avalon's Young Nature Writers Workshop with sharpened writing skills, but more importantly, a renewed desire to protect the environment.