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Camp NaNoWriMo is here!

There's been a lot of press about National Novel Writing Month (or NaNoWriMo, to its friends), the celebration of writing that captures the attention of over 400,000 "NaNovelists" every November. Perhaps you've participated in it yourself — or at least resolved to participate someday.

If writing 50,000 words in 30 days isn't your cup of tea, consider NaNoWriMo's less intimidating cousin, Camp NaNoWriMo. Held every April and July, this event lets you choose your own genre and word-count goal, from 300 words to 1 million. It's also a more intimate setting, with only about 50,000 participants. You can choose to be sorted into a "cabin" with eleven other participants (selected randomly, or according to your genre, age range, or word-count goal), with whom you can share questions, advice, and milestones.



So if you'd like to make creativity a regular part of your July, head on over to CampNaNoWriMo.org, create a profile, and commit to a project.

Not sure what you'd write about? Try one of these ideas:

- **Write a poem every day.** For an extra challenge, limit yourself to a particular form (like a limerick) or theme (such as nature).
- **Write your spiritual autobiography.** How did you get to where you are today? How have your family, friends, and church influenced you?
- **Write a set of devotions.** And while you're writing, ask around at your local church, academic department, or regional church magazine — many publish regular devotions, and they might be interested in featuring your work.
- **Write a screenplay.** From *The Prince of Egypt* to *War Room*, Christian media has recently experienced a huge upswing in high-quality content. Your story could be the next big hit.