**Write Here in the Smokies!**

**September 25-29, 2024**

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

These Terms and Conditions serve as your contract for attendance at “Write Here in the Smokies!” — an all-inclusive writers’ retreat in Sevierville, Tennessee, beginning September 25, 2024, at 4 pm EST and ending September 29, 2024, at 9:30 am EST (hereafter, "the Retreat").

1. **Payment:** An initial deposit of $500 is required to hold your space and is nonrefundable. The balance of $2700 (Early Bird) or $3300 (Standard) can be paid in up to 3 installments. The full cost of the Retreat must be paid by September 1, 2024. If you do not pay the full amount or your financial institution declines your payment, your registration will be cancelled without refund of any previously paid amounts.
2. **Cancellations and Refunds:** All cancellations must be in writing (via email to info@words-world.net). Refunds will be 100% for cancellations received on or before June 30, 50% for those received on or before July 15, and 25% for those received on or before August 5. No refunds will be issued for cancellations received after September 1, or if you do not arrive for the retreat or leave the retreat for any reason after it has started.
3. **Intellectual Property**
***Retreat materials:*** All educational and example materials used in the Retreat (hereafter “the Retreat materials”) are the intellectual property of the Retreat organizers and presenters and are for your personal use only. The Retreat materials include but are not limited to handouts, slides, exercises, proposal samples, and any copyrighted and proprietary material. You will not provide Retreat materials (give, sell, loan, or otherwise transfer) in any form to any other person or entity. You will not portray yourself as the owner or creator of the Retreat materials.
***Participant materials:*** Anything that you have written before the Retreat or that you write during the Retreat belongs to you and cannot be used by others under any circumstances other than your express permission. You may be asked to consent to the use of short writing samples for instructional purposes only.
4. **No Guarantee of Publication:** The publishing industry is complex and replete with variables, many of which are time-dependent, subjective, and unpredictable. No specific outcome is certain or guaranteed as a result of your participation in the Retreat.
5. **Behavior:** You agree to be respectful and courteous to other Retreat participants and to the Retreat organizers, presenters, and service personnel. This includes everyone’s privacy and confidentiality. If you engage in disrespectful, offensive, or disruptive behavior, or if you violate any other participant’s privacy or confidentiality, you will be immediately dismissed from the Retreat with no refund.
6. **Cabin policies:** Quiet hours must be observed from 10 pm to 8 am. Use of the pool and hot tub is strictly at your own risk. No smoking inside the cabin or outside on the cabin premises. No pets. No firearms or fireworks. Strict fines (up to $10,000) will be imposed for any cabin policy violation. These policies are set by the cabin management.
7. **Liability:** The Retreat organizers, presenters, and service providers are not liable for any damages or losses that you may incur, whether personal or business, as a direct or indirect result of your actions in response to attending the Retreat, including using or misusing any Retreat materials, or in response to any advice or guidance provided to you during the Retreat or follow-up calls. The Retreat organizers and presenters are not liable for failure to attain any desired outcome from your participation in the Retreat.
8. **Indemnity:** You indemnify the Retreat organizers, presenters, and service providers against any and all liability arising from your actions in response to attending the Retreat, including using or misusing any Retreat materials, or in response to any advice or guidance provided to you during the Retreat or follow-up calls.
9. **Violations:** Violations of any of these Terms and Conditions will result in your immediate dismissal from the Retreat and potentially legal action by the Retreat organizers or cabin management.
10. **State of Tennessee:** These Terms and Conditions will be interpreted under the laws of the state of Tennessee and without regard to conflict-of-law provisions.

These Terms and Conditions are the entire agreement between all parties and cannot be amended, unless agreed to by all parties, in writing, and signed.

**Your signature indicates that you have read, understand, and agree to the above Terms and Conditions.**

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