

FAQ'S FOR 2012 WRITERS INSTITUTE STUDENTS

1. WHEN DO I HAVE TO ARRIVE AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN I GET THERE?

Registration for the Writers Institute takes place on the Sunday prior to the beginning of your program -- Sunday, July 1st or Sunday, July 15th -- in Case College Center, 1st floor. We ask that you arrive between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. At registration you will receive program information (workshop schedule, visiting writer's readings, special event info, etc.), information about campus facilities, and your room key and ID/Meal card. Following registration, beginning at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 1st and again on Sunday, July 15th, we will be hosting an opening night reception for all students. You will be informed of the reception location when you arrive at the registration table. Your workshop classes are held Mon, Wed, Fri, from 1:00 to 4:00pm. Optional discussions and Q & A sessions are held Tue & Thurs from 2:00 to 4:00pm. Special events, such as picnics, student readings and panel discussions are generally scheduled on the weekends. These events are also optional and more information will be available in your program packet at registration.

DEPARTURE: Students must depart from their rooms by 11:00 a.m. on the Saturday at the end of their workshop session (July 14th or 28th) and check out at the Case Information Desk in Case Center.

2. WHAT ARE THE LIVING AND DINING ACCOMODATIONS?

If you are staying on campus, please note that your room will not be available before 3:00 p.m. Room keys and ID/Meal cards will be issued at the Case Information Desk when you check in. More information about the hours of Case Information Desk will be provided in a letter that goes out to all accepted students in May, however, you should plan to arrive by 6:00 p.m. Because we are on a college campus, it is also important that you be prepared for some minor inconveniences. Private bathrooms are not available and participants must share the very ample facilities. You will live in a moderately air-conditioned and moderately furnished dormitory. Be sure to thoroughly read the Summer Information Guide on our web page: www.skidmore.edu/summer. Follow the link to "Guest Information and Directions". Once you've reviewed the Guide, please consider packing items that will make your stay more comfortable, such as a small desk lamp, extra blanket, etc. These items are also available for purchase at the Skidmore bookstore if you are unable to pack them. All meals are served in the dining halls where you will have the opportunity to meet people who are enrolled in your program and other programs on campus. You will find a large assortment of foods, including vegetarian and vegan selections, at every meal. Cooking in rooms is prohibited.

3. WILL THERE BE ACCESS TO COMPUTERS ON-CAMPUS?

There are public computers in a number of locations on campus where you can access your email and browse the Internet. A computer lab with printers will be provided. It is recommended that you bring a laptop if you own one. Every residence hall room has Road Runner high-speed connectivity, though not wireless. Details on how to connect your personal computer to the internet are also available in the Summer Information Guide on our website.

4. WHAT ABOUT TELEPHONES?

The College does NOT provide telephones in its residence halls, however, all residential hall rooms are wired with telephone outlets that make available on-campus and local calls free of charge. Long-distance, credit card, and collect calls may be made as well. You may use a standard touch-tone or rotary telephone. If you do not bring your own telephone, you may purchase one at the Skidmore Shop for approximately \$10-\$30.

5. CAN I USE THE GYM?

Yes. Skidmore's Sports and Recreation Center facilities include an indoor pool, racquetball courts, and workout, fitness and weight rooms. Tennis courts are available on a court-available basis.

6. WHERE CAN I GET INFORMATION ABOUT SARATOGA SPRINGS?

Contact the Chamber of Commerce at (518) 584-3255 or www.saratoga.org.

7. WHERE IS THE COLLEGE IN RELATION TO THE TOWN?

Downtown Saratoga Springs is a 10 to 15-minute walk along North Broadway, which is known for its beautiful Victorian homes. Local transportation including trolley service is also available.

8. CAN I RECEIVE MAIL WHILE I'M ON CAMPUS?

Yes. Mail for all programs is distributed at the Skidmore Post Office located on campus. The correct address for incoming mail is as follows:

Your Name
General Delivery - Summer Programs
NY State Summer Writers Institute
Skidmore College
815 N. Broadway
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-1632

9. WILL I BE RECEIVING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE INSTITUTE AND THE COLLEGE BEFORE I GET THERE?

Yes. In May or early June we'll be sending you a letter of more detailed information about check-in and submission of the manuscripts that you want to be critiqued in your workshop(s). This letter will arrive by either Email or Postal mail, so be sure we have current addresses for you and be ready to follow the important instructions enclosed.

10. IN THE MEANTIME, WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE INSTITUTE?

Christine Merrill, NYS Summer Writers Institute, 518-580-5593; or summerwriters@skidmore.edu. You can also find full details on all the above, and more, in our Summer Information Guide, which you can find on our web page: www.skidmore.edu/summer. Follow the link to "Guest Information and Directions"