



Saturday, September 12, 2015

Saturday will feature the anthology *Home Ground*, an anthology of words used to describe place and natural features in the landscape. For those who love the land and grounds of Kirkmont, or hold any place of land dearly, this will be a wonderful workshop for developing deeper connections to the land through language and articulating our love for the land through our words.

*“With its wonderfully varied descriptions of place and natural features that capture the geography and topography and often the physics of the spaces around us, **Home Ground**, edited by Barry Lopez and Debra Gwartney, gets us right where we live. The writers who contributed their often local knowledge of place to **Home Ground** enrich that powerful relationship between people and the landscapes they hold dear.”*

Will Rogers, President, the Trust for Public Land

Meals will be freshly prepared from locally sourced ingredients. The Kirkmont Center campus will be available for hiking and other outdoor activities at your leisure. All activities are self-selected. You may participate in as few or as many as you like during the day.

- 7:30 Morning Watch
- 8:30 Breakfast
- 10:00 Presentation, Debra Gwartney and Barry Lopez:
Home Ground: Language for an American Landscape
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:30 Hike of The Fen Loop Trail, a moderate trail through the fen area
- 3:30 Coffee and conversation with Gwartney and Lopez
- 4:30 Book signing
- 6:00 Dinner
- 8:30 Conversation around the campfire

Overnight, bunk-style accommodations available.



Sunday, September 13, 2015

Sunday will feature Barry Lopez's work *The Writer and Social Responsibility*. For any of us who have wished to make a difference in the world around us, this session will be engaging and provide insight. Lopez poses the question, "What is the way in which I am going to speak?" and emphasizes the importance that each of our voices plays in changing the world for the better. As a writer, Lopez says, "I want to be the reader's companion more than their authority. I want to bring the ordinary back to the extraordinary. I want to ensure that they stay awake in a world like ours, when so many people are terrified and have checked out."

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7:30 Morning Watch

8:30 Breakfast

Free time for activities at the camp.

12:15 Lunch

1:30 Presentation, Barry Lopez: *The Writer and Social Responsibility*

3:30 Coffee and conversation with Lopez

4:30 Book signing

6:00 Dinner

Departure at your time of choosing. Overnight accommodations available for those wishing to stay until Monday morning.

All-inclusive day pass for Saturday or Sunday: \$ 60.00 per person (includes three meals and speaker events).

Weekend pass for both days: \$100.00 per person

Overnight accommodations: \$25.00 per night per person