

NICHES Land Trust Writer-in-Residence

NICHES Land Trust is seeking a creative writer for its Voyage of Discovery paddle trip on Wildcat Creek for 2021. The program offers a writer the opportunity to create written art that will help promote interest in and appreciation for Wildcat Creek. While this includes writers of poetry, fiction, and nonfiction, multi-disciplinary artists who work with text and other mediums will be considered.

The two-week residency is open from May 24 to June 5, 2021. The residency will include a 3 day/ 2 night (May 25-27) camping trip down Wildcat Creek, Indiana's longest section of state designated scenic stream. The trip is limited to 10 total participants, and will travel by canoe and camp on gravel bars that are owned by NICHES Land Trust. Experience paddling a canoe and camping is not essential, but comfort with canoe and camping is helpful.

The writer, while on the paddle trip, will be expected to work with and instruct general public paddle participants in the creation of written works related to the trip downstream at four reflection sites and at other points along the creek. All participant pieces are being archived as part of a 100-year interpretation and understanding of Wildcat Creek. The writer-in-residence will contribute new creative works, observations, or reflections from each of the four reflection sites to the Voyage of Discovery journals.

For the remaining 10 days of the residency, NICHES will provide a furnished house with full kitchen, bedroom and work area for the writer-in-residence to pursue new or existing creative projects. This two-story house, includes a first floor which is the central office of the organization and is located on 16 acres in a woodland setting, with public trails on Wildcat Creek near Lafayette, Indiana city limits. NICHES staff and the general public will be nearby and the writer-in-residence can interact with them at their discretion.

The residency will culminate with a Zoom presentation in August 2021 of new creative work and a Q&A and trip summary with Executive Director Gus Nyberg.

Stipend of \$300

Due date for application is April 1, 2021. Decision will be made by April 6, 2021. Please submit your application to niches@nicheslandtrust.org with **Wildcat residency** in the subject line.

Application Form

Name

Address

Phone

Email

Resume

Paragraph- Why do you want the residency

3 written pieces of your work

You will be notified via email of the decision.