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A new BCA program for Bronx youth

The Bronx Write Bus Free Summer Youth Program rides through New York City this summer, exploring arts and culture and giving voice to a new generation of writers.

On Tuesdays, beginning July 12 and ending August 9th, the Bronx Write Bus (BWB) will pick up 30 Bronx students, ages 12-18. On the bus, the BX Writers will meet a writer or performer who will introduce them to the art of humor, memoir, travel writing, playwriting and poetry. The BWB will take the group to art and cultural event in one of the four other boroughs. Events include 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 will work on a creative response that will be used to create a written piece to be posted on the web and to be shared in an anthology.

The Bronx Write Bus 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 the 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 preregister to attend the BWB Program. A typical week's schedule is: Tuesday / 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bronx Write Bus takes students to and from cultural sites in NYC; Wednesday & Thursday / 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students take part in instructive, collaborative writing activities at the Bronx Museum of the Arts, 1040 Grand Concourse at 165th Street.

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.

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