

44th Annual Mount Hermon
Christian Writers Conference

Dear 2013 Writers Conference Registrant:

Your registration has been received, and we are so glad you can be with us March 22-26, 2012. And why not encourage your writing friends to check out our website at **www.mounthermon.org/writers**. Many writers find they get more from the conference when they share it with a friend.

If you did not pay in full at the time of registration, please remember to send the balance due **by March 15, 2013** to guarantee your reservation. Your reservation may be cancelled if not paid in full by this date. You may charge your deposit and/or balance due over the phone, by fax, or by mail. We accept Visa® and MasterCard®.

HINTS TO HELP YOU PREPARE FOR THE WEEK:

1. ANY TWO MANUSCRIPTS YOU WISH TO SHOW EDITORS AND PUBLISHERS MAY BE SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE for editorial review or critique/consultation and must be **received in our office no later than March 19**. Please see our Website at **www.mounthermon.org/writers/forms** for the "Advance Manuscript Submission Guidelines" sheet, Transmittal Forms. *The form that tells what each publicist or editor is looking for or/and willing to critique is posted on the website under "forms"*. This should help you decide who you would want to critique or review your work. Please follow the directions carefully.
2. PRE-SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS may be retrieved in the Hospitality Center Saturday evening during the conference. Private appointments with editors and faculty members are made by arrangement once here, based on the manuscripts received for review. Other appointments must be made on a space-available arrangement with the individual.
3. WEB BINDER: We will not be handing out binders at the conference. You may find the entire binder on the website March 15th. Download the pages you'd like to have during the conference (workshops, Major Morning Track outline you want to follow), and bring it with you, or download the whole thing on your laptop and bring it all to the conference. Once here there will be several copies of the binder at Hospitality for your perusal should you need it.
4. PLAN TO ARRIVE between 10:00 and 12:00 noon on Friday, March 22. Room keys are available at 10:00. After check-in, visit the Conference Bookstore in Ivy Dining, check out the freebie tables in the back of the Auditorium, or just enjoy the campus. The opening lunch at 12:15 in the Dining Hall will introduce and set the tone for the week. Don't miss it! Introduction of faculty and general orientation follows--an important kick-off to our conference. For first-timers at this conference, there will be an introduction session to give you insight as to how to get the most out of the conference. Alumni will have an orientation and those in the Career Track will have a session as well. *We are requesting attendance in your specific orientation so we're all on the same page.*
5. BRING BUSINESS CARDS or 3x5 cards with your name, address, phone number, e-mail and any pertinent information. Use these to introduce yourself to editors, publishers, and faculty members during group appointments and consultation times.
6. IT HELPS TO BRING A PORTFOLIO of previously published works. If you're not published, bring samples of your best work to date. Don't forget scripts, speeches (if any).
7. EXTRA THINGS YOU MIGHT WANT TO BRING: A flashlight, rain gear, Bible, laptop, pencils and pens, tote bag, alarm clock, and hiking shoes. Evenings are generally cool, so you will want a jacket or coat. All housing at Mount Hermon includes the provision of linens, including towels and starter soap. You may wish to bring your own big bar of soap, plus extra hangers, extra towel (towels are changed once, mid-conference). No daily maid service on any units. If you're bringing any kind of electric appliance, computer (wireless access available in several places around campus), an extension cord may be needed as well. Some have found a small, high intensity lamp is helpful for in-room study or writing, as most sleeping rooms have only "atmosphere" lighting.
8. DRESS IS CASUAL ALL WEEK. This normally means slacks or jeans. We want you comfortable as you learn. Our campus is hilly with many uneven walkways—wear comfortable footwear.
9. Visa® and MasterCard® are accepted in 1) the Mount Hermon Book Shop and 2) at our separate Writer's Conference Bookstore in Ivy Dining Room. The Mount Hermon Book Shop carries some clothing items, tapes and

CDs, Bibles, general Christian books, and has a limited sundries section with items you may have forgotten, including toothpaste, aspirin, film, postcards, etc.

10. Registrants who are published book authors may bring their own **pre-priced** books to put on consignment at our Writers Conference Bookstore in Ivy Dining Room for a 20% consignment fee. Look for the special selection of books on writing recommended by the faculty, plus the latest titles authored by faculty and registrants. Books will be sold throughout the week and be available for the Autograph Party honoring all our authors. Note: Please price all books on the BACK cover.

11. If you need SHUTTLE ASSISTANCE from the San Jose Airport (we cannot pick up from the San Francisco Airport), please complete the Shuttle Form found at www.mounthermon.org/writers/forms. Print it off and return to the Mount Hermon Registration Office **by March 19**. Because of regulations on passenger pick-up at the San Jose Airport, we must have your flight arrangements by this time. Late changes *only* must be phoned to Bob Hodgson, Transportation Chairman, 928-593-9280, or e-mailed to rachel.williams@mounthermon.org as soon as they are known. The San Jose Airport is a 40-minute drive from Mount Hermon. *Please do NOT show up at the airport without having sent in your shuttle form.*

12. ALL CONFERENCE ALUMNI ARE ELIGIBLE and invited to submit a résumé of their own or a nomination for another writer for the annual Writer of the Year Award, Pacesetter Award, or Special Recognition Award. Detail the nominee's contribution in: (1) articles/stories/poems published; (2) books authored (include publisher & date); (3) classes or workshops taught; (4) speaking engagements; and/or (5) other activities to encourage writers. All nominees must be alumni of the Mount Hermon Christian Writers Conference and be present at this year's conference. All nominations must be postmarked **by March 15**. Send your recommendations to David Talbott at David.Talbott@mounthermon.org.

IF YOU ARE DISABLED in any way and have special housing or transportation needs, please let the Registration Office know well ahead of time. Some housing units have showers and some have tubs; some have private baths, some you'll be sharing (economy only). We cannot anticipate all your needs and meet them unless you inform us in advance. We will do our best to assist you in getting the arrangements you need. Please know, however, that special requests have to be on a first-come, first-served basis.

You will find that there is nothing else quite like a Mount Hermon Christian Writers Conference. The setting, the good food, camaraderie, laughter, the singing and worship and fellowship together—all are part of what have made Mount Hermon the premiere Christian writers conference in the country. This is a wonderful but demanding week. Come rested and get plenty of exercise for the two weeks prior to the conference, so you'll be feeling well. You'll do lots of walking, sitting, eating, (and maybe a little sleeping) during our week together! Expect a blessing! Pray for the faculty, for health and travel safety for all, and for final conference preparations. Ask God to keep you receptive to the things He has planned for you and your writing career. Look forward to the wide variety of instruction, inspiration, and challenge available through our outstanding faculty and this year's keynote speaker, McNair Wilson.

If after reading all the material on the internet at www.mounthermon.org you still have questions, please e-mail me at Rachel.williams@mounthermon.org. For housing, meals, or payment details, call the Registration Office toll-free at 1-888-MH-CAMPS. For more brochures, travel information, or other items, contact Annette Balch, Writers Conference Registrar, at the number below, or e-mail her at Annette.balch@mounthermon.org. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Yours for quality Christian writing,
Rachel Williams
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