

Conference Accommodations: Best Western - Ocean View Resort

The Best Western in Seaside is only three short blocks north of Broadway Street in the heart of Seaside. Located beach-front on the famous Promenade in Seaside on the North Oregon Coast, your guest experience includes an unbeatable combination of outstanding location, scenery and recreation. At the Best Western Ocean View Resort in Seaside, you'll discover a heavenly and healthy oceanfront retreat. Relax and rejuvenate in our 107 non-smoking and beautifully-appointed guestrooms and suites. There is also a paved 2.2 mile beach stretch walking path.

Accommodations

Our newly-renovated oceanfront accommodations feature spectacular coastal views, Seaside Beach access, private covered balconies, Jacuzzis, and numerous deluxe amenities for your comfort and entertainment. Oceanfront rooms feature fireplaces and kitchenettes, some with jetted tubs and king-size beds. Partial view and non-view guestrooms are available as well.

Every guestroom features:

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- AM/FM Alarm Clock
- Cable Television channels - two free movie channels
- Voicemail
- Hairdryer/Sundries
- Iron & Ironing Board
- Refrigerators
- Kitchenettes in all Oceanfront Queen Rooms
- Fireplaces and Balconies in all Oceanfront Rooms
- Complimentary amenities in all guestrooms includes Wireless High Speed Internet Access, Dataports, and Local telephone calls



Best Western Ocean View Resort in Seaside is holding rooms at special rates for conference attendees. Call soon to reserve your choice:

\$139 for full ocean view, one full queen bed and one wall queen bed, kitchenette, gas fireplace, private ocean view balcony

\$139 for ocean view room with king bed, snack fridge, coffee pot, and microwave

\$119 for partial ocean view, two queen beds, snack fridge, coffee pot, and microwave

\$99 for a non-ocean view room with two queen beds with snack fridge, coffee pot, and microwave

\$59 for no ocean view room, one queen bed with snack fridge, coffee pot, and microwave

Don't wait! Call today for reservations:

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Chalkboard is the newsletter of the Oregon Council of Teachers of English, an organization that has existed for more than 97 years to support teachers of English and the language arts in Oregon elementary and secondary schools, community colleges and universities.

Chalkboard is our way of keeping our many members and friends informed about OCTE activities, programs of the National Council of Teachers of English, conferences and learning opportunities for students, research tidbits, book recommendations, and more.

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2010 Spring Conference

*Fabulous, fun, practical,
and affordable!*

**OCTE Spring Conference in Seaside.
Plan now to attend!**

As Geoffrey Chaucer would say, *"What that Aprill with his shoures soote..."* Yes, it was in April when Chaucer and his merry band of pilgrims decided that it was time to get out of the house and head for Canterbury. It's a wonderful time to head for **Seaside**, too.

WHEN: Friday, April 16th and Saturday, April 17th

WHERE: Seaside High School
1901 N Holladay Drive, Seaside, Oregon

HOW MUCH: - **\$60.00** for OCTE Members.
\$70.00 for Non-OCTE Members.
\$30.00 for Full-time Students and Retirees.
On-site registration will be \$80.00 for everyone. Group pre-registration for **5 or more OCTE members, \$45.00 each.** (request form from bjwiegele@aol.com)

WHY ATTEND: Two wonderful keynoters, multiple concurrent sessions to choose from, affordable, and excellent value, blueberry pancake breakfast, live music, poetry sharing, prizes and more!

WHO: **You, other teachers, the presenters and two keynote speakers!**

BRING A BUDDY FOR FREE TO THE SPRING OCTE CONFERENCE!

If you have never been to an OCTE conference in the past, or it has been more than 3 years since you've been to an OCTE conference, you come for free. Just find an OCTE member who is coming and register as a FREE BUDDY.

Come see what all the excitement is about...

FOR FREE!

For more information contact Barbara Wiegele at bjwiegele@aol.com or 503-723-6275.

Don't miss this thrilling opportunity!

PRIZES!

Arrive on Friday and you will be eligible for a drawing following Saturday's keynote addresses. Prizes include dinner at Doogers, a guided kayak trip, gift certificates from the Cannon Beach Book Company and Beach Books in Seaside, and more.



Friday, Oregon's Poet Laureate, **Lawrence Inada**, will share original work accompanied by live music. Saturday morning he will join us as we share poems at the Blueberry Pancake Feed.



Following Breakout Sessions on Saturday, **Bob Dando**, popular NCTE presenter from Pennsylvania, will keynote: **"Monday Morning Usefulness: Practical Activities and Strategies for Teaching Literacy."**



OREGON COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH Spring Language Arts and Reading Conference APRIL 16 & 17, 2010 • SEASIDE, OREGON



PRE-REGISTRATION FORM
Pre-registration deadline: April 9, 2010

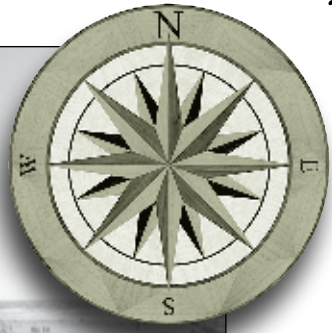
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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

	No. Attending	Registration Fee	Amount
OCTE Members	_____	@ \$60	_____
Non-members	_____	@ \$70	_____
Full-time Students, Retirees	_____	@ \$30	_____
Total	_____		\$ _____

Academic Credit/PDUs Available
Earn one graduate credit from PSU (separate registration at the conference). Earn six Professional Development Units for continuing licensure.

On-site registration will be \$80 for everyone. A group pre-registration for 5 or more OCTE members is available at \$45 each. Must request a group form (e-mail address below). Pre-registration deadline: April 9, 2010. **For information: bjwiegele@aol.com**
Make checks payable to **OCTE** and send to: Barbara Wiegele • 14867 SE Orchid Avenue • Milwaukie OR 97267-2454 • Ph: 503-723-6275
Registration fees includes the Blueberry Pancake Feed on Saturday the 17th



Here's the place!!

Seaside, Oregon

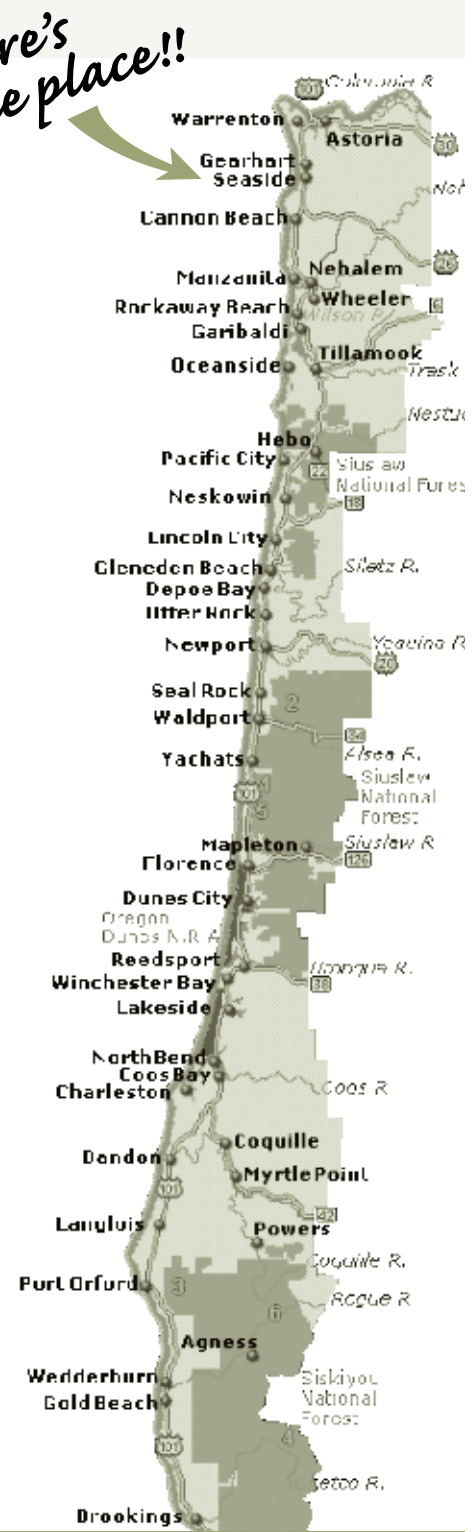
Seaside is an experience. While you are in town for the weekend, make sure to visit some of the perks of this ocean-side town.

Voted one of the world's top 10 best beaches, Seaside's central location offers a variety of activities and entertainment for all ages and lifestyles. The heart of Seaside is only 70 miles from Downtown Portland, three hours from Seattle and Eugene, six miles north of Cannon Beach, and twelve miles south of Astoria.

If you are booking a room at the Best Western Resort where OCTE members and conference attendees receive special room rates, you are close to everything! More information about rates on page 5 of Chalkboard.

FAMILY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- Seaside Aquarium - 2 Blocks
- Seaside's Million Dollar Work, Funland Amusement Park, arcade, shops, boutiques, galleries and dining - 4 Blocks
- Carousel at Town Center Mall - 6 Blocks
- Seaside Museum and Historical Society - 6 Blocks
- Seaside Factory Outlet Center - 8 Blocks
- Cinema Center - 8 Blocks
- Fort Clatsop National Memorial - 14 Miles
- Fort Stevens State Park - 14 Miles
- Columbia River Maritime Museum - 16 Miles



Why come to an OCTE Conference? Here is some feedback from OCTE members and teachers that attended the OCTE Fall Conference and why they look forward to future conferences:

- I enjoy the keynote speakers. They are very enthusiastic and knowledgeable speakers.
- I learn things that I know I can put into use in my classroom right away.
- I enjoy seeing and hearing from teachers.
- I appreciate the opportunity to share my ideas and get ideas from others.
- The very ideas that I am trying to define are explored in the sessions presented.

Make it a point to attend OCTE's Spring Conference - Your students can't afford you to miss it!

Writing Festival 2010 - May 1

The 26th Annual Writing Festival will be May 1, 2010.

Speakers this year include author **Roland Smith** and Oregon Poet Laureate, **Lawson Inada**.



Roland Smith, author of numerous award-winning children's and young adult books, including the 2007 Oregon Spirit Book Award, *Elephant Run*, and the 2009 Oregon Book Award, *I.Q. Book One: Independence Hall*. Other popular novels include *Peak*, *Jack's Run*, *Zach's Lie*, and *Tentacles*.



Lawson Inada, Oregon Poet Laureate, is an emeritus professor of writing at Southern Oregon University in Ashland. He is the author of five books and editor of three volumes. Among his many recognitions and achievements are Poetry Fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, and he has been recognized by the President of the United States.



The Writing Festival takes place annually in the spring for the following reasons:

- Accenting writing as an art, craft, and basic skill for Oregon students, grades 4 to 12.
- Honoring outstanding student writers.
- Recognizing writing teachers for high level student achievement in writing.
- Encouraging effective classroom practices and home support to improve writing. Increasing the interest and involvement of students and teachers in writing.
- Promoting writing activities and festivals in local districts and communities.
- Connecting student writers with Oregon authors and other student writers.

For information about the Oregon Writing Festival, please contact: **Barbara Wiegele** at bjwiegele@aol.com or 503-723-6275; or **Rick Hardt**, Festival Chair at hardt@pdx.edu

WRITING FESTIVAL 2010 Workshop Leader Information

Jay Rishel (Wilsonville H.S.) is looking for teachers, grad. students, local authors to serve as Workshop Leaders for the following grade level groupings: Grades 4-5, Grades 6-8, and Grades 9-12.

- **What does a Workshop Leader do?** Basically, you prepare a writing activity you can introduce to small groups of 18-22 students in about 5 minutes: the students write for 35 minutes, and then they share their work (total session time: 1 hour). You are there to assist and encourage the students' writing. These are creative kids, and they are eager to write. Workshop Leaders present the same workshop to two different groups.
- **What are the benefits of being a Workshop Leader?** \$50 stipend, lunch, the coveted 2010 Oregon Writing Festival coffee mug, the chance to hear keynote authors and the opportunity to work with these bright young students. What a great way to spend a Saturday!
- **How else can you get involved?** Volunteer as a Day Group Leader of a group of 10 students (grades 4-5, 6-8, or 9-12), including facilitating the session where students read the writing sample they brought for critique by the group.

Interested? Download the Workshop Leader Proposal form, (Word) or (pdf) and submit it with a brief description of your proposed writing activity. Please submit it to the Workshop Leader coordinator, Jay Rishel. You may email him for more information at rishej@wlww.k12.or.us or call him at 503-673-7666. You may also download the Welcome Letter to Workshop Leaders that contains more information about the festival.



Calendar

OCTE CALENDAR

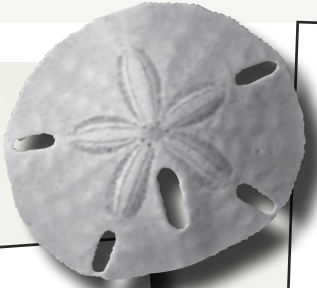
April 2010

- 9 Pre-registration Deadline for OCTE Spring Conference
- 16-17 OCTE Spring Conference, Seaside High School
- 17 OCTE Executive Board Meeting, Seaside High School

May 2010

- 1 26th Annual Oregon Writing Festival, Portland State University

OCTE Seaside Spring Conference Schedule 2010



FRIDAY, APRIL 16

Friday at 3:15 p.m.: Register and arrive at Seaside High School

• Arrive on Friday and you'll be eligible for a drawing following Saturday's keynote address. Prizes include dinner at Dooger's, a guided kayak trip, gift certificates from the Cannon Beach Book Company and Beach Books in Seaside, and more.

- Welcome, announcements, and breakout sessions
- 7:15 p.m. **Oregon's Poet Laureate, Lawson Inada**, shares original work accompanied by **live music** in the Seaside High School Library. Lawson has been recognized nationally for his literary accomplishments and humanitarian causes.

Credits and PDUs : 1 graduate credit through Portland State University available. Register separately at the conference. Only \$100 for a graduate credit! **Earn six PDUs** for continuing licensure.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

Saturday Morning:

• **Blueberry Poem Feed!** (FREE WITH REGISTRATION) Join Lawson Inada on Saturday morning next to the estuary. Lawson will read some of his work and invite everyone to share one of his/her favorite poems, original or otherwise. Savor language and pancakes while we watch the first rays of sunlight dance across the placid estuary and gentle Pacific. *Occasionally, we experience rain on the North Coast in mid-April, but the Blueberry Pancake Feed will go on, rain or shine.* Look for the white canopies next to the water. If you're not hearty enough to endure a little Oregon rain, you might want to consider joining the *California Council of Teachers of English*.

• **Breakout sessions** will follow the Poem and Blueberry Feed.

• **Bob Dandoy** will deliver the **keynote** address. Bob is the Executive Director of the *Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of English*. A retired high school English teacher and popular NCTE presenter, he now teaches English at Slippery Rock University. His lecture is titled, "**Monday Morning Usefulness: Practical Activities and Strategies for Teaching Literacy.**"



A SAMPLE OF BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

When you arrive at the conference, you will be given a more detailed schedule with room numbers and times of each of the following (and more!) breakout sessions.

- **Elaine Coughlin**, a professor at Pacific, will do a presentation on Socratic Seminar. She presented at the fall conference.
- **Tyrell Graham** will present on OCTE Grant opportunities.
- **Jan Priddy**, longtime English teacher at Seaside High, will present on using frames to move high school students from raw opinion to college-level writing.
- **Jon Broderick**, founder of the *Fisher Poets Gathering* in Astoria, will present, along with a couple of his comrades.
- **Dusty Hoesly** will present on a narrative unit that he and Linda Christensen put together.
- **Jo Cochran** and her colleagues from Klamath Community College will present on things they've been doing in their developmental writing and college-level writing classes.
- **Laurie Dougherty**, elementary teacher in the Seaside District, will present on reading in the content areas.
- **Phillip Pelletier**, who wrote the book, *One Night in Frogtown*, has an interesting and entertaining presentation. His book won the 2009 IPPY Award.