

A photograph of a woman with dark hair, wearing a patterned sleeveless top, performing spoken word poetry on stage. She is holding a microphone and gesturing with her hands. The background is dark, and the lighting is dramatic, highlighting her face and hands.

SLAM CAMP 2017

Spoken Word Poetry
Summer Program

Ages 13-19
June 12-30
@LSU

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FORWARD ARTS PRESENTS

SLAM CAMP 2017

Slam Camp 2017 is a three week arts program that focuses on the writing and performance of spoken word poetry. Forward Arts Slam Camp is designed to promote community, advocacy, critical civic engagement , social activism, and to inspire young people to explore their identities and define themselves through writing and performance.

Program participants will learn everything they need to know to dazzle an audience and wow any panel of slam judges. Our young poets will

- study live and recorded performances of slam poets
- have the opportunity to meet and interact with professional guest speakers from various disciplines
- partner on a publishing project with other youth poets
- learn how to craft rough drafts that are personally and socially relevant
- learn how to employ valuable revision techniques
- be coached on the performance of their poems by some of the best slam poets in the world
- vastly improve their listening, public speaking, leadership, and community-building skills
- participate a culminating event that will close out the program on the evening of July 1st.

Slam Camps instructors are Donney Rose, Desireé Dallagiacomo, and Chancellor “xero” Skidmore, along with a multitude of guest instructors. Donney Rose is a veteran performance poet and is an eight-time member of the Baton Rouge National Poetry Slam team. Desireé Dallagiacomo is a Pushcart prize nominee and ranked 3rd at both the Individual World Poetry Slam & the Women of the World Poetry Slam. Chancellor “xero” Skidmore is the 2013 Individual World Poetry Slam Champion.

General camper fee is \$150, with opportunities for scholarships and sibling discounts.

Slam Camp will run from June 12th to June 30th (8:30 AM to 4:30 PM), Monday through Thursday, with a student showcase on June 30^h. Camp will take place on the grounds of LSU campus. Students will have an hour for lunch at the student union, accompanied by camp staff members at all times. (Students must purchase or bring their own lunch.)

For more information contact Desireé Dallagiacomo at 225-389-7226, email forwardartsbr@gmail.com, OR visit our website at www.forwardarts.org.

Please fax completed data/permission forms and media waivers to 225-344-0234. Slam Camp space is limited, so apply NOW!

Slam Camp 2017 Data/Permission Form

Name of student _____

Age _____ DOB _____

School (2016-2017) _____

Grade level (2016-2017) _____

Email _____ Facebook _____

Home phone# _____ Cell# _____

Address: Street _____

City _____ State _____

Zip code _____

Parent or Guardian/s name _____

Parent email _____

Parent cell# _____

Preferred emergency contact: Name _____

Daytime phone _____

I hereby acknowledge that I am the legal guardian of the young person listed above and grant my permission for her/him/them to attend Forward Arts' Slam Camp from June 12th to June 29th (with a final showcase on June 30th)

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Photograph/Publication/Media Release

Parent/Guardian gives consent for photographs, audio or video in which my child may appear to be used by the Forward Arts Inc. for educational purposes, publicity and program development (including research connected to program). Parent/Guardian additionally gives consent for any writing or original artwork created by my child to be reproduced for publicity or program development. The photos, video, writing or artwork will never be used for commercial purposes by Forward Arts Inc., although small donations may be accepted for books or magazines that contain student work. All rights for original work will remain in the possession of the author.

Name of youth _____

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

2017 Slam Camp Scholarship Application

Due Date: June 5, 2017

**scholarships will be awarded at a first come, first served basis

Please email your completed application to forwardartsbr@gmail.com or desiree@forwardarts.org, or you may hand in a handwritten application to Desiree Dallagiaco at 100 Lafayette Street, office B227, 70801

Forward Arts is able to offer 3 full scholarships and 10 partial scholarships. Please consider this in completing your application.

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

1. Is your student a current or former participant of Forward Arts programming in any capacity (WordCrew, an ALL CITY poet, in class residency student, etc)?

2. Have they attended Slam Camp in the past? If so, what year(s)?

3. What level of scholarship are you applying for (circle one)?

Partial Scholarship (\$50 or \$100) Full Scholarship

4. How many students will you be sending to Slam Camp? _____

5. Please attach a statement of need. This can be in the form of a letter addressed to Forward Arts. This letter should address child's level of interest, family's financial status (there is no need to attach any tax documentation), and the child's availability. In order to receive a scholarship, your student must attend every camp session. Camp runs from June 12-June 30, M-th, from 8:30am-4:30pm.