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Greetings Fishtrappers,

Welcome to the 30th Summer Fishtrap Gathering of Writers, “Roots and Branches.” We’ve built a great schedule of events filled with activities, panels, evening readings, and of course, Fishtrap’s legendary writers’ workshops. This packet of information will orient you to the schedule, offer suggestions on what to bring, travel directions, and what to expect when you get here. Please take a moment to give it all a good look so when you arrive at Wallowa Lake you’ll be able to explore, write, and relax without worrying about logistics. We also encourage you to review your registration confirmation email just to make sure you signed up for the right workshop plus the meals and lodging options you want.

In early June, you’ll receive a packet containing detailed information about the schedule of events. Need a ride? Have a room to share? [Click here](#) and join our 2017 Summer Fishtrap group on Facebook to share your post. Not on Facebook? Send us an email with your request and we’ll help you get the word out.

We can’t wait to see you in July. In the meantime, please give us a call or send an email if you have any questions or concerns. We’ll be happy to help.

Shannon McNerney
Fishtrap Executive Director

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Important Notes

Meals: June 20 is the last day to register for meals. If you haven't yet signed up for meals or want to change your meal choices, go to our [Registration Page](#) and have a look at the options. Breakfast is served from 7:30-8:30, lunch is noon until 1:00pm, and the dinner bell rings at 6:00pm.

Ride Share and Room Share: Need a ride to Wallowa Lake? Have extra room in your cabin? Want to connect with other Fishtrappers early? Join the [2017 Summer Fishtrap Facebook group](#) to get in touch with attendees and make arrangements. Don't use Facebook? Just send us a note (info@fishtrap.org) with your request and availability. We'll post your message.

Lodging: You can still reserve lodging at the camp. Go to the [Fishtrap Registration Page](#) to make a reservation. If the accommodations you prefer are filled, there are many options available just a short walk from camp. Contact the [Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce](#) for more information.

Workshops: Your first workshop is **Monday afternoon, July 10**. Workshops continue Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 AM until noon each day. They take place at your instructor's cabin, all of which are walking distance from Bailey Lodge. For folks with mobility issues, we can make arrangements to give you a lift.

Afternoon Events: Every afternoon at 1:30pm, we offer a craft talk, breakout session, or panel discussion. There is also time for hiking, napping, or a dip in Wallowa Lake. You'll get a detailed schedule the first day of Summer Fishtrap in our handy pocket guide.

Open Mic Café: The open mic café is an opportunity to gather and share excerpts of your work-in-progress in a comfortable and supportive atmosphere. Join us Monday through Thursday in Bailey Lodge from 4:30 to 5:30pm. All are encouraged to participate and attend and look for sign-ups each morning—they fill quickly.

Evening Events: Our Summer Fishtrap faculty step up to the podium each night Monday through Thursday and give a reading. These are always wonderful events and a great way to wrap up the day.

Weekend Highlights: On Friday evening, Luis Alberto Urrea delivers our 30th Summer Fishtrap keynote address and we celebrate with Fishtrap's Birthday Party on Saturday night.



What to Pack

Dress: Wallowa County weather is unpredictable. July will likely be warm, but you should be prepared for any weather from hot to freezing. Walking shoes or hiking boots, a good warm cap, and raingear are strongly encouraged. Summer Fishtrap is nestled on the forested south end of Wallowa Lake, so bring your suit if you like to swim!

Sleeping: Bring earplugs if you're sharing sleeping space with others; they come in handy. Flashlights are a must for finding restrooms and your cabin after dark. If you're camping or staying in a bunkhouse, bring a sleeping bag, a pillow, and towels. Bedding and towels are provided in the yurts, but if you prefer to sleep toasty, bring a sleeping bag too.

Altitude and Sun: Wallowa Lake is at 4,441 feet. Those of you coming from sea level may feel the effects of the altitude change for the first 24-48 hours. Most likely, you'll run out of breath when climbing up trails. The antidote is to hydrate: drink water and lots of it. Sunscreen is also key!

Computers: A computer can come in handy but many of our participants and faculty choose to close their laptop for the week and handwrite in a notebook. It's a wonderful opportunity to be low-tech for a few days. If you do work best on a keyboard, pack a flash drive or external hard drive to save, share, and print files. Have a plan for storing your computer when not in use. The camp does not have storage lockers and power outlets are limited.

Copy Machine/Printer: We will provide a basic copy machine/printer. This will be a self-service station with limited hours of operation and minimal tech support. Additional printing services are available in Enterprise at [Central Copy & Shipping](#).



Camp Facilities & Guidelines

Communication: There is limited cell-phone service at the Wallowa Lake Camp depending on your carrier. Internet access is limited as well. You can find good connectivity for both phone and wireless in nearby Joseph or Enterprise, but prepare for limited connectivity at Wallowa Lake Camp. This tends to help with writing and focusing on creativity.

Getting Around: From camp, it's a short walk—or a gorgeous hike—to the many activities surrounding Wallowa Lake. You can also find lots of shopping, restaurants, museums, and art galleries six miles out in the town of Joseph or twelve miles out in Enterprise.

Alcohol: Wallowa Lake Camp allows discreet consumption of beer and wine. Please remember that this is an all-ages gathering with minors on site. If you choose to bring beverages, take a “leave no trace” approach and pack out all empty cans and bottles. We'll happily provide directions to the recycling centers in Joseph and Enterprise. On Friday night, beer and wine will be available for purchase during the auction and Fishtrap Live.

Tobacco: Smoking is not allowed at Wallowa Lake Camp. You can puff in public places off property but please keep Wallowa Lake beautiful and discard cigarette butts properly.

Books: Have you published a book you want to make available at Summer Fishtrap? Our local bookstore, [The Bookloft](#), will have a table at Bailey Lodge featuring titles by faculty, guests, and participants. Contact Mary Swanson for details: bookloft@eoni.com.

Music: What would Fishtrap be without music? This year we hope the open mics and sunny afternoons are filled with melodious voices. If you like to play, bring instruments.

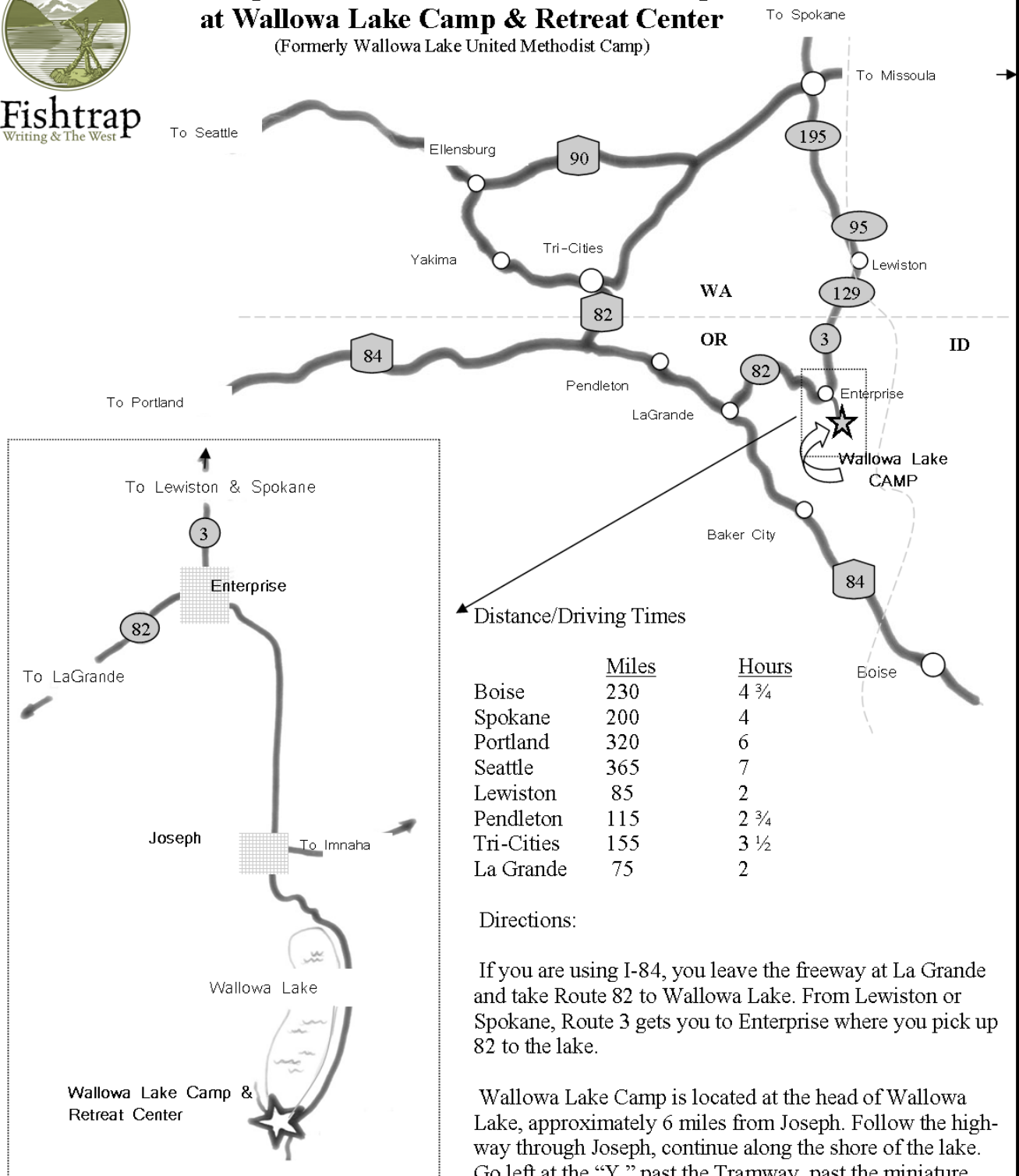
Wallowa Lake Methodist Camp: Summer Fishtrap has taken place at the [Wallowa Lake Methodist Camp](#) since the very first gathering in 1988. We ask everyone to be respectful of the camp's faith-based mission. The kitchen is staffed by volunteers and managed by dedicated camp directors, Peggy and David Lovegren. Please show them your appreciation.



Map and Directions



Map and directions to Summer Fishtrap at Wallowa Lake Camp & Retreat Center (Formerly Wallowa Lake United Methodist Camp)



2017 Summer Fishtrap Weeklong Schedule

(Subject to change)

The following is a brief look at the schedule and location of the Fishtrap facilitates throughout the week. At check-in, you'll receive a handy pocket guide with details that elaborate on these offerings, plus provide additional maps and information on activities. Unless otherwise noted, please meet at **Bailey Lodge** at Wallowa Lake Camp for everything—meals, off-camp departures, and all other scheduled programming.

Sunday, July 9

3:00pm	Outpost Check-In at Fishtrap in Enterprise
4:00pm	Outpost Depart for Zumwalt Prairie

Monday, July 10

2:00-4:00pm	Check-In
4:30pm	Welcome & Workshop Orientation
6:00-7:00pm	Dinner
7:30pm	Opening Program

Tuesday, July 11 – Friday, July 14

7:30-8:30am	Breakfast
9:00am-Noon	Workshops
Noon-1:00pm	Lunch
1:30-3:00pm	Presentations & Panel Discussions
4:30-5:30pm	Open Mic Café
6:00-7:00pm	Dinner
7:30-9:00pm	Faculty Readings/Fri: Keynote/Sat: Birthday Party!
9:00pm	Book Signings

Sunday, July 16

7:30-8:30am	Breakfast
9:00am	Closing Address
11:00 am	Farewell

(Continue to weekend schedule for Friday and Saturday afternoon & evening.)

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Friday, July 14

1:00-2:00pm	Weekend Participant Check-In
1:30-3:00pm	Panel Discussion
4:30-5:30pm	Open Mic Café
6:00-7:00pm	Dinner
7:30-9:00pm	Keynote with Luis Alberto Urrea
9:00pm	Book Signing

Saturday, July 15

7:30-8:30	Breakfast
9:00am	Panel Discussion/Breakout Sessions/Activities
Noon-1:00pm	Lunch
1:30-5:00pm	Panel Discussion/Breakout Sessions/Activities
6:00-7:00pm	Dinner
7:30-9:00pm	Fishtrap's 30 th Birthday Party

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11:00 am	Farewell