

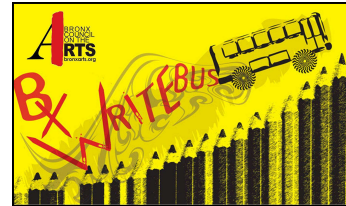


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**The Bronx Write Bus
A Free Bronx Council on the Arts Summer Program for Bronx Youth
July 12 through August 11, 2011**

(Bronx, NY – July 8, 2011) The Bronx Write Bus (BWB) is a free summer program for Bronx Youth ages 12-18. It is presented by the Bronx Council on the Arts' Bronx Writers Center and meets on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from July 12 through August 11, 2011. The bus rides through New York City this summer, exploring arts and culture and giving voice to a new generation of writers.



On Tuesdays, the bus picks up thirty Bronx students, ages 12-18, from the Bronx Museum of the Arts (1040 Grand Concourse at 165th Street), giving them the opportunity to meet a writer or performer who introduces them to humor, memoir, travel writing, playwriting and poetry on the ride to the event. The BWB takes the group to art and cultural events in one of the four other boroughs, including a comedy improv class, a museum tour, a play, a walking tour of architecture and a poetry performance. On the BWB ride back to the Bronx, the group works on a creative response that is published on CrossBRONX.org and will be shared in an anthology.

The BWB is intended for Bronx youth interested in writing and performance arts. All skill levels are welcome. Students who commit to the Bronx Write Bus must attend that week's Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday sessions. They must reserve each week separately, but are welcome to attend one or all of the weekly sessions.

Students must pre-register for each week's events at www.bronxarts.org/bronxwritebus.asp.

On Tuesdays, from 11:00am to 4:00pm, the BWB takes students to and from cultural sites in NYC.

On Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 11:00am to 2:00pm, students take part in instructive, collaborative writing activities at the Bronx Museum of the Arts, 1040 Grand Concourse at 165th Street.

The Bronx Write Bus is sure to be a productive way for a young person to spend the summer. Participants acquire public speaking and performance skills; improve their communication skills; and build their confidence and self-esteem. The program fosters an increase in motivation and creativity. Finally, participants suffer less from the summer learning gap that often causes sub-par levels of achievement in the fall. The program promises to be a unique experience for all involved. Many spots are yet to be filled, so sign up while you still can! Visit www.bronxarts.org/bronxwritebus.asp to register.

The Bronx Writers Center promotes and supports the writing community, the development of writers and the audience for literature and reading in the Bronx. Through our reading series and open mics, free creative writing workshops, seminars, fellowships, competitions, and the Bronx WritersCorps program, BWC reaches writers of all ages, backgrounds and disciplines. Over the years, BWC has presented one of the most diverse and exciting reading series in New York City, featuring emerging talents from the Bronx as well as renowned writers from around the country.

For additional information: 718-931-9500 x21 or bronxwriters@bronxarts.org.

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