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ORONO, Maine -- Some of the state's top writing teachers will lend expertise and encouragement to help students develop composition skills and polish their prose during the annual Young Authors' Camp scheduled July 16-20 at three different locations around the state.

In addition to the day camp at the University of Maine, the program runs for a second season at Benton Elementary School and expands this summer to include a site at the Cushing School in Wilton.

All three camps are led by exemplary teachers who have completed the rigorous requirements of the Maine Writing Project at UMaine, the state's official National Writing Project site. The UMaine camp offers strands for students entering grades 3-12. The Benton program is for students entering grades 1-8, and the Wilton camp is for grades 4-6. Daily sessions run from 8:30 a.m. to noon at all sites.

In addition to working on skills in a fun and supportive atmosphere, participants will explore different genres of writing, compose for creativity and to inform, experiment with electronic texts, and publish and share their writing.

Information about the Young Authors' Camp programs, sponsored by the Maine Writing Project and the UMaine College of Education and Human Development, is available by calling the various site contacts: UMaine, Theresa McMannus, (207) 581-2438; Benton, Darlene Armstrong, (207) 453-4240; and Wilton, Brenda LaVerdiere, (207) 645-5330.

The National Writing Project is a federally funded professional development program dedicated to the improvement of instruction in the nation's schools, particularly through composition as a powerful way of learning in all curricular areas.

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