

Fishtrap's Imnaha Writers' Retreat
Registration Form

Please complete this information to register for the Writers' Retreat in Imnaha, OR.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please check the weeks you want. Participants should plan to arrive Sunday afternoon, and leave the following Sunday afternoon. You may sign up for as many weeks as you like, provided there's room. (mark in order of preference- 1, 2, etc.) The fee is \$75 per week, payable in advance.

Spring 2008 (*We normally hold the retreat in April, but due to renovations on the cabin, the 2008 retreat will start May 18*)

May 18-25 _____ May 25-June 1 _____ June 1-8 _____ June 8-15 _____

Fall 2008

Oct 5-12 _____ Oct 12-19 _____ Oct 19-26 _____ Oct 26-Nov 2 _____

Participants are asked to bring food to prepare for one evening meal for the group of 4-6 people. You're on your own for other meals, and basic food and supplies are provided (see list on next page) Please list any food allergies or specific dietary restrictions:

Mail your check for \$75 per week to Fishtrap, PO Box 38, Enterprise, OR 97828 or if you'd like to pay by credit card enter info below or call us at 541-426-3623.

Visa _____ MC _____ Card number _____

Exp Date _____ CVS# _____ Amount _____ Signature _____

THE IMNAHA WRITERS RETREAT BASICS

The Imnaha Writers Retreat allows writers to spend one to four weeks writing. The facility, which is owned by Dr. Mike and Kathleen Driver, is a modern log house on a bend of the Imnaha River, about 12 miles on good gravel road upriver from the town of Imnaha, which is 35 miles on good paved road from Joseph. The cabin sits across the river from the road, accessible via suspended footbridge. There's a garden cart to help ferry your stuff across.

The house has a large kitchen/dining area, big living room with fireplace, one large downstairs bedroom, two small upstairs bedrooms and a dorm style open room with many beds. There is also a separate "tree house," which makes a nice bedroom/study. There are bathrooms upstairs and down, utility room, etc.

Fishtrap hosts 4-5 writers at a time, providing basic groceries and utilities. There are private writing spaces and a 9-5 "quiet writing time" is standard procedure. Although it is not a requirement, previous groups have used evenings to read to each other, and the informal critique sessions have become retreat high points for many participants.

Writers do prepare meals, and do dishes and light housework. Imnaha "den mom" Janie Tippett makes sure that there are staples in the larder (see list below). Realistically, some of us are more comfortable with cooking than others, but we ask that **each guest plan on cooking one evening meal per week, and bring special and extra ingredients for that meal with them.** I.e., we will have plenty of potatoes, flour, rice, milk, coffee, standard spices, etc., but if you want to make polenta or your special Indian curry, bring the extra ingredients with you. Even if there are just four writers in attendance, this method seems to work well. We always have enough leftovers or people who want to bake a pie or barbecue a steak to finish out the evening meals for the week. And if not, the Imnaha Tavern is just 12 miles away, and they have chicken gizzards and frozen french fries!

FISHTRAP PROVIDES:

1. Housing for one-four weeks. Beds, bedding, desks, washing machine and dryer are all included. Past guests have suggested that you bring your own favorite reading/writing lamp.
2. Basic groceries – list follows.
3. Electricity and heat, including wood for the wood stove and the fireplace.
4. Telephone. We ask that you use it sparingly, and outside of quiet hours. Phone number at the cabin is 541-577-3244. Internet is available in Joseph and Enterprise libraries and there's WI-FI at The Embers Brew Pub in Joseph.

FISHTRAP ASKS:

1. That there be NO smoking in the house.
2. That there be NO pets. (There are fishes and fawns and wild turkeys on the property.)
3. That there be quiet writing hours from 9:00 AM 'til 5:00 PM, with an agreed upon break time for lunch. Writers can bring laptops or PCs. Radios and tape decks or dvd players or whatever are ok, but we ask that you bring headphones. Some folks just need things all together quiet when they write. Musical instruments are ok – in the evenings, or off on a mountaintop. If you are a songwriter and need the music for your work, please request the tree-house.
4. That there be no overnight guests at the house. Some evening dinner guests are invited by consensus of the group – e.g., some of the Imnaha neighbors or a Fishtrap writer passing through. But

this is about work. If a spouse must visit, and is not a writer in his/her own right, he/she should make other housing arrangements.

5. That you not bring illegal drugs or firearms. You may bring alcohol; **Fishtrap does not provide it as part of the basic food package.**

6. That you respect the property and your fellow writers. That you cooperate in keeping the place clean and help fix things or notify someone if you find something broken.

7. Finally, we ask that you assist financially. Because of the generosity of the Drivers in providing the facility and the volunteer work of local Fishtrappers doing some of the upkeep, we can run this retreat for about \$75 per week per person.

Finally, the drive down should be coordinated ahead of time – not everyone has to have a car there, although you are welcome to. It is a good idea to meet in Enterprise or Joseph before 2:00 on the Sunday, which gives plenty of daylight time to get to the house, set up, cook, etc. (It is about an hour drive from Joseph to the Driver place.) As your time gets closer, we will help arrange the meeting place and time.

Janie's grocery list or what you can expect to find in the larder:

potatoes	yeast	dry beans
onions	cornmeal	pastas
garlic	dry cereal	pasta sauce
rice	assorted cheeses	vinegars
milk	bread	fresh fruit in season
coffee, tea, cocoa	meat (chicken, fish, hamburger, etc.)	fresh veggies in season
basic spices	tuna fish	bacon
shortening	lunch meat	eggs
butter	mayo-catsup-mustard	saran wrap
sugar	cooking oil & olive oil	toilet paper
brown sugar	tomato sauces & canned tomatoes	paper towels
white flour		