

# New Earth: Resources for the Outdoors

## Writer Application

Thank you for your interest in writing for *New Earth: Christian Resources for the Outdoors*, a joint project of the Committee on Outdoor Ministries of the National Council of Churches and New Earth Publishers. Please complete the following application and return it and a writing sample to me via email by May 15, 2010.

### PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE PAGE BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

The following criteria will be used in selecting writers for New Earth camp curriculum:

- All writers will have a deep commitment to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- All members of the writing team will be competent writers. Previous publication experience is desirable. An unedited writing sample is required.
- Age level and activities writers will have extensive camping experience, including experience as a camp leader or counselor. Other children's and/or youth ministry experience is also desirable, as is a background in education in childhood development.
- Biblical and Theological Reflection writer will be an experienced exegete. A graduate degree in Biblical studies, an M. Div. or equivalent and a command of Greek and/or Hebrew are highly desirable. Experience in teaching Bible to a lay audience is a must.
- As a group, writers will represent a range of denominational perspectives and will be able to understand and address the needs of the mainline Protestant audience.
- As a group, writers will represent a diversity of age groups, races, cultures and geographical regions, and will include both women and men.
- The group will consist of both ordained ministers and of lay people.
- A background in forestry, botany, conservation, art, drama, music, education, or other relevant field is particularly desirable.

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1. All writers must be able to attend a Writer's Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, August 15-18, 2010. The expenses for the Writer's Conference will be reimbursed.
2. Assignments will be made by May 30, 2010. Prior to the Writer's Conference all writers will receive the 2012 Outlines and a copy of the first draft of the Biblical and Theological Reflections.
3. The final manuscript will be due on November 1, 2010 and upon acceptance the writers will be paid a fee of \$750 for a single age group section or \$500 for the Intergenerational section.
4. Please put your name on each page of your writing sample. Send the application and the writing sample as single email attachment.
5. Please note that selection will be made on the basis of your skills for writing curriculum – that is your ability to write instructions for others to follow. Do not submit other kinds of writing such as a sermon, devotional, or reflective paper. You are encouraged to study the activity format for New Earth and to follow it when writing your samples. You can find a sampler at: [www.chalicepress.com](http://www.chalicepress.com).

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Name

Address

Phone

Email

Denominational Affiliation

1. Please describe briefly your Outdoor Ministry experience.
2. Describe briefly your understanding of the role camps and conferences play in the life of the church's ministry.
3. Designate your first and second choice for the age group for which you would like to write:  
 Younger Children  Older Children  Younger Youth  Older Youth  
 Intergenerational/Family
4. Can you attend a Writers Conference in St. Louis MO on August 15-18, 2010?
5. Attach a writing sample (50-75 words per activity) for the following activities written in the style of the New Earth curriculum to the following criteria:
  1. Bible study activity on Luke 15:1-10 - The Parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin
  2. Artistic activity for Luke 15:1-10 - The Parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin
  3. Community building activity for the first day of camp

Each activity should be appropriate for your first choice age group and for the outdoor setting.

Return via email. Attach as Word document to an email.

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