



Bearlodge Writers/Devils Tower National Monument 2009 WRITER'S RESIDENCY Submission Guidelines

Two one-week residencies one for prose and the other for poetry will be available at the monument in September and October. Selected individuals will be offered modest housing at the monument. A \$100 travel stipend is provided in two payments by the Devils Tower Natural History Association. The goal of this residency is to provide an inspiring, secluded working environment for promising writers. Interested writers should submit writing samples to:

**Writer in Residence Coordinator
Devils Tower National Monument
P.O. Box 10
Devils Tower, WY 82714**

- Please follow these guidelines. Failure to follow stated rules and submission guidelines will result in disqualification.
- **Your name must not appear anywhere on the manuscript.** Include a cover sheet, listing genre, title of work, your name, address, phone number, and a one-paragraph bio. Manuscripts will not be returned.
- Entries must be postmarked by April 1, 2009. Applicants must be United States citizens or permanent U.S. residents to be eligible. Winners may not reapply for a 5 year period.
- Writing may have been previously published but must be retyped to conform to manuscript guidelines.
- Submit one copy of work, typed double-spaced (not 1 ½ spaced) on 16 or 20-pound 8 ½ x 11" white paper. Use 12 pt. Times New Roman font with 1 inch margins. Clean photocopies are acceptable; no carbon copies please.
- Do not staple manuscripts or use any cover or binder; paper clip pages together.
- Prose manuscripts should be no more than 2,500 words, or 10 pages (excess pages will be discarded.) Poetry manuscripts maybe single spaced with one poem per page, up to five poems, total submission not to exceed five pages.
- Manuscript pages must be consecutively numbered, starting with page 1. Each page should list title of work and genre, choosing from one of these six: fiction, non-fiction, fiction for children, non-fiction for children, and poetry, poetry for children.
- Do not send supplementary materials, such as photos or illustrations.
- Notification to winners will be postmarked by May 15, 2009.
- Winners must contribute to the Tower Story Box, answering the question "What does the Tower mean to you?" Writings must be received by February 28, 2010. The second \$50 payment will be sent upon receipt of story box contribution.
- If you wish to receive an announcement of winners, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Receipt of your manuscript will be acknowledged if you enclose a self-addressed stamped postcard.

Each entry goes through three stages of judging, using the following criteria: clarity of message or theme; technical merit/grammar, composition, etc.: style/language skills/grace of language; creativity/originality; overall like/dislike/gut reaction.

**For more information, contact Devils Tower National Monument at 307-467-5283 or
email:deto_interpretation@nps.gov**