

Announcing:
1st Annual Authors' Assistance Event
(replaces Writers' Retreat)

Do you ...

- have ideas for *TOMT* articles but aren't sure how to get started?
- itch to contribute to one of *TOMT*'s departments (Compassionate Classroom, Problem Box, Math & Technology, Our Favorite Games, and more)?
- have experience writing for *TOMT*, want to continue honing your skills and help others hone theirs?

If your answer is **yes** to any of these questions, Author's Assistance is for you. Complete the application. Share your expertise. See your name in print!

Background:

The OML Writers' Retreat has followed the Oregon Math Leaders Conference for the last twelve years. The structure of the meeting has changed over the years, but the purpose, supporting *TOMT* article writers, has remained the same. To better reflect the nature of the event, the name has been changed this year to Authors' Assistance. As before, funding from OCTM will provide a select group of teachers with an opportunity to prepare a series of articles for *The Oregon Mathematics Teacher (TOMT)* magazine. Authors' Assistance will enable both early-career and veteran teachers to "polish" their articles with the help of writing coaches. These articles are based on successful classroom activities that would be useful for other Oregon teachers.

The 2016 Authors' Assistance will be held in Salem on the afternoon of **Sunday, August 7**, following the closing of OML. We will begin with lunch, and then spend several hours collaboratively editing articles. Participants will have the option of staying at Willamette overnight or going home when we finish. Continuing with past years' successful format, we are seeking writers who will provide either a specific series of at least three *TOMT* articles for grade level bands (primary, elementary, middle or high school) or a series of articles on a specific topic (such as technology, games, ESL adaptations, science and math connections, data use, or any topic of general interest that would make a good series of at least three articles.) The application to attend Authors' Assistance (due by June 1) should include an outline of proposed articles and at least one sample article.

How to apply:

- Submit a **rough draft electronic copy** of your proposed outline and sample article to *TOMT* Co-editor, Marie Cramer at cramer_marie@yahoo.com by June 1, 2016. Include a cover sheet that lists the following information **for all writers** of the articles: **Name, Home Address, Home Phone, E-mail address, Grade level(s) appropriate for article, and Number of years of teaching experience.**

- The ten applicants who are chosen for the 1st Annual Authors' Assistance Event will be notified by June 15, 2016. Selection will be based not only on the quality of the rough draft submitted, but also on a balance of grade levels, article topics and early-career and experienced teachers. Upon acceptance, electronic rough drafts of all articles are due by July 15, 2016, to Marie Cramer for preliminary editing prior to the event.

OCTM Support Available:

- The OML Authors' Assistance Scholarship **for one participant per article series** includes reimbursement of the early registration fee for OML, lunch on Sunday, August 7, and, if needed, housing at Willamette for that evening.
- Experienced math writing coaches and Authors' Assistance facilitators will be available to help with the editing process.
- A computer printing station will be set up for printing revised drafts at the event. It is most efficient if participants can bring a laptop computer to use, although at least one computer will be available for general use. Please bring the draft copies on a flash drive.