

WRITESCAPE'S WRITING RETREAT: SPRING THAW

To help you plan and pack
and
Our Cancellation Policy
Questions: email info@writescape.ca

Accommodations:

Elmhirst's Resort accommodations are similar to any good quality cottage rental:

- full kitchen with microwave, fridge, stove, coffeemaker, kettle and dining area
- most cottages have whirlpool tubs & showers, larger units have 2 washrooms
- bedrooms have comfortable beds, duvets, extra blankets, closet space and a writing desk or table
- living area has sofas and chairs, colour TV, VCR, stereo, library and a woodburning fireplace

Bedrooms are private writing spaces; you are sharing the cottage with other people so please keep noise levels down. There is time for laughter and vigorous discussions at meals, group sessions and public spaces throughout the resort.

Food and Refreshments:

Dinners are served in Elmhirst's Hearthside Dining Room, a fully licensed dining room with a stunning view. There is also an adjacent themed pub, The Wild Blue Yonder.

- **breakfasts** are self-serve in your individual cottage; your fridge and pantry are well-stocked with coffee, tea, milk, butter, eggs, yogurt, cereal, fruit, bagels, jam and peanut butter
- lunches are served in the program room in the Conservatory
- you may wish to bring additional personal refreshments and treats to have in your cottage; cooking utensils, pots & pans, glasses, cups, plates and cutlery are provided in each cottage

Clothing:

Bring whatever comfortable clothes you need for writing and suitable outdoor clothing for walks and travelling between cottages and the group workshop room.

- pack a bathing suit if you plan to dip in the indoor saltwater pool
- workout wear for the exercise room
- it is early spring, so layers are probably best

Writing Materials:

Bring any paper, notebooks, research material and writing implements that you need.

- Laptops are optional; group/warm-up sessions will require only pen and paper
- a printer is a good idea if you want to print out your work as you go along

What happens if I have to cancel?

Your deposit is non-refundable, but 50% (i.e., \$125) may be used for a future Writescape retreat. For cancellations before **April 1**, all but your deposit is refundable. After **April 1** any refund of the remainder will be at the discretion of Writescape organizers.

We understand that life happens—we wouldn't be writers if we didn't. But by the time you have paid your deposit, we have already long been working on making your retreat a fantastic experience. After **April 1**, we are locked into the total cost of your stay with the resort. Nonetheless, we will do our best to work things out should you have to cancel.

What happens if Writescape has to cancel?

Any cancellation on our part would have to be the result of a serious problem—nothing short of a natural disaster or epidemic is likely to cancel our retreat. In that case, a rescheduling acceptable to you would be in order, or a full refund if we are unable to reschedule.

In any circumstance, we reserve the right to adjust the program (e.g., replace a facilitator). But we are professionals who have successfully delivered our programs in some difficult situations over the years, so we don't expect a problem.

Use this checklist for any "must bring" items to Spring Thaw:

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