Rules and Guidelines for the 11th Annual Wasatch IronPen Writing Competition

Welcome to the 11th annual Wasatch IronPen Writing Marathon!

For the Wasatch IronPen, artists of the written word face off in a 24-hour writing competition. Adult and Youth writers can participate in one of three genres (fiction, non-fiction and Poetry) or can take on the IronPen Ultra challenge and write in all three! Writers of all experience levels can register for the marathon at the SLCC Community Writing Center (located at Library Square) or at www.slcc.edu/cwc. After receiving the visual prompt on Friday, June 23rd at 5:30 pm, writers will have exactly 24 hours to write. Submissions are due Saturday, June 24th at 5:30 pm. Visit www.slcc.edu/cwc or call 801-957-2192 for more details.

Registration
- Participants must register for the IronPen Marathon or the IronPen Ultra Marathon by Friday, June 23, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Participants can register online, over the phone at 801-957-2192, or in person at the SLCC Community Writing Center (210 East 400 South, SLC).
- Registration for the IronPen is $10 for one genre (fiction, non-fiction, poetry) or $15 for the IronPen Ultra (all three genres).
- Participants under 18 years old can register for the Youth categories in each genre, or for the Youth IronPen Ultra.
- Participants who register for the IronPen Ultra may not register for individual categories.
- Your registration will gain you entrance to the 2017 Utah Arts Festival to view the IronPen Prompt (prompt will also be available on the Community Writing Center's Facebook and Instagram) and to submit your writing. All writers who make an IronPen Submission will also receive a ticket for the Awards Ceremony at the Big Mouth Stage.

IronPen Start
On Friday, June 23rd, 2017 at 5:30pm, a visual prompt will be presented at the Community Writing Center and posted on the CWC’s Facebook (@CommunityWritingCenter) and Instagram (@slcc_cwc) feeds. Participants must meaningfully incorporate the visual prompt into their submission.

Submissions
You may submit your manuscript either online or in person. Please carefully follow the guidelines for whichever option you choose. Individual genre submissions should not exceed 4000 words. Ultra submissions should not exceed 8000 words.

Online submissions
- Go to Submittable to submit. Submission is due on Saturday, June 24th at 5:30 pm.
- Fill out the submission form completely. Requested information will include:
  - Full name
  - Home address
  - Email address
  - Phone number
  - Title of entire submission
  - Genre: Fiction, Non-Fiction, Poetry or Ultra
  - Category: Adult or Youth (18 and under)
- Do NOT put your name anywhere on the manuscript.
Paper submissions

- Submit **two** typed copies by Saturday, June 24th at 5:30pm. Paper submissions should be delivered to the Community Writing Center.
- Use paper clips to bind your submission. Please, no staples.
- Do NOT put your name anywhere on the manuscript. Identifying information should be on a cover page that includes the following:
  - Full name
  - Home address
  - Email address
  - Phone number
  - Title of entire submission
  - Genre: Fiction, Non-Fiction, Poetry or Ultra
  - Category: Adult or Youth (18 and under)

Judging and Awards Ceremony

Each submission must be an original piece of work written within the 24 hours of the competition. Winners in each category will be announced on Sunday, June 25th at noon at the Utah Arts Festival Big Mouth Stage. Winners are encouraged to read their award-winning pieces.

NOTE: The judges will award a “Winner” and “Honorable Mention(s)” in each category, yet reserve the right to adjust awards as necessary. Youth and Adult competitions are judged separately and anonymously. Awards are subject to change based on submissions and judges’ discretion.