

# **2019 SUMMER FISHTRAP**

## **Participant Packet**

Greetings Fishtrapper,

Welcome to the 32<sup>nd</sup> Summer Fishtrap Gathering of Writers. Our theme for 2019 is “Steering the Craft,” inspired by Ursula K. Le Guin’s classic book on the nuts and bolts of writing. In fact, Fishtrap is celebrating the works, ideals, and legacy of Ursula K. Le Guin throughout 2019 as she contributed so much to Fishtrap, and to support the literary community of the West and beyond.

Many of our faculty used Ursula's work to inform their workshop content this year. Even if you're not familiar with Ursula Le Guin's work, I know you'll find her influence, and the connection you will have with your instructor and fellow writers, an inspiration.

Your week at Summer Fishtrap not only includes personal instruction but also craft talks, panel discussions, open mic readings, and breakout sessions all in the supportive community and inspiring setting of Wallowa Lake.

The following packet of information was designed to help you to begin planning your week at Summer Fishtrap. It includes a preview of the schedule, suggestions on what to pack, travel information, and additional information on the attractions and amenities available. Please take a moment to review everything so when you arrive at Wallowa Lake you'll be prepared to write, explore, and relax. I also encourage you to review your registration confirmation email to verify you're signed up for the right workshop and meal option.

Watch for a second packet in early June which will contain detailed information about the schedule of events, including craft talks, panels, and faculty readings. In the meantime, please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. We'll be happy to help.

See you in July!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Shannon McNerney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Shannon" and last name "McNerney" clearly distinguishable.

Shannon McNerney  
Fishtrap Executive Director

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## Important Notes

### BIG NEWS!

We're excited to announce that the 32nd Summer Fishtrap Gathering of Writers will take place at the historic Wallowa Lake Lodge. This location provides many benefits to our writers and guests including its close proximity to Wallowa Lake, hiking trails, camping sites at the State Park, and to local attractions. Summer Fishtrappers will have full access to the outdoor deck, lawn, and 24-hour access to the lobby. Rooms and cabins are also available for participants to reserve for the week.



While the Summer Fishtrap venue has changed, much of the Summer Fishtrap Gathering experience will stay the same. Weeklong writing workshops still take place at faculty cabins within walking distance of the Lodge. You'll enjoy the large event tent set up on the beautiful back lawn, providing space for afternoon panels, craft talks, and evening events.

And of course, The Bookloft will be back selling faculty books and merchandise.

## Meals, Lodging, and Travel to Wallowa Lake

**Lodging:** Rooms and cabins at Wallowa Lake Lodge can be reserved online at [wallowalakelodge.com](http://wallowalakelodge.com) or by calling them directly at 541- 432-9821.

Fishtrap has also reserved two group camp sites at Wallowa Lake State Park which you can reserve through the [Summer Fishtrap registration page](#). These are simple, tent camping sites with a bathroom and showerhouse right across the street from the Lodge.

In addition, the Wallowa Lake area offers many lodging options to fit any most any budget from camping and cabin rentals at the lake to motels and B&Bs in nearby Joseph. Contact the **Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce** for more information.

**Meals:** You have lots of flexibility during the week. Buy the full meal plan or, just pick the meals you'd like. In addition to full meals, the Lodge will offer a-la-carte choices for lighter appetites and, you are welcome to bring your own food and dine with everyone in the Lodge. **June 20** is the last day to register for meals. If you haven't yet signed up or want to change your meal choices, go to and have a look at the options. Breakfast is served from 7:00-8:30am, lunch is 12:00 until 2:00pm, and the Lodge serves dinner from 5:30pm to 7:00pm.

**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 [Summer Fishtrap Room and Rideshare Facebook group](#) to get in touch with attendees and make arrangements. Don't use Facebook? Just send us a note ([info@fishtrap.org](mailto:info@fishtrap.org)) with your request and availability. We'll post your message.

NOTE: Transportation to and from Wallowa Lake Lodge will be available for Wallowa County youth workshop participants. Details on drop-off and pick-up times and locations will be available this spring.

## 2019 Summer Fishtrap Weeklong Schedule

**Workshops:** Your first introductory workshop is **Monday afternoon, July 8**. Workshops continue 9:00am –12:00pm, Tuesday through Saturday. Youth Workshops conclude on Friday, July 12. Workshops are held at your instructor's cabin, which is an easy walk from Wallowa Lake Lodge. Let us know if you have any mobility concerns. We can make arrangements to give you a lift.

**Afternoon Events:** Every afternoon we offer a craft talks, breakout sessions, or a panel discussion. There is also time for hiking, napping, a dip in Wallowa Lake, and plenty of time to write. 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 the 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:** Each evening, we feature our Summer Fishtrap faculty for readings and presentations. These are always wonderful events and a great way to wrap up the day.

**Weekend Highlights:** On Friday evening, Molly Gloss delivers the Summer Fishtrap keynote address followed by a weekend of panel discussions, showcases, and conversations surrounding our theme, “Steering the Craft.”

The following is a brief look at the schedule and Summer Fishtrap event locations throughout the week. Visit [fishtrap.org](http://fishtrap.org) for the latest updates to the schedule. 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 **Wallowa Lake Lodge** at Wallowa Lake for everything including meals, off-camp departures, and all other scheduled programming.

### **Monday, July 8**

2:00-4:00pm	Check-In
4:30pm	Welcome & Workshop Orientation
5:30-7:00pm	Dinner
7:30pm	Opening Program

### **Tuesday, July 9 – Friday, July 12**

7:00-8:30am	Breakfast
9:00am-Noon	Writing Workshops
Noon-2:00pm	Lunch
1:00-3:15pm	Youth Writing Activities (youth workshop participants)
1:30-3:00pm	Presentations & Panel Discussions
4:30-5:30pm	Open Mic Café
5:30-7:00pm	Dinner
7:30-9:00pm	Faculty Readings/Fri: Keynote
9:00pm	Book Signings

**Saturday, July 13**

7:00-8:30am	Breakfast
9:00am-Noon	Final Writing Workshop (adults)
Noon-2:00pm	Lunch
1:30-3:00pm	Presentations & Panel Discussions
4:30-5:30pm	Showcases
5:00-6:00pm	Happy Hour
5:30-7:00pm	Dinner
7:30-9:00pm	Fishtrap Live
9:00pm	Book Signings

**Sunday, July 14**

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

## 2019 Summer Fishtrap Weekend Gathering

*(Subject to change)*

### **Friday, July 12**

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

### **Saturday, July 13**

7:00-8:30	Breakfast
9:00am	Panel Discussion/Breakout Sessions/Activities
Noon-2:00pm	Lunch
1:30-3:00pm	Presentations & Panel Discussions
4:30-5:30pm	Showcases
5:00-6:00pm	Happy Hour
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## 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 rain gear are strongly encouraged. Dressing in layers is often the best option. Evening events take place outdoors under the Big Tent. When the sun goes down, temperatures drop quickly. Be sure to bring a jacket or even a blanket. Summer Fishtrap is nestled on the forested south end of Wallowa Lake, so bring your suit if you like to swim!

**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, or just feel a little tired. The antidote is to hydrate: drink water and lots of it. Sunscreen is also key!

**Digital devices:** A laptop or tablet can come in handy but many of our participants and faculty choose to go back to the old days and handwrite in a notebook. It's a wonderful opportunity to slow down and be low-tech. 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 device when not in use. The Lodge 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](#).

## Lodge Facilities & Guidelines

**Communication:** You can find good connectivity for both phone and wireless in nearby Joseph or Enterprise, but prepare for limited connectivity at Wallowa Lake Lodge. Cell service is unpredictable for many carriers. Wi-fi is available, but limited.

**Getting Around:** It's a short walk from the Lodge to the shores of Wallowa Lake. The Wallowa Mountains offer miles of hiking trails and the lake community offers many attractions from the Wallowa Lake Tram to putt-putt golf. Shopping, restaurants, museums, and art galleries can also be found six miles into the town of Joseph or twelve miles away in Enterprise.

**Alcohol:** Wallowa Lake Lodge will open their bar from 5:00pm until 7:30pm. Please remember that this is an all-ages gathering with minors on site.

**Smoking:** Smoking or vaping of any substance is not allowed at Wallowa Lake Lodge. You can puff in public places off property but please keep Wallowa Lake beautiful and discard cigarette butts properly.

**Pets:** We love our pets but they are not allowed at the Lodge. Some of the nearby cabin rentals do allow dogs. Check with them for availability.

**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 at [bookloft@eoni.com](mailto:bookloft@eoni.com).

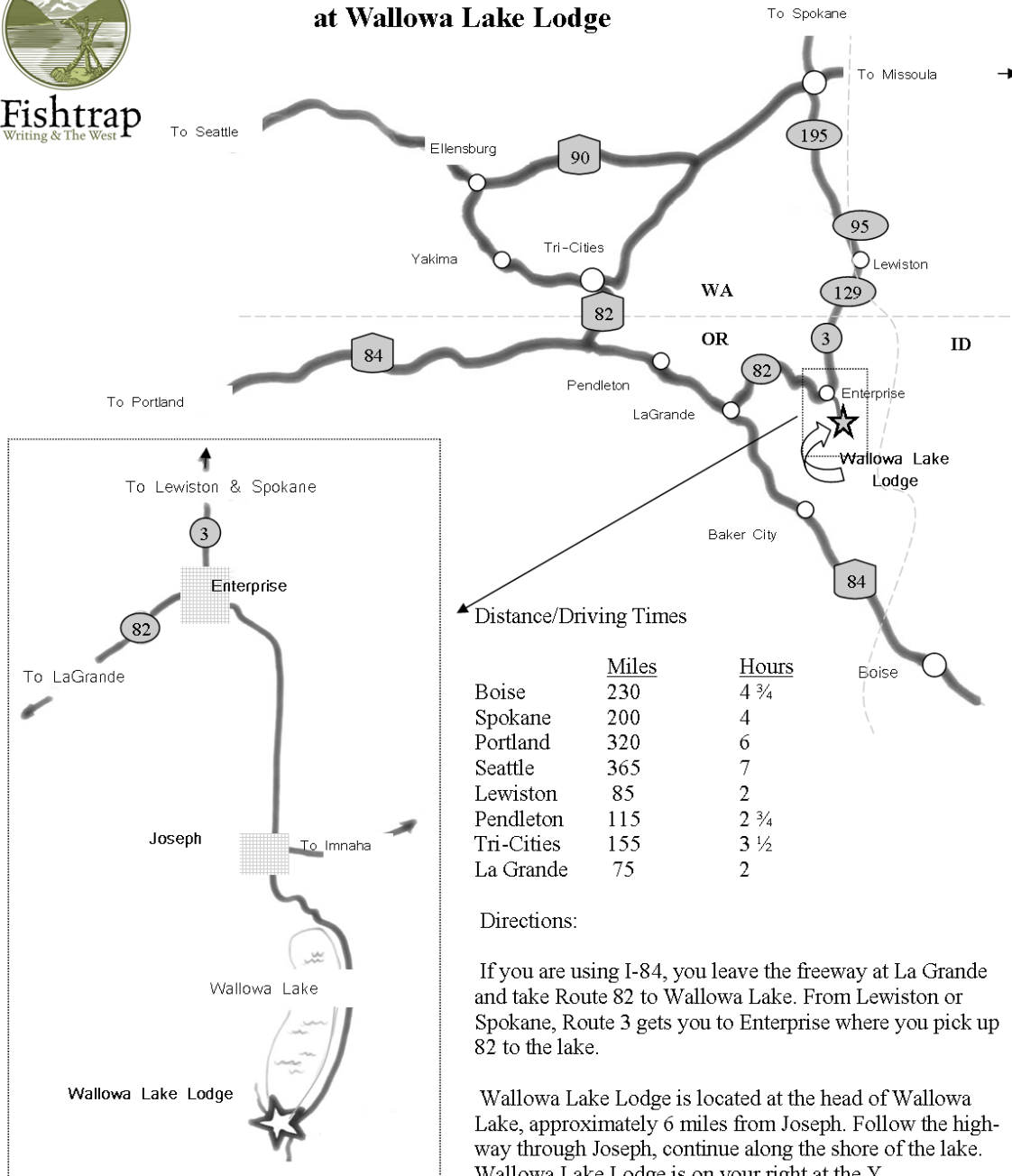
**Music:** What would Fishtrap be without music? Bring your instruments. We hope sunny afternoons are filled with melodious voices on the Lodge's beautiful grounds.





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## Map and directions to Summer Fishtrap at Wallowa Lake Lodge





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