



SUUSI 2005 Confirmation NUUS

Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute
July 17 – 23, 2005

TIME TO FLY

"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 commu-

Welcome to SUUSI 2005!

In just a couple of weeks, it will be time to fly with all your SUUSI friends. We look forward to seeing all of you at SUUSI. Especially fun this year will be our Ingathering Sunday evening – be sure to kick off the week with the whole SUUSI community. You'll find in this NUUS lots of logistics, some updates, and general information to help you get ready for SUUSI.

If this is your first time at SUUSI, we'd like to welcome you especially. We offer campus tours on Sunday afternoon to get you oriented. In addition, there will be a special gathering in the dining hall on Monday at lunch and dinner for first time SUUSI folks to meet one another. Look for more details in the Arrival NUUS when you arrive on Sunday. Be sure to read through this Confirmation NUUS to make sure you're prepared for the wonderful week of SUUSI!

—Jen Lucas, SUUSI Director

Getting There

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.
- 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 Shultz Hall on Turner Street. This is the same location as last year. Signs will direct you to Shultz from Southgate Drive.

UNLOADING YOUR CAR

We will not be able to drive on the sidewalks to park near the dorms during unloading and loading. 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. These unloading areas are designated as unloading zones 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 available beginning Sunday, July 17. 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 at 4:00 p.m.

If you know you will be arriving after 4:00 on Sunday, call us at (540) 231-9811 BEFORE 4:00 and we'll put a room key aside at the Peddrew-Yates Residence Hall Information Desk. You will then need to come to the Registration 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 Registration Office on Monday. You will need your meal card 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 Congregation 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 \$5 per person or family if you're arriving by plane on Saturday or Sunday. Contact Tayloe Skelton at uutayloe@hotmail.com or (540) 951-0296 (please leave a message).

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 of the Litton-Reaves lot. Parking information will be available at registration.

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
2005 Registration Confirmation

Family ID# Primary Reg # Name/address
1 167 Smith, Jane...

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

2005 – 1 – 167.

Reaching You at SUUSI

The SUUSI Information Office will be open 8 a.m.—7 p.m., Monday through Friday. The phone number will be in the Arrival NUUS. 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 will also be published in the Arrival NUUS. 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!)



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. You'll get smiles, hugs, new friends and that good feeling you get when you know you've made a difference in people's lives. So very SUUSI!

Do You Have a Staff Credit 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 Marianne Vakiener, 9803 Barlow Road, Fairfax, VA 22031. Phone (703) 385-0527, registration@suusi.org.

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 (sheets, towels, washcloth) will be provided for every bed at SUUSI (regardless of what you checked on your registration forms - sorry). Blankets are provided for all beds in AC space, and non-AC if available.

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)
- 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 9 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, 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!
- Costumes for Serendipity (see page 4 for details!)
- Golf clubs, tennis rackets, Frisbees, dancing shoes, dancing clothes

DO NOT BRING:

Candles * Pets * Halogen lamps * Air conditioners * Illegal drugs
Weapons * Scooters * Extension cords (*only power strips with 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 MANDATORY meeting for all parents of youth in Burruss Hall at 8:30 p.m. following the opening circle.** For information or questions, contact youth@suusi.org.

Creating Intentional Community at SUUSI

Gatherings

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 so that we may process together to Burruss Hall for the Ingathering Ceremony.

Ingathering, Sunday at 7 p.m., Burruss Hall
Be there on **Sunday at 7 p.m.** for our annual Ingathering! For long-time SUUSI-ites who may not have been to Ingathering in a while, we encourage you to come experience our new format!!

Following Ingathering, be a part of the LARGEST circle of UUs in the nation when we gather in our Opening Circle!

Daily Community Time

Monday through 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! Bring something to fly like kites and frisbees!

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 provide FREE makeovers that night! There will also be world renowned paper airplane consultants to provide expert advice on paper airplane making!

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, Teen-sponsored TIE-DYING! A bargain at \$3 per item. (Teens will NOT provide 100% cotton stuff for you to tie-dye. You must bring your own.)

Friday: SUUSI Community Picnic

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. Melanie Morel-Ensminger (formerly Sullivan), Cherry Hill, NJ, *Boston & New Orleans – A Marriage Proposal*

Tuesday: Rev. Maj-Britt Johnson, Englewood, NJ, *Flying in the Face of Fear: Stories from the End Zone*

Wednesday: Rev. Suzanne Meyer, *Time To Fly: Time to Fall*

Thursday: Rev. Alex L. Richardson, Greensboro, NC, *Dead or Alive?*

Friday: Rev. Steve Crump, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, *Don't Have To Live Forever To Learn To Love*

Evening Worship *(Every evening, Monday through Friday, 7:00 - 7:45 p.m.)*

Monday: Rev. Keith Kron, *The Big Picture*

Tuesday: Rev. Mary Grigolia, Durham, NC, *Coming into Your Heart*

Wednesday: Pagan Celebration, *Touch the Earth: Learn to Fly*

Thursday: Michael Tino, Ph.D., *Flying into Freedom and Responsibility*

Friday: Bill Neely, Norfolk, VA, *Soaring Hopes and Serving Hands*

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

Teen 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 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.

TWOB will be held at the Lyric Theater in downtown Blacksburg. We expect to have two performances again this year, 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.

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.

How? When we lead or attend workshops, we can get to know one another. When we see someone enter the dining hall looking for a friendly face or place to sit, 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!

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: Generations Dance and Dance Contest; Tuesday: Pajama Party; Wednesday: Costume Night; Thursday: Down by the SUUsea; 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.

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

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: Alexis Jones is a SUUSI participant and founder/leader of the SUUSIBOYZ. His performance of Let it Be a Dance is a tradition at Friday's Theme Talk. He attended his first SUUSI in 1973 and has enjoyed making music and SUUSI reunions ever since. He will present music from some of his favorite performers – and maybe even a couple of surprises.

Tuesday: Emma's Revolution. Activist Pat Humphries, who has been called the “true spirit-child of Woody Guthrie,” brings her powerful political songs all around the country. Sandy Opatow adds vocals, guitar playing and songwriting. They have a gift for tackling the toughest issues and always finding hope in the same place: community. www.pathumphries.com

Wednesday: Wishing Chair is Miriam Davidson and Kiya Heartwood, a Kentucky-based folk and soul duo, whose roots-folk is full of soul, energy and power. Acoustic guitars, accordions and harmonies are their tools of the trade and great songs are their passion. www.wishingchair.com.

Thursday: SUUSI Chamber Music Concert Debbie Langrock will again lead the traditional close to the Concert Hour series this year, made up of participants who love to perform music of a more classical nature. Some are soloists; others are ensembles that form either during the workshop or independently throughout the week. If you're interested in participating in the Chamber Music workshop and concert, please contact Debbie at dlangrock@yahoo.com.

Family-Friendly

Cabaret 2005



Bring the kids! Cabaret will be alcohol-free all night, every night. It will start with an open mic each evening at 9:30 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 9:30. 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 is 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: *The Incredibles*

The inaugural Family Movie Night was a successful addition to the SUUSI evening schedule last year, so we're doing it again. On Tuesday at dusk (9 or 9:15) we will show *The Incredibles*, a film for the entire SUUSI community. The movie will be shown on the lawn behind Pritchard. Bring blankets, popcorn, snacks and your family. No seating will be provided on the lawn.



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 need to be 21, responsible, and considerate of others (but you KNOW this already!).

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 (NOT in public spaces like lounges), 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 UU's with financial hardships to attend SUUSI. The funds for scholarships also come from purchases made at the Common Ground Café, the Craft Fair at Community Time, 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

Attention Teens & Parents/Guardians of Teens

This year we are offering an even greater selection of workshop opportunities in the teen dorm, including drumming, boat building, tie dye, life masks and many more. We are offering three teens-only nature trips this year.

#730 Teen Tubing M 1:15 – 5:00 p.m.
#808 Teen Night Caving W 6:00 – 11:00 p.m.
#809 Teen Ropes Course T 8:45 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

We are offering 3 scholarships for #809 Teens Ropes Course for anyone that will participate in Spirit Committee. Spirit Committee is an opportunity for teens to take on leadership roles in the teen community with adult input. It meets for 30 minutes daily. Available on a first-come, first-served basis. Let us know ASAP at teens@suusi.org



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)
5. Authorization for Medical Treatment and Travel

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. If the teen has been in the teen dorm in previous years we have proof of age on file.

MANDATORY Teen Parent/Guardian Meeting

All teens and the parents and guardians of teens are required to attend a meeting on **Sunday night at 9:15 p.m.** in Burruss 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 900-1,000 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.
- ♥ 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).

SUUSI Child Care Co-op 2005 – Mandatory Meeting

There will be a required meeting on Sunday evening for everyone who is registered for the Child Care Co-op 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.** 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.



Look at that Mug!

As long-time SUUSIgoers know, each year we try to photograph everyone during registration and compile a Mug Book with contact information so you can keep track of folks even after SUUSI ends. It helps during those long 51 weeks between SUUSIs. As many of you have noticed, SUUSI-ites are highly mobile and there are always changes in the 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 x 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 registration!) to write your corrections. We hope that everyone will choose to have their picture taken, but even if you don't, please give us your contact information corrections.

Waivers for Everyone

This year SUUSI will be instituting a new waiver process for Nature and other trips and activities. On the day you register at SUUSI you will be asked to fill out one single waiver for all activities at SUUSI. Once you fill this out you will be done with waivers for the week.

In addition to filling out the waiver you will receive a brochure containing the safety information you need to know in order to bring the appropriate clothing and attitude to participate in SUUSI activities. (This safety information is enclosed in this confirmation packet. Save some time and read it before you come to SUUSI!)

In order to make sure that everyone fills out a waiver, you will not be able to complete registration until you have signed a waiver. This is true even if you plan to sit in your dorm room all week playing cards.

All SUUSI participants, regardless of age must have a completed and signed waiver. For participants under the age of 18, the waiver will need to be signed by both the participant and their parent or designated SUUSI guardian. For those too young to sign their own name, only the parent or guardian's signature will be required.

We hope this new process will cut loads of time out of registration for SUUSI. This is the first year we are trying this new process, so please be patient with us.

Health

SUUSI does not run a full-scale medical operation, we can only refer you to a local medical facility for treatment. There are excellent medical facilities at the local hospitals and we rely on them. The Health Office 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. Who knows what surprises will come this year!



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 one At-Large Adult Trustee for a three-year term and one At-Large Youth Trustee for a two-year term. If you are interested, please request a nomination form and instruction sheet from Board Member Uncle Flip at uncleflip@sizenine.com, or pick up a nomination form at registration on Sunday, July 17, 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 21) 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: Bill Gupton, Alice Alexander, Alex Winner, Sallie Pickard, Karen Lauer, Uncle Flip (Thomas Lower), Doug Hughes, Dee Medley, Cyndy Bailes, Mary Dahm, Jen Lucas (Director), Karyn Machler (Director-Emeritus) and youth reps Zach Madara and Jennifer Teeter.

Nominations are open until 5:00 p.m. Monday, July 18 and can be submitted to 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, Thursday is indicated by "H" or "Th".

FEELING ADVENTUROUS?

You want leisure combined with canoeing and caving, then sign up for the Victorian Outing at Cracker Neck Cave 807. OR enjoy the events at Camp Roanoke - A fantastic Climbing Wall 802/803 and an exciting ropes course 809/810.

Just because it is "Time to Fly" doesn't mean you can't stop and smell the flowers. Take a Nature Trip, and you might just learn more about those flowers you're sniffing, too! Here's a quick guide to some of the topics you might enjoy: Astronomy (510); Botany (502, 503, 507, 509); Ecology (505, 508); Geology (511, 512, 513, 514); History (520); Mycology (501); Ornithology (500, 504, 506); Winery (522).

OK, you knew Ornithology is the study of birds, but have you ever tried Mycology? That's the study of mushrooms -- and we'll probably look at ferns and liverworts and anything else we can find without flowers on that trip. And just because Winery wasn't among the majors offered in your college catalogue doesn't mean we can't take some serious time for contemplating the fruit of the vine at SUUSI.



Whatever you choose, you're sure to enjoy the beauty of the Appalachian Mountains and the diverse wildlife that grows there.

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!

Workshop Full?

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.

Nature Trip Changes

677 Huckleberry Trail - Handicapped Accessible Lower age limit changed from 14 to 4, to allow the children in the family to participate. As always, parents/guardians are responsible for the children.

See page 5 for fabulous Teens-Only Nature Trips!

WORKSHOP LEADER MEETING

The **Mandatory** Workshop Leader Meeting will be held Sunday evening at about 9:00 p.m. If you must attend the youth parent or teen meetings, please let Kate Hofmann know ASAP at workshops@suusi.org. There will be no other workshop leaders meeting.

Please join your fellow workshop leaders at our reception during the week. Please see the reception schedule to find us.

Workshops Here, Workshops There . . .

Need to add a workshop? Want to expand your horizons?

Try one of the following:

- 102 Cruising in Alaska
- 109 Trade Agreements
- 112 End of Life Issues
- 113 The Right to Die
- 121 Why Become Aware of Feelings?
- 137 A Path to True Empowerment
- 140 The Goddess in Our Midst
- 143 The Roots of Wicca
- 227 Women Who Write Wickedly
- 228 Women Who Write We-union

How about having some fun with these workshops:

- 122 The Wonders of Wizard
- 131-133 Book Discussion
- 134 Get back here!
- 136 Parlor Games Just for Fun
- 142 Forget the Gym! Get fit with what's at hand!
- 148 Lego Storytelling
- 201 Bridge: Beginner Lessons
- 212 America's Music...The Blues
- 224 The Fun and Freedom of Flying

Want to learn about leading a workshop or being on staff?

229 Getting on Staff, Leading Workshops

This is held Wednesday from 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.



Breaking Bread Together

The Dietrick Dining Center has been completely renovated. Our primary location is on the upper level which is now called D2 (we do not know what happened to R2) to reflect the extensive changes. It now has a food court type arrangement. We can also use Dietrick Express on the lower level for lunch and dinner. This facility has fast food type carry out. **Note that you can only enter one location each meal so make your choice before you enter.**

The first SUUSI meal covered by your registration fees is Sunday evening, July 17. If you arrive earlier on Sunday, you can get lunch on campus or in town, but the cost is not included in your SUUSI fees. The last SUUSI meal is breakfast on Saturday, July 23. Three meals are provided each day, Monday through Friday, and meal cards are used.

Breakfast: 7 – 9:30 a.m.
Lunch: 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Dinner: 4:30 – 7 p.m.

There are veggie/vegan selections at all meals. Meals are “all you can eat” so don’t worry about going hungry (but let’s be careful about not wasting food)!



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. Please 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.

What time should I get to SUUSI?

An Arrival Tip for First Timers and others.

Registration at SUUSI opens at 10:00 a.m. and closes at 4:00 p.m. that's a six hour time frame. What time is the best time to get to SUUSI? As many long time SUUSI regulars will testify, the best time to arrive at registration varies somewhat from year to year. Sometimes there is no line at 10:00 a.m.; sometimes it is very long. The size of the registration area will accommodate a large number of people but when it's busy there will be slow lines at some required stations.

For first time attendees we strongly recommend you arrive at registration by 2:00 p.m. (even earlier if possible). You will need time to go through registration and check in at various tables, for Nature trips, Workshop changes, the Youth and/or Teen tables if you have children in these age groups, key pickup, checking your mailing information and getting your picture taken for the Mug Book, volunteering to help, and a final trip to the treasurer. While all of this can be exciting at your first SUUSI, it can also be a little intimidating. After you register you will need to find your dorm, unload your car, move your stuff, make your beds, put your car in the remote lot, have dinner, and get to the banner parade by 6:45 p.m. You might also want time to sit quietly and recover your strength.

Got Ideas about How to Improve SUUSI?

We're listening even earlier this year--even before the evaluations. A new role was created by Jen Lucas, Director '05 & '06, to recommend simplified processes, fresh ideas, and new programming based on your input. Phil Sterner, a long-time SUUSI participant and leader, is our Organizational Development Consultant. He's having fun again helping us evolve and improve, as he did when he was SUUSI director during the 80's. We need your input about:

- An "express check-in" design for registration?
- Redesign and condense our 15 registration pages in the catalog to 5-8 total?
- What new workshops would attract 10-20 participants each year?
- If Serendipity didn't exist some year, what could replace it and be great fun?

Send ideas to Phil Sterner at orgdev@suusi.org. He's working now on these and other questions. Phil has no magic wand, but this is a real attempt towards new approaches and even more fun year after year, at bargain prices. Email him now. Meet Phil at SUUSI. Look for his safari hat - he's hunting for good ideas!

Aaaahhhh . . . 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. Don't worry, if you're not prepared, we have a thrifting trip planned!

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

- Some item of clothing (t-shirt, boxers, underwear) you would like to silk-screen/paint/tie-dye
- Any worship-type items, such as readings, poems, etc.
- Musical instruments, lyrics, etc. for performing.

We do have a trip to Claytor Lake, with some light hiking and maybe swimming, planned for Monday afternoon, from 1—5 p.m. This trip is **not** listed under the nature workshops in the brochure.

The young adult housing will be located on the second floor of Lee. Be sure to stop by the YA table at registration to pick up a copy of the YA schedule and your nametag, and come to YA ORIENTATION, which will be right after Ingathering at 8:30 p.m. (mandatory for those living in YA housing!). If you are a YA not living in Lee, but are still interested in hangin out and participating in workshops, please join us!!!!

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

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 bag.

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 - n - 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.

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!

Help Keep Tech Green

Virginia Tech does not collect 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 campus. Please be a good SUUSI citizen (and help keep our costs as low as possible) by being a green SUUSI participant.



FirstTimer's Guide to (gasp!) Bathroom Sharing

A new experience can be exciting and scary at the same time. A big part of that can be not knowing what to expect. So here are some hints for those of you who will be sharing a suite with non-family members.

1. Have the "bathroom talk" right away on Sunday. No, we don't mean "potty talk", we mean discuss how you all will share the bathroom.

2. Most suites in the air-conditioned dorms have one bathroom and three bedrooms. The bathrooms have two toilets in stalls, two showers each with a dressing area (and a curtain between the dressing area and the bathroom, as well as a shower curtain), and two sinks. The bathrooms do not have a locking door to the suite; they're like public restrooms.

3. Will you be comfortable using the toilet or the shower or the sink if someone else is in any part of the bathroom? Would it make a difference if it were someone in your family group or a new SUUSI friend (i.e., your suitemate)?

4. Some bathroom-sharers from previous SUUSIs have found that having a sign on the bathroom door can help. A piece of paper or two, some markers or crayons, and a little masking tape are all you need. You could write each family's name on a piece of paper and then stick it on the door when that family is using the bathroom. Or, you could write "Women & Girls" on one and "Men & Boys" on another, if that's the agreement you make.

5. The key is flexibility and sensitivity. For some families, sharing a bathroom with each other is easy. For other families, parents and children are uneasy sharing the bathroom with each other. There's no right or wrong.

6. Be creative! Make bathroom signs you can be proud of. If you are feeling uninspired, perhaps you can find a couple of kids who would be happy to design your signs for you.

Schedule For Sunday, July 17

- 10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. SUUSI Registration and move into the dorms
4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Dinner in Dietrick
6:45 p.m. Banner Parade – starts in front of Payne
7:00 p.m. Ingathering in Burruss followed by our opening circle
8:30 p.m. Mandatory meeting for all parents of youth in Burruss
8:30 p.m. Mandatory Orientation for All YA's 2nd Floor Lee Lounge
9:00 p.m. Mandatory Workshop Leaders meeting, location TBA
9:15 p.m. Mandatory teen/parent meeting in Burruss
9:30 p.m. Cabaret and Serendipity
10:00 p.m. CACHE and Common Ground

There will also be a mandatory meeting for those in the Childcare Co-op dorm. The time and location will be printed in the Arrival NUUS.

Key Contacts For SUUSI 2005

The Individuals listed below include members of the Core Staff and others who have key positions for SUUSI 2005. If you have a question and are uncertain as to whom to contact, try info@suusi.org.

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