

SUUSI 2004 Confirmation NUUS

**Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute
July 18 – 24, 2004**

"The mission of SUUSI is to provide a one week experience evoking the best within us, in concert with Unitarian Universalist principles. SUUSI offers the opportunity to share an intergenerational environment of love, personal freedom, ethics, and joy in an intentional, nonjudgmental community."

Welcome to SUUSI 2004!

It's time for annual SUUSI-family reunion! If you've been coming to SUUSI for years, or if this is your first time, you'll enjoy this reunion with community, nature, spirit and fun. In less than a month we'll gather together at the Virginia Tech campus in Blacksburg, VA. This Confirmation NUUS provides logistical information, and updates and information about some of the programs at SUUSI.

If this is your first time participating in SUUSI, we extend a special warm welcome to you and invite you to become an active part of our intentional community. We offer campus tours on Sunday afternoon and there will be a special gathering in the cafeteria on Monday & Tuesday for first time SUUSI folks to meet one another. Look for details in the Arrival NUUS when you check-in on Sunday, and read through this Confirmation NUUS now so you'll be prepared for the incredible experience of SUUSI.

GETTING HERE:

To reach the campus from Interstate 81 (southbound and northbound):

- Take Exit 118B onto U.S. 460 West. Follow the signs for Blacksburg/Virginia Tech. While there is some construction along the route, the U.S. 460 bypass leads all the way to the campus entrance.
- Continue along U.S. 460 to the traffic light at VA 314, Southgate Drive. Turn right onto Southgate Drive. There is a campus map a quarter-mile on the right and the Visitor Information Center is a half-mile from U.S. 460 on the right.
- Check-in is located in the Cassell Coliseum which is on Washington Street across from Pritchard Hall.
This is a new location this year.

UNLOADING YOUR CAR

We will not be able to drive on the sidewalks to park near the dorms during unloading and loading. Further complicating the process, the parking lot behind Dietrick Hall will be unavailable due to renovations. We will have teams of volunteers to assist people moving into their dorms quickly.



The primary unloading points will be the parking lot behind Owens Hall and the small unloading area between Pritchard and Lee. This unloading area is designated as an unloading zone only and you will be unable to leave your vehicle unattended while moving luggage to your room. Our teams of volunteers will be there to watch your luggage while you relocate your car. If you have a small cart or dolly, please bring it. Label it with your name so that you can easily lend it to others.

Early Arrival? Late Arrival?

The residence halls for SUUSI are not available until Sunday, July 20. We suggest you arrive early on Sunday, but you can't come a day early and hope to "crash" on campus. We've already made our commitment to Virginia Tech for housing the staff who are required to do the set-up in advance of Sunday Registration. SUUSI starts at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday...it's not a drop-in experience (that wouldn't be "intentional" now would it?). Check-in ends promptly at 5:00 P.M.

If you know you will be arriving after 5:00 call us at (540) 231-9811 BEFORE 5:00 and we'll put a room key aside at the Peddrew-Yates Residence Hall Information Desk. You will then need to come to the drop-add office in Room 1B of Payne Hall between 7:45 and 9:45 A.M. on Monday to settle your bill. You can also provide us with a credit card number and expiration date if you cannot come to the add-drop office on Monday. You will need your name tag in order to get breakfast without paying, so please come to the office first.

If you need to arrive in town a day early, don't despair! The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the New River Valley in Blacksburg will provide a potluck dinner on Saturday evening at 6:00 P.M. (\$10 per adult, \$5 per child under 8 years old) and Bed & Breakfast accommodations with a local family (\$20 per person/family). They'll even pick you up at the Roanoke airport for \$25 per person or family if you're arriving by plane on Saturday or Sunday. Contact Rbazuzi@hotmail.com (540) 552-7294.

Parking: You will pick up your parking pass during registration. Please hang it on your car mirror. In order to avoid a parking ticket from the campus police, please park in properly marked areas only. Parking information will be available at registration. Our primary parking lot is behind Litton-Reeves Hall and can be entered from Duck Pond Drive off Southgate Drive. Signs and volunteers will help guide you.

Family ID Number: KEY to SUUSI Registration

Everything in your registrations for SUUSI is linked by your "Family ID Number." You will need to know this number when you arrive on Sunday. This number appears on your Confirmation document you received with this mailing. It looks like this:

Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute
2004 Registration Confirmation

Family ID# Primary Registrant # Name/address
1 167 Sanders, Linda

This number also appears on your nametag. It is the *middle* number at the top of your name tag: **2004—1—167**.

Reaching You at SUUSI

The SUUSI Information Office will be open 8 A.M.—8 P.M., Monday through Friday. The phone number is (540) 231-1463. If someone needs to contact you, they may call the SUUSI Info Office and leave a message. The message will then be posted on the Message Board (location TBA). If the message is an emergency, we will make every effort to find you (posting your schedule on your room door is helpful).

If someone needs to contact you after these hours, the Virginia Tech Information Desk will be glad to take the call. Their number is (540) 231-9811. Unless it is an emergency, the Tech Info Desk will give those messages to the SUUSI Info Office the following morning to be posted on our message board. (Please note the distinction between the SUUSI Info Office and the Tech Info Desk...it can be confusing!)

Sharing the Space...

The Tech campus will have other groups and summer students on campus during SUUSI week. Be intentional with the neighbors you see in the dining halls, in other dorms, and walking around campus—especially the incoming students with their parents/guardians attending their Orientation at Tech. This is a great opportunity to reach out to others with a cheery UU howdy—or to just pass by quietly!

What Makes SUUSI an Intentional Community?

We strive to create an environment in which we can be freely and fully expressed in a community we trust to hold safe space. Each of us can be intentional in holding that space for this community.

How can we do this? When we lead or attend workshops, we can get to know one another. When we see someone enter the dining hall looking for a place to sit or a friendly face, we can offer both. We can work together to make sure SUUSI meets its mission! We can attempt to create in one week what we want in our lives the other 51 weeks of the year. YOU create SUUSI!

What to Bring

SUUSI is a summer camp in college dorms, usually two beds to a room. In the dorms with smaller rooms you may have bunk beds. We're a tight-knit community: expect to be close to neighbors as well as roommates. Expect to make new friends!

Linens are only provided if you requested them when you registered. If you did not request them, you'll need to bring twin sheets, a pillowcase, blanket(s), washcloth and towels.

Consider Bringing:

- Cart or dolly to transport luggage to dorm
- A fan if you have a room without air conditioning.
- Checkbook for key & room deposits (cash not accepted)
- Cash: SUUSI Store, Artisan's Bazaar, Used Book Sale
- A robe (bathrooms are shared between dorm rooms & in suites)
- A housewarming gift for your neighbor (peaches are great!)
- Power strips with circuit breakers
- Extra pillows & blankets (we've had some chilly nights!)
- Alarm clock, Coat hangers, Drying rack, mirror
- Drinking cup, Water bottle
- Dorm decorations (See page 6 for details)
- Ethernet cards for connecting your laptop with the Internet (modems won't work)
- Lawn chair, picnic blanket, a good book, and a great attitude
- Extra towels & bathing suit for swimming
- Nature Trip Necessities: Read your Nature Trip requirements before you leave and be sure to bring the required equipment such as laced sneakers, flashlight, gloves, daypack, etc.
- Sun lotion, bug repellent, rain gear, sweater, jacket, hat, sunglasses: Nature Trips go rain or shine. The weather in the New River Valley can be very unpredictable... cold one day, hot the next.
- Comfortable summer casual clothing...be creative, let your clothes be a statement of the inner you!
- Golf clubs, tennis rackets, Frisbees, dancing shoes, dancing clothes

DO NOT BRING:

Candles	Pets
Halogen lamps	Air conditioners
illegal drugs	Weapons
Scooters	Skateboards
*Extension cords	

*only power strips w/ circuit breakers are acceptable

Youth Confirmation Packets

PARENTS!! Please watch your mail for your Youth Confirmation Packet that will be arriving soon. It will contain all the forms we need for your children. It is VERY important that you fill them out and **BRING THEM TO SUUSI**...we can't complete your registration and check-in without them. **There will be a meeting for all parents of youth in Burress Hall at 8:30 P.M. following the opening circle.**

Creating Intentional Community at SUUSI...

GATHERINGS

(a.k.a Things You Don't Want to Miss!)

Here's a quick run down of some of the great stuff we're planning for SUUSI!



Banner Parade

Sunday at 6:45 P.M., Payne

Bring your church banner! Bring your drum!
Banner Carriers & Drummers: Meet at 6:40 p.m. in front of Payne to process to Burress Hall for the Ingathering Ceremony.

Ingathering...

Sunday at 7 P.M., Burress Hall

Be there on **Sunday at 7 P.M.** for our annual Ingathering! Following the Ingathering, be a part of the LARGEST circle of Unitarian Universalists in the nation when we gather in our Opening Circle!

Daily Community Time...

Monday thru Friday 4:30—6:30 P.M.

Lots of fun stuff and fun people. Bring yourself! Bring an instrument! Bring a toy! Bring a game you'd like to share!

Monday: Our Sidewalk Festival with games, bubbles and prizes. Cool face and nail painting!

Tuesday: Game night with checkers, chess, Twister, and more. The teens will be providing FREE makeovers that night! Get a new look!

Wednesday: Annual Birthday Party! Cake! Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest! Fun!

Thursday: Come spend some cash at our Craft/T-shirt sale. (Vendors, please give \$10 to our SUUSIship fund) Also, Youth sponsored TIE-DYING! A bargain at \$3 per item. (Youth will NOT provide 100% cotton stuff for you to tie-dye. You must bring your own.)

SPIRITUAL GROWTH AT SUUSI

Open your heart and your mind by attending our daily Theme Talks and Worship Services. See what we have in store...



Theme Presentations

Every morning (Monday thru Friday) from 9:00 to 9:45 A.M.

Monday: Rev. Morris Hudgins, Cincinnati, OH, *Trust the Greater Good*

Tuesday: Qiyamah A. Rahman, Thomas Jefferson District Executive, *Reunions of the Spirit*

Wednesday: Rev. Davidson Loehr, First UU Church of Austin, TX, *A Reunion with the Spirit of Liberal Religion*

Thursday: Rev. Barbara Wells, Paint Branch UU Church, Adelphi, MD, *A Stranger in My Own Home Town*

Friday: Roger Comstock, Yarmouth, ME, *Memories of SUUSI*

Evening Worship

Every evening (Monday thru Friday) from 7:00 to 7:45 P.M.

Monday: Rev. Alane Cameron Miles, Richmond, VA, *UU Revival*

Tuesday: Rev. Susan Karlson, UU Fellowship of Wilmington, Wilmington, NC, *525,600 Minutes—Measuring Seasons of Love*

Wednesday: Shannon Cocheo, Charlotte, NC, "Renewing Our Connections"

Thursday: Michael Tino, Director of Young Adult and Campus Ministry at the UUA, *Y'all Come Back Now*

Friday: Rev. Thomas G. Anastasi, Shoreline UU Church, WA, *Ekstasis*

You can get in touch with the Minister of the Day (available for true personal and pastoral emergencies) by contacting the SUUSI Info Office.

Teens Way Off Broadway (TWOB)

On Friday night **TWOB** is the place to be! The youth who work on TWOB develop strong friendships while creating a high-energy production entertaining for the whole SUUSI community. Teens, if you have a love for the stage, are interested in designing or building sets, like the technical aspect of production, or have no theatre experience at all, check out the TWOB Workshop. For more information, contact our TWOB director at **twob@suusi.org**.

This year TWOB will move to a smaller auditorium with improved acoustics. There will be two performances one at 8:15 P.M. and the second at 9:45 P.M. We will be printing free tickets so that you can reserve a seat for the performance you prefer. Check the Arrival NUUS for further details.

NIGHTLIFE

There are lots of ways to party at SUUSI! Nightly offerings include Concert Hour, Cabaret, Serendipity, CACHE and the Common Ground Café.

Serendipity is the dance party for all those 21-years-old and up. The DJ plays a variety of music, and you can bring a CD for special requests. **Nightly Themes:** *Monday: Hawaiian Luau Night; Tuesday: Disco Fever; Wednesday: Pajama Party; Thursday: Costume Contest; Friday: Prom Night.*

CACHE (Clean Air Clear Heads Everyone) is the dance party for everyone 14-years-old and up who loves to dance in an alcohol and smoke free room. This party mimics the modern dance scene, but also includes hip-hop and hits from the 80's.

The Common Ground Café is a space for relaxation and conversation throughout the evening for everyone 14-years-old and up. Coffee, tea, pastries and soft drinks are available. Bring your favorite game, a deck of cards, or a jigsaw puzzle to break the ice and meet new folks. Stick around after 1 a.m. for Late

Family Concert Hour

Concert Hour is a wonderful part of the music at SUUSI. This is the chance for SUUSI participants to hear hour-long performances by some of the finest talent around. Concert Hour at 8:30 p.m. highlights touring artists on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and the SUUSI Ensemble on Thursday.

Monday: Steve Key will return for his third SUUSI this summer. With his original ballads, funny topical songs and musical stories about real people, Steve Key easily wins new fans to his view of the world. <http://www.stevekey.com>.

Tuesday: Johnsmith has been traveling the musician's road for the past 30 years, and what that journey entails certainly has inspired the heartfelt songs he writes. "Audiences find his originality and genuineness totally engaging and refreshing." <http://www.johnsmithmusic.com/index.htm>.

Wednesday: Small Potatoes is Jacquie Manning and Rich Prezioso. This Chicago-based duo has been touring on the folk circuit since 1993 and in that time they've become sought-after regulars at many clubs and coffeehouses across the U.S. <http://smallpotatoesmusic.com>.

Yes, we are still having the Thursday night Chamber Music concert with the **SUUSI Ensemble**. It will feature SUUSI participants in groups of one or more. Those interested in participating please call or e-mail Debbie Langrock at 727-784-6597 or dlangrock@yahoo.com. There will also be a sign-up sheet at the nightlife table at registration.

If you have not already done so, please visit our Concert Hour performers' web sites to hear some of their music.

Family Friendly Cabaret 2004

Bring the kids! Cabaret will be alcohol-free all night, every night. With our new policy, Cabaret will be fully accessible to all SUUSI participants.

Cabaret will start with an open mike each evening at 10 p.m. This will be followed by two to three 25-minute main acts interspersed with 10 & 15 minute sets by some of the performers invited back after their Open Mic set as well as SUUSI regulars.

Open Mic starts on Sunday night at 9:30. Performers are invited to sign up at Registration for their 10-minute or two song set. Each night thereafter, Cabaret will start at 10 P.M. After the Sunday night Open Mic is filled, Open Mic performers will be invited to perform during the first 20 minutes of each evening. Cabaret staff will need advance notice of intent to perform during Open Mic so that we may schedule accordingly.

Friday: Jamboree. One song per act. In order to perform, you must perform with someone that you have never performed with on Cabaret Stage. We will also have one-song performances from several of our workshop classes. Start looking for a co-performer early in the week so you can get in some practice time! Sign up with the Cabaret staff person who will be in the hall.

First-timers: You will be amazed at the amount of talent that we have right here at SUUSI. Several of our SUUSI participants are touring artists. Don't miss a minute of Cabaret or you might miss your future favorite!

Family Movie Night

An additional evening event has been added this year - family movie night. On Tuesday at sunset (approximately 9 p.m.) we will show ET the Extra-Terrestrial for the entire SUUSI community. The movie will be shown on the lawn behind Pritchard. Bring blankets, popcorn, snacks, and your family, for this new event. No seating will be provided on the lawn. The movie is rated PG. In case of inclement weather, the movie will be shown Wednesday night.

How To Drink At SUUSI

Drink water, stay hydrated. Drink juice, stay healthy. Drink alcohol, stay careful. Alcohol will dehydrate you, and there's an important distinction between getting relaxed and getting stupid. Don't drink until the wee hours of the morning and then try to go caving or rappelling. You have to be 21, responsible, and considerate of others, okay?

There is only one cash bar open each night located in Serendipity. Alcohol cannot be transported outside of Serendipity. Alcohol can be discreetly consumed in the dorms, but only by those who are of legal drinking age!

SUUSIShips

One of the ways in which we raise SUUSIship funds is through the annual SUUSI used book sale. We accept any books you may want to donate (except old textbooks, which are heavy and don't sell well), and also videos, CDs, cassettes (books or music), DVDs, etc. Find our table when you check-in and dump your books, and be sure to browse and buy some books you've been wanting to read. Take a pile home for later on! During the week the books are available at the SUUSI Store. If you arrive late you can drop off your donations directly to the store either on Sunday or on Monday morning. Start gathering your books, etc. now!

SUUSIships make it possible for lower-income UU's to attend SUUSI. The funds for scholarships also come from purchases made at the Common Ground Café and the Artisan's Bazaar, from donated key deposits, donations from congregations, and from individual donations. Many thanks to all who assist so that others can experience the joy of SUUSI! Contact: suusiships@suusi.org

Breaking Bread Together

Dietrick Cafeteria is undergoing renovations this summer so all meals will be in Owens Food Court. In addition the Hokie Grill will also be open during lunch and dinner serving fast fare (hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, etc.). Note that you can only enter one location each meal, make your choice before you enter. The first meal included in your registration fees is Sunday evening July 18. If you arrive earlier on Sunday you can get lunch on campus or in town but it is not included in your SUUSI fees. The last SUUSI meal is breakfast on Saturday, July 24. Three meals are included each day, Monday through Friday.

Breakfast: 7 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.
Lunch: 11 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.
Dinner: 4:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Attention Teens & Parents/Guardians of Teens

Make sure you have submitted the following forms for each teen:

1. Teen Permission Form
2. Guardianship Statement Form (if applicable)
3. SUUSI Rules for Teens
4. Notarized Proof of Age (if applicable)

No teen will be permitted to participate in the teen program if any of his/her forms are missing. We will have some forms available when you check-in, but guardianship and proof of age forms need to be taken care of before you arrive.

MANDATORY Teen Parent/Guardian Meeting

All teens and the parents and guardians of teens are required to attend a meeting on **Sunday** night at 9:30 P.M. in Burress Hall following the youth parent's meeting. This will be an opportunity to meet the teen staff and become familiar with the rules and expectations that make Teen Land a safe and wonderful place. **Teens will be issued their name tags at this meeting.**

Responsibilities of Living in Community

We have an abundance of freedom at SUUSI, and with it comes full responsibility. Some basic expectations of all participants include:

- ♥ Be alert to the needs and personal boundaries of others. Help make SUUSI safe and enjoyable for everyone! In our community of 800-1,000 people, let us remember to respect each individual's rights and privacy.
 - ♥ Parents and guardians are responsible for their children when the children are not in SUUSI-sponsored activities for youth. Watch them having fun, but please – keep an eye on them.
 - ♥ Excessive noise when others are trying to sleep is inappropriate. We ask that you be mindful of others and that you move to an area that will not be disruptive. Don't practice your drumming next to the Quiet Dorm, for instance.
 - ♥ Leave all pets at home. There are no accommodations on campus for live animals, not even the goldfish.
 - ♥ Fire is a serious concern in college residence halls. Best way to deal with it – don't use any open flames inside any building on campus. (We have special arrangements when we light the chalice at our community gatherings.)
 - ♥ The breaking of alcohol, drug, or any other local laws will not be tolerated. The Staff and Board are all committed to compliance with these laws and will not allow violators to remain at SUUSI.
 - ♥ SUUSI affirms its commitment to maintain an environment free of discrimination, harassment, and violence based on sex, race, color, ethnicity, religion, national origin, age, handicap, gender, or affectional orientation.
 - ♥ SUUSI expects its board, staff, and participants to conduct themselves in a dignified manner, showing concern and respect for their colleagues, participants, and the surrounding community.
 - ♥ Skates and skateboards are not allowed in the SUUSI quadrangle and many other areas – please respect the local rules, and bring your equipment (especially helmet and pads).
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SUUSI Child Care 2004

There will be a **MANDATORY MEETING** on Sunday evening for everyone who is registered for the Child Care Coop Dorm. The time and place will be in the Arrival NUUS. Every adult staying in the Child Care Coop Dorm must participate in the night time child supervision. **If you have registered for the Child Care Coop Dorm and are unwilling or unable to do at least 1 shift of supervision, please change your housing ASAP...(NOTE: This is different than what the catalog states.)** The shifts will be randomly assigned in advance. There will be time at the end of the meeting to trade shifts as necessary. If you have questions, contact Michael Jaffe at (828) 215-7008.

Your Room: Personalize It - Within Limits

We will be staying in residence halls on the Virginia Tech campus. In the air-conditioned dorms many rooms are in suite arrangements with 2-3 rooms sharing a small lounge and bath. Each room is furnished with 2 beds, 2 desks and chairs, a double dresser, a nightstand, window blinds, and a recycling/trash bin.

You can personalize your room. Bring bedspreads, artwork, stuffed animals, wacky widgets, and holiday lights (using power strips, not extension cords). By Sunday night you might create a pad that is the envy of the block...the place where everyone wants to hang.

But remember – we are only in the dorm for one week. Others will be moving in right behind us. Please be gentle with the furniture, the walls, the ceilings, the floors. Please do not paint any surfaces whatsoever. Do not mar the surfaces in the bathrooms. Don't take furniture out of the room, and don't tie anything to the sprinkler nozzles in the room. You can rearrange the furniture but it must be back in its original position when you leave.

To ensure there are no damage charges incurred (by SUUSI or by you!) please check the room carefully when you move in on Sunday and report any existing damage or missing furniture to the SUUSI Info Office. Give us a written note with the dorm name and the room number.

There is no smoking and no open flames permitted in the dorms for any reason under any circumstances. Fire safety is especially important on Virginia's college campuses. There have been too many incidents and flames are not taken casually.

Skates & Bikes

There are places where you can skate and bicycle, so you can bring your equipment (including helmet and pads) to SUUSI. Please don't violate the campus or SUUSI rules – the crowded areas such as the SUUSI quadrangle are off limits.

You **can't** bring your bike in the van on a Nature trip or drive separately with your own car behind a van. Coordination and logistics are too complex!

Accessibility

To become familiar with the Virginia Tech campus, we suggest you take a campus tour on Sunday afternoon after going through check-in. SUUSI tries hard to accommodate any physically challenged persons. Virginia Tech has ramps, curb cuts, and an excellent map of facilities for those with special needs.

SUUSI offers limited on-campus transportation, the "Star Car," to help those who need a lift get to meals, workshops, worship, Cabaret, etc.

Health

SUUSI does not run a full-scale medical operation. There are excellent medical facilities at the local hospitals and we rely on them. The Health Office in Payne Suite 1A, will be open during meals (Monday breakfast through Friday dinner). Health care professionals volunteer their time to help us all have a healthy week. PLEASE remember to bring any medications that you might need – and your health care insurance card.

FUN RUN: *Where Everyone is a Winner!*

The fabulous SUUSI Fun Run/Walk/Wheel will be at 7:15 A.M. Tuesday at the Duck Pond. The course is a unique SUUSI distance of 1.4 miles. Runners, walkers and wheelers of all ages and abilities are invited and encouraged to join this early-morning SUUSI tradition. The course is out and back, entirely on paved surfaces, through scenic VT countryside. Entry fee is \$18 and includes a t-shirt specially designed for the event. We have random door prizes and trophies/ribbons for finishers. Last year, the overall division winners were presented with awards before evening worship, and the teen awards were presented at drag night. Who knows what surprises will come this year! — Co-race Directors: John and Christopher Hochella

Board Elections

Have you ever considered serving on the SUUSI Board? It's a great way to contribute to the future of SUUSI. Each year we elect on *At-Large Adult Trustee* for a three-year term and one *At-Large Youth Trustee* for a two-year term. This year we will also need to elect an *At-Large Adult Trustee* to complete one year of an unexpired term which has been vacated. If you are interested, please request a nomination form and instruction sheet from Board Member Sallie Pickard at bucksal@earthlink.net (or at 560 Myra St., Neptune Beach, FL 32266), or pick up a nomination form at registration on Sunday, July 18, or in the Info Office in Payne. All candidates must be nominated so get a friend to nominate you! The nominator and the candidate must be members in good standing of a UU congregation. The Church of the Larger Fellowship is deemed a congregation by the UUA.

At the time of the election (Thursday, July 22) Youth candidates must be between 14-17 years old and Adult candidates must be at least 18. Candidates must have attended SUUSI at least one full week during the past 5 years. Candidates should plan to attend the Forum at Community Time on Wednesday. Candidates are encouraged to talk with current Board members to answer questions they may have about the role and responsibilities of a Board member. Current Board members are: Alice Alexander, Alex Winner, Sallie Pickard, Karen Lauer, Uncle Flip(Tom Lower), Doug Hughes, Dee Medley, Cyndy Bales, Mary Dahm, and youth reps Zach Madara and Kelly Hines.

Nominations are open until 5:00 P.M. Monday, July 19. And can be submitted to Sallie Pickard for the Board Box in the SUUSI Info Office in Payne.

Nature Trips and Workshops

If a workshop or nature trip you requested is marked “Full” or “Cancelled” on your Confirmation Statement, you may email registration@suusi.org after you have chosen another. You may also wait until you arrive at SUUSI to do this. Please check the “Full” or “Cancelled” enclosed list prior to choosing another workshop or trip. In the day listing of your workshop or nature trip, the letter “H” means Thursday.

Looking for a nature experience at SUUSI? Didn't get into a Nature trip you wanted? Try these great trips that still have a few spaces:

- 541 Bicycle Maintenance—Learn what you can do to keep your bike in top condition, and how to know when you need the help of an expert.
- 707 Night Owl Canoe at Radford—Spend your Tuesday evening seeing the shadows darken on the river as the wildlife plays along the banks.
- 708 Canoe Fishing—A new trip to help you combine paddling on the New River with angling for smallmouth bass.
- 802 Rock Climbing—It's classified as Very Strenuous, but it's not as difficult as you might think for someone in top shape.

Review Your Nature Trip Requirements

Take some time before you finish packing to read through all the requirements of your Nature Trips. Make sure you have all the equipment you need. Laced sneakers can be your oldest pair of Reeboks...but they have to tie onto your foot so you don't lose them in the action! Always bring a full water bottle to avoid dehydration, and make sure your batteries work in your flashlight. Yes, there are stores in Blacksburg where you can buy equipment, batteries, water, etc., but the trip van won't wait for you. We have tight schedules to meet, so please be prepared and arrive for your trip 15 minutes early as a courtesy to the rest of the participants. Also, make sure it's a trip for which you are physically prepared...trips labeled “Strenuous” really are!

Teen Nature Trips

If you didn't see the Teen Nature trips in the catalog you still can register for them at the Nature drop-add table at registration. They are:

731 Teen Tubing—Monday, 1:15 to 5:30

808 Teen Night Caving—Wednesday, 6:00 to Midnight

635 The Great “Have it Your Way Hike” - Thursday, 1:00—6:00

Do Your Homework Before You Come to SUUSI

Some of our workshop leaders have requested that you read books or web sites before the workshop. Do yourself a favor and get the most out of your workshop by reading the book or web site. It is something your interested in isn't it?

SUUSI Golfers

Yes, there are many individuals who play golf during SUUSI. Nine holes of the Virginia Tech course on campus are still open and the golfers often go off site once during the week. So, bring your clubs and hit the links..

Are You Leading a Workshop or Nature Trip?

Workshops and Nature Trips are core activities at SUUSI and one of the primary ways in which we create our intentional community. If you are a facilitator or leader, consider ways you can forward the mission of SUUSI to “share an intergenerational environment of love, personal freedom, ethics, and joy in an intentional, nonjudgmental community.” Sometimes the process is as important as the results...the journey as important as the destination. Provide a way for folks to get to know one another, to bring the shy person into the conversation, and to engage everyone in the activity. Be prepared for the serendipitous and unexpected blessings of community!

LEADER MEETING

Workshop leader meetings are held on Monday at 8:45 a.m. and 1:00 P.M. Leaders need only attend one of these meetings. Location will be announced in the Arrival NUUS.

If your confirmation letter says the workshop you wanted was full, you can check again when you register at SUUSI. There are often cancellations and you might still get in if you ask.



The Fabulous Artisan's Bazaar

We have a creative and eclectic mix of arts and crafts not available anywhere else in the world! All items are handcrafted by the artisan. Open 10 A.M. – 6 P.M. Monday through Friday. Credit cards and cash accepted. 10% of sales go to SUUSI scholarships.

How great it is to be a YOUNG ADULT!!!!

For all you kidz out there who are 18-25 years old, get ready for an action-packed week of fun, excitement, and plain-old good times. Some workshop topics include social-action, sexuality, self-defense, etc. Late night themes include Leather & Lace, 80s Night, School Disco, and Drag night. Don't worry, if you're not prepared, we have several thrifting trips planned!

If you would like to come prepared for YA events, bring the following:

- A pair of underwear to DONATE to the YA UNDERWEAR BANNER (If you haven't already made your mark)
- Some item of clothing (t-shirt, boxers, underwear) you would like to silk-screen/paint/tie-dye
- School disco outfit- probably includes a white button down shirt, a tie, and a plaid skirt
- Bathing suit & tied immersibles
- Any worship-type items, such as readings, poems, etc.
- Your P/LEATHER pants, skirt, tube top, etc.
- A package of instant chocolate pudding

The young adult housing will be located on the 2nd floor of Lee. Be sure to stop by the YA table at registration to pick up a copy of the YA schedule, and come to YA ORIENTATION, which will be right after In-gathering, between 8 & 8:30 P.M.

If you're new to the SUUSI YA program and would like to be added to our YA listserv, just email your friendly directors, Hanna Bosman & Kirsten deFur at ya@suusi.org. Can't wait to see you at SUUSI!!!!

Affinity Groups

There are many groups that like to get together during SUUSI for workshop reunions and the like. Please be advised that space on campus is very limited and we need to know if you want to reserve space for a meeting or reception. Do not assume that because you have had space in the past, you have space this year. Many of the dorm lounges are already scheduled for workshops. Contact locations@suusi.org to arrange space

Volunteers!

SUUSI seems to operate smoothly and simply—and it does thanks to the many volunteers that make this well-oiled machine run! There will be a table displaying volunteer opportunities when you check-in on Sunday. Volunteers are rewarded with smiles; hugs, new friends and that good feeling you get when you know you've made a difference in people's lives. You make SUUSI be SUUSI!

Do You Have A Voucher?

If you have a voucher for SUUSI giving you a discount on your registration fees because you are on staff or leading a workshop, please don't wait until the chaos on Sunday to turn it in. Immediately, today, mail your voucher to Linda Sanders, 228 Hawkes Ct., Hockessen, DE 19707 Phone: (302) 234-8051 registration@suusi.org

Keeping track of friends with the MugBook

As long time SUUSI goers know, each year we try to photograph everyone during registration and compile a Mug Book with contact information so you can keep track of SUUSI friends even after SUUSI ends. It helps during those long 51 weeks between SUUSIs. As many of you have noticed, SUUSIites are highly mobile and there are always changes in addresses, and especially, email addresses. During registration, the Mug Book staff attempts to collect updates for the book.

In the packet you receive at registration will be a 5 by 8 card with your name in large letters and your address and contact information printed below. A separate card will be printed for each registrant. You can make your corrections on this card and turn it in when you get your picture taken. This procedure will allow you to find a quiet spot (if there is such a thing during SUUSI registration!) to write your corrections. This should improve legibility of the changes and relieve congestion around the Mug Book tables. We hope that everyone will choose to have their picture taken but even if you don't, please give us your corrections.

The Community of Blacksburg

About 35,000 people call Blacksburg home. Downtown is just a short (400 yard) walk away from the center of "SUUSI Country." Virginia Tech is the biggest thing in town, so the shopping is great for music, art, books, etc., and there are plenty of restaurants. You're not in the middle of nowhere – it's a university community in a beautiful natural setting.

Help Keep Tech Green

Virginia Tech no longer collects trash from the dorms. Like the students who live in these spaces during the school year, we are expected to take our own trash and recyclable materials to the dumpsters and recycle bins provided around the campus. Please be a good SUUSI citizen (and help keep our costs as low as possible) by being a green SUUSI participant.

Virginia Tech Computer Policies

For many of us, having our computers with us during our stay at SUUSI is a necessity. In order to ensure that everyone who uses the network resources on campus is making proper use of those resources, you will receive a copy of the Virginia Tech *Acceptable Use Guidelines* that you will be asked to before connecting to the university network.