

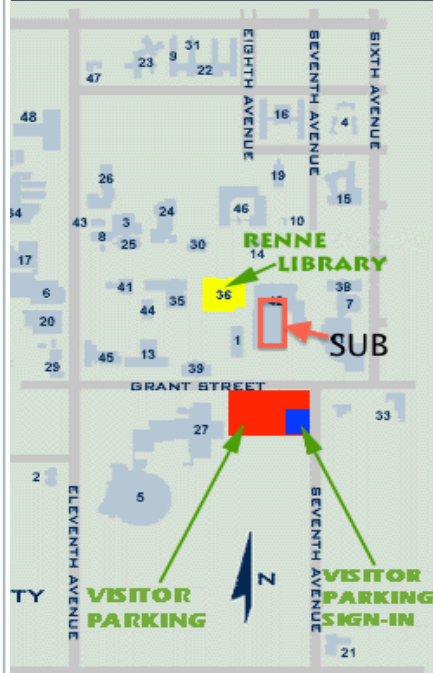
# What is YWP?

**The Yellowstone Writing Project** is a satellite of the National Writing Project, which recognizes the primary importance of teacher knowledge, expertise, and leadership. The NWP believes that access to high quality educational experiences is a basic right of all learners and a cornerstone of equity. Essential components of NWP philosophy include the beliefs that:

- Improving writing is crucial to learning in all subject areas, not just English.
- Reading and writing are reinforcing literacy skills and need to be taught together.
- Learning to write requires frequent supportive practice.
- Students have diverse abilities and instructional needs, and so teachers must use multiple strategies to improve students' writing.
- Effective writing instruction pays attention to both the product and the process of writing.



## Directions to the Conference



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# Fire on the Page:

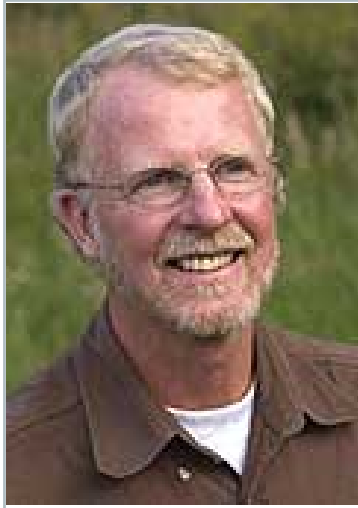
Teaching Writing  
in the K–12  
Classroom



A Conference  
presented by the

Yellowstone  
Writing  
Project

Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015  
MSU-Bozeman



# Featured Speaker

Ben Mikaelson is a winner of the International Reading Association Award and the Western Writer's Golden Spur Award. His novels include: *Ghost of Spirit Bear*, *Tree Girl*, *Red Midnight*, *Touching Spirit Bear*, *Petey*, *Countdown*, *Stranded*, *Sparrow Hawk Red*, and *Rescue Josh McGuire*

## Conference Schedule

Saturday, February 7, 2015

SUB Ballroom and Wilson Hall  
Montana State University-Bozeman

<b>8:30 – 8:30 AM</b>	<b>Check in and registration in the south lobby of the SUB</b>
<b>8:30 – 9:45 AM</b>	<b>Convocation in SUB</b>
<b>10:00 – 10:50 AM</b>	<b>Break-out sessions</b>
<b>11:00 – 11:50 AM</b>	<b>Break-out sessions</b>
<b>12:00 – 12:50 PM</b>	<b>Lunch provided</b>
<b>1:00 – 1:50 PM</b>	<b>Break-out sessions</b>
<b>2:00 – 2:50 PM</b>	<b>Break-out sessions</b>
<b>3:00 – 3:50 PM</b>	<b>Closing session/SUB</b>
<b>3:50 – 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Pick up renewal units</b>

### A Sampling of Session Titles:

- Writing Together: Creating Community in Digital Spaces
- Launching a High School Writing Center
- Creating Discourse Communities Through Letter Writing
- Writing Pods for Peer Review
- Making Portfolios With Middle School Writers
- Using Mentor Texts to Push Writing Forward
- Writing: Salve for the Teacher's Soul
- Playing With Language
- Movie Trailers: Analyzing and Making them in K-12 Classrooms
- Using Mentor Texts with K-4 Writers
- Muscle and Bone: Incorporating Evidence and Analysis -

## Registration

Please mail this registration form and a check made payable to The Yellowstone Writing Project to: Katy Paynich, c/o Bozeman High School, 205 N. 11<sup>th</sup> Ave., Bozeman, MT 59715

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade(s) taught: \_\_\_\_\_

### Conference Fees:

**\$80** if received by Jan. 23, 2015

**\$105** on-site      **\$25** for MSU students

**A sack lunch is included in the conference fee.** Please circle your choice: Turkey, Ham, Vegetarian, Gluten-free