

Paragraph Ranch Writers' Workshop 2017: SPUR, TEXAS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS updated 10/22/17

- **What is the objective of this writing retreat?** This is a hands-on writing workshop where professionally published authors can read your work, hear your ideas, and answer your questions—all specifically about *your* story.
 - If you've never found a critique group, this is for you.
 - If you've done a 15-minute session at a major conference with an editor or agent before and you're still not sure if your project is working, this is for you.
 - If you've paid hundreds of dollars to a book doctor and you weren't satisfied with the results, this is for you.
 - If you've been a part of a critique group but would like a fresh set of eyes to read and hear your work, this is for you.
 - If you just want to hang out with a bunch of cool writers in Spur, Texas, this is for you!

1. How should I send my work?

First, register for the workshop. Then forward your confirmation email to

info@lonestarliterary.com, and attach your work-in-progress (or as much of it as you feel like sharing) as a single Word-compatible file. **Please do this NO LATER THAN November 26, 2017!**

Once you get to Spur, we'll arrange a time to meet one-on-one to discuss your work – whatever aspect of it (plotting, beginning, general critique comments, etc.) you want help with. It's that easy.

What is the schedule of the workshop/retreat?

FRIDAY, DEC. 1

Writers may arrive in Spur anytime Friday, to cruise around the Tiny House Capital of America (read more at www.spurfreedom.org), visit the [Spur-Dickens County Museum](#), and enjoy the glorious sunsets on our western frontier.

4:00 pm Check-in begins at the Back Door Inn (403 Burlington Ave., Spur, TX 79370)

5:00 pm Happy Hour, Back Door Inn (Note that while alcoholic beverages by the bottle may be purchased in the county seat of Dickens, 10 miles away, Spur is dry. We'll be serving a complimentary selection of Texas wines and beers at our private happy hours.)

6:00 pm Supper at the Spur Community Center (502 Burlington Ave.)

We'll introduce ourselves over a delicious home-style dinner, and encourage you to do the same.

We'll finish the evening with a writing prompt to get your creative juices going. Return to the Back Door Inn and continue writing and networking as long as you wish.

SATURDAY, DEC. 2

8–9:00 am Continental breakfast (included), Back Door Inn

All day Writing time, individual meetings, and small-group breakout sessions, Spur Community Center

Midday Box lunch at Spur Community Center

5:00 pm Happy Hour, Back Door Inn

6:00 pm Barbecue dinner, Spur Community Center (wear your Texas duds!)

After dinner Open Mic Night, Spur Community Center. To make this reading a comfortable learning experience for all participants, it's open only to workshop registrants and your registered guests.

SUNDAY, DEC. 3

8–9:00 am Continental breakfast (included), Back Door Inn

9–11 am Writing time

11:00 am Checkout time at Back Door Inn

11 to 1 pm Brunch and publishing talk, Spur Community Center. Then farewell...until next time!

SPECIAL INVITATION

SUNDAY, DEC. 3, 6:00 pm Stick around with us for a musical evening at the Palace Theater. Free and open to the public—with popcorn, performances, and singalong selections.

2. What are the room rates and/or accommodation options?

Most of the rooms at the [Back Door Inn](#) have two beds, and at the \$250/person workshop registration rate, you'll have one same-gender roommate. If you would prefer to room alone, you may register for the twin-bed private room option (\$300) or queen-bed private room (\$350). All rooms share the Inn's private hall bathrooms. Either way, your room reservation is included in your workshop registration.

Alternatively, if you want to arrange your own lodgings elsewhere in Spur, you can attend the retreat for only \$175. ([Central RV Park](#) is nearby, as is the [Mesquite Inn](#).)

3. What if I have specific dietary needs? Please email us when you sign up at info@lonestarliterary.com and we'll be happy to accommodate you.

4. How long does it take to get to Spur? Depends. If you're coming from our county seat of Dickens, about 10 minutes.

—From Lubbock via US 82 East (turn south at the traffic light in Dickens): About 75 minutes.

—From Amarillo via I-27 and TX 70: About 2-1/2 hours.

—From Dallas/Fort Worth via TX 144: About 4-1/2 hours.

—From Austin via US 84/US 277: About 5 hours.

5. I have other questions! Can I call?

Yes! Call 806-773-5445, Monday–Friday from 9 am to 5 pm and we'll be glad to answer any questions. See you in Spur!