

# SUUSI 2007 Confirmation NUUS

## Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute

*To Live Fully*

*July 15-21, 2007*

Your customized SUUSI 2007 confirmation packet includes:

- Confirmation NUUS
- The confirmation statement for your family or registration group
- Youth age group schedules and other information (if applicable)
- Teen program information (if applicable)

### To Live Fully

What is the recipe for a week lived fully? How would you measure the volume of your days? If a week stood before you, untethered by work and chores, how would you fill it?

These aren't theoretical coffee shop conversations. This is SUUSI. Let's get started!

Inside this edition of the SUUSI NUUS you'll find information about arrival, check-in, your home away from home, the SUUSI community, Nightlife, Workshops, Nature trips and much more.

## ARRIVAL

### SUUSI Starts Sunday, July 15th

Registration Check-In starts on Sunday, July 15th at 10 am and runs until 4 pm. Our residence halls are available beginning Sunday at 10 am. We recommend you arrive as early Sunday as possible but only staff who has been approved for early arrival may be on campus prior to Sunday at 10 am.



### Directions

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. Turn right onto Southgate Drive.
- Check-in will be located in Owens Food Court. Follow the signs for SUUSI from Southgate Dr.

### Registration Parking

You may park in the Owens lot for Check-In and unloading of your vehicle. You may also unload your car on Washington Street (look for unloading signs).

### Sunday Schedule: July 15

10 am – 4 pm	SUUSI Check-in, Move-in
4:30 – 7 pm	SUUSI Dinner Time
6:45 pm	Banner parade
7 pm	Ingathering
After Ingathering	<b>Mandatory</b> Teen & Youth meetings
9:30 pm – 1 am	Cabaret, Serendipity
10 pm – 1 am	CACHE
10 pm	Common Ground Cafe opens
1 am until ?	Late Night

# SUNDAY CHECK-IN

## SUUSI Express Check-In!

Express Check-In makes everything easier! Pay your balance in full before SUUSI, send in any missing or incorrect forms and key deposits, and we'll let you go to the head of the line! Okay, really, we have an Express Check-In packet table. You bypass all the teller lines unless you decide to change or add a workshop or nature trip.



## Check-in Checklist

- You've arrived! Rejoice!
- Know the last name of your Primary Registrant (the first person on your summary page) and pickup your registration packet.
- If you wish, choose workshops and trips you wish to drop or add.
- If you're not set up for Express Check-In, proceed to one of our talented tellers who will be glad to take your payment and help with any drop/add requests.
- If there are Youth or Teens in your family group, you must stop by those tables to meet leaders and touch base.
- Pick up your room key(s).
- Visit the Mugbook station, verify your name and address and have your photo captured.
- Visit the Volunteer Table. SUUSI needs you!

## Early Arrival?

The UU Congregation in Blacksburg will be glad to feed you, house you and/or pick you up at the Roanoke airport. Saturday evening dinner is at 6 pm (\$10 per adult, \$5 per child under 8). Bed & Breakfast accommodations with a local family are \$20 per person or family. And, if you need a ride from the Roanoke Airport on Saturday or Sunday, they will gladly pick you up for the reasonable fee of \$25 per person or family. Contact Tayloe Skelton at [utayloe@hotmail.com](mailto:utayloe@hotmail.com) or 540-951-0296.



## Late Arrival?

If you know you will be arriving after 4 pm on Sunday call 336-302-9511 BEFORE 4 pm to make arrangements. We will put your room key aside at the Peddrew-Yates Residence Hall Info Desk. In the morning, stop by the Info Office after 7:45 am to pickup your meal card. Then head to the Registration Office in Payne Hall 1B and settle your SUUSI account.

If you haven't ordered a mugbook yet, you can still place an order during Registration for the jaw dropping deal of \$8. And, this year's mugbook features something new . . . age group photos of Youth and Teens.

## Unloading your car

After you check in, you'll need to unload your belongings at one of the designated unloading areas and then drive to the assigned SUUSI parking lot to park your car. Your luggage and other belongings will be safe with our move-in staff while you park your car. Shuttles will be running to bring you from the parking lot back to the unloading areas. The primary unloading points will be the parking lot behind Owens Hall and the small area between Pritchard and Lee. Ask the move-in staff to help you label your cart with your name and suite number so you can easily share your cart with others. The move-in staff cannot carry your belongings into the dorms, but all able-bodied participants are encouraged to help those who need a hand moving into the dorm.

## Parking on Campus:

Pick up your parking pass during Registration Check-In. Avoid your parking ticket memento by parking ONLY in the SUUSI designated lot after unloading.

## After Check-In:

- Unload your car, using designated zones
- Move your car to the designated parking lot
- Take the shuttle back to campus
- Move your belongings into your dorm
- Breathe
- Eat dinner, prepare for Banner parade

### To Live Fully, Mail Early

Anything mailed to Kate Hofmann (Registrar) after July 6th may not be received or processed before SUUSI.



### Do you have a staff voucher?

If you have a voucher for SUUSI for discount registration fees in exchange for staff credit or workshops, please do not wait until you arrive at SUUSI to turn it in. Immediately, today, right now, please mail your voucher to Kate Hofmann, 665 Linville Rd. Kernersville, NC 27284. Phone 336-788-4639 or e-mail [registration@suusi.org](mailto:registration@suusi.org) with questions.

### Newcomers

New to SUUSI? Overwhelmed by the abundance of information and options? We can help! Our Newcomers Coordinators are here to assist you with general information and guide you in the right direction. Contact [newcomers@suusi.org](mailto:newcomers@suusi.org) or visit the Newcomers table during registration.

### Campus Tours

Whether you are new to SUUSI or just need a refresher, SUUSI will be offering tours of the Virginia Tech campus. SUUSI staff members will lead the tours, and give you the SUUSI Scoop on the buildings and places that will be an important part of your stay at Virginia Tech. Meet in the breezeway in Payne at 4 pm on Sunday or 8:30 am on Monday for a tour.

## SUUSI TIPS

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### The SUUSI Info Office



Check the Arrival NUUS for the SUUSI Info Office phone number. The office will be open daily from 8 am to 7 pm Monday through Friday. When you receive a telephone call, we'll post a message for you on the message board inside the Info Office.

Please check the message board regularly. If the message is an emergency, we will make every effort to find you, using the schedule posted on your dorm door. If someone needs to contact you when the SUUSI Info Office is closed, please refer them to the VT Information Desk (540-231-9811). Unless it is an emergency, the VT Info Desk will deliver the message to the SUUSI Info office the following morning. We will then post the message on the SUUSI Info Office Message Board. Please note the distinction between the SUUSI info office and the Tech Info Desk, it can be confusing.

### Accessibility: Here, There & Everywhere

Star Cars provide limited on-campus transportation for those who need a lift to get to meals, workshops, worship, Cabaret, or any other SUUSI spots. If you think you may need a Star Car, please pay a visit to the Star Car table during registration on Sunday. This will help

the Star Car staff plan their pick-ups and drop-offs for the week. During the week, sign up for Star Car transportation through the SUUSI Info Office.

### SUUSI Board Elections needs You!

Would you like to serve SUUSI all year and have fun doing it? Would you like to help shape the future of SUUSI?

Consider running for the SUUSI Board! This year, we need three energetic and dedicated new Board members. This year the SUUSI Community will elect:

- a three-year term At-Large Adult Trustee
- a single year term At-Large Adult Trustee (filling an unfinished term)
- a two-year term At-Large Youth Trustee

If you would like to serve, get a friend to nominate you! Nominator and candidate must be members in good standing of a Unitarian Universalist congregation. The Church of the Larger Fellowship DOES count! At the time of election (Thursday, July 19, 2007), Youth candidates must be between 14 and 17 years old. Adult candidates must be at least 18.

Nominations close at 5 pm Monday, July 16. If you're interested in making a nomination before SUUSI, send an e-mail to [uncleflip@sizenine.com](mailto:uncleflip@sizenine.com). While at SUUSI, nominations can be made at the Info Office.

## Our Greater Community: Virginia Tech

The events of April, 16 2007 continue to reverberate strongly throughout Blacksburg and the Virginia Tech community.



Virginia Tech has decided to create an intermediate memorial on the Drillfield directly in front of Burrell Hall in the area where 33 Hokie Stones were placed in the days immediately following the tragedy. Although construction is already underway, the stones are temporarily located in front of an orange construction fence.

This portion of the Drillfield has become a community gathering space, and mourners visit the memorial 24 hours a day. Please be respectful of this sacred space as you walk to and from events on campus, and know that this will likely affect both our traditional parade across campus into Ingathering as well as Opening Circle afterward.

For those interested in viewing many of the memorial items and gifts that were originally located on the Drillfield, a temporary display is set up in Schultz Dining Hall, our former registration space near Main Street. The tribute item display hours through July 29th are Monday-Saturday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Sunday noon to 6:00 pm

Additional information on the response to April 16th can be found at the Hokies United web site: <http://www.hokiesunited.org.vt.edu/>

### Volunteers!

SUUSI seems to magically operate smoothly and simply – and it does, thanks to its many, many volunteers! Please stop by the volunteer opportunity table at check-in on Sunday. There is something for everyone! You'll find 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! Have questions? Contact the Volunteers Coordinator, Kathee Williams at [volunteers@suusi.org](mailto:volunteers@suusi.org).

## In order to form a more perfect union ...

- Supervise your children at all times. This ensures their safety and promotes a positive SUUSI experience for all.
- Avoid making excessive noise when others are trying to sleep. Be mindful of others. When having loud fun, move to an area where your activities will not disturb anyone.
- Please make sure your pets are well cared for at home. The campus has no accommodations for live animals.
- Respect the local rules. Many areas do not allow skates and skateboards.
- Be alert to fire hazards. Don't use any open flames (i.e., candles) inside any building on campus. Turn off appliances (hair curlers, etc.) when you leave the room. Fire is a serious concern in college residence halls.
- Smoking is not permitted in any of the university buildings. If you choose to smoke outside, please move away from building entrances and children.
- The breaking of alcohol, drug, or any other local laws will not be tolerated. Adults 21 - years-old and older may only consume alcoholic beverages in dorm rooms (not halls or lounges) or during designated events (Serendipity)
- Set a good example for others. SUUSI expects its board, staff and participants to conduct themselves in a mutually respectful manner, showing concern for colleagues, participants and non-SUUSI-goers in the surrounding communities.
- Be considerate of your neighbors; not everyone in Blacksburg and at Virginia Tech will be attending SUUSI or have the SUUSI spirit. Recognize that your creativity and enthusiasm should have boundaries.

# YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME

## Bring the Boosters!

A new seat belt law goes into effect July 1, 2007 in Virginia. All children age 8 and younger traveling in the state of Virginia must be properly secured in a car seat or booster seat. Nature staff will require parents to provide an age appropriate car safety seat or booster for all children 8 travelling on a Nature trips.



## BYO Bed and Bath Linens

Linens will not be provided for dorms this year. So please bring your own twin sheets and towels. All beds will have pillows, and all A/C dorm rooms will have blankets available. In the event that you have forgotten linens or will need them while at Virginia Tech, SUUSI participants may go to the 24-Hour Desk located in Peddrew-Yates Hall to check out linens. A \$40 deposit (cash or check, held at the 24-Hour Desk) will be required to loan linens during SUUSI. Upon check-out, all linens must be returned to the 24-Hour Desk and deposits will be returned at that time. All linens will be in bags that include one pillow case, one washcloth, two sheets and two towels.

## Packing List

- Twin bed sheets, blankets and bath linens (see new linen policy above)
- For children sleeping on the floor: sleeping bags or small rugs
- Personal medications
- Reading lamp and/or night light (no candles or other open flames are allowed)
- Items for decorating and personalizing your space (strings of lights are popular)
- Surge-protected power strip (plain extension cords are not allowed in dorms)
- For non-AC Dorm residents: a fan
- Banner (your own or one from your home church) for Sunday's Banner Parade
- For children to reach the bathroom sink: a small stool
- For colder beverages at night: ice cube trays
- Drum and/or other musical instruments
- Cards, games or other diversions to share with your SUUSI friends
- A camera, sketch pad, journal or other tool for capturing the moment
- Coffee mug (be eco-friendly and skip the disposable ones at D2 and Common Ground Cafe)
- Hiking boots and dancing shoes!
- Water bottle, sunscreen, rain jacket/poncho and special equipment needed for Nature trips
- Child car seats or booster seats for children age 8 and younger (Virginia state law)
- Wagon, cart or dolly for SUUSI move-in
- An open mind, a joyful heart, an empty stomach and appetite for adventure!

## What not to bring:

- Candles
- Pets
- Halogen lamps
- Air conditioner
- Illegal drugs
- Weapons
- Scooters
- Extension cords (only power strips with circuit breakers are allowed)

## Opening Doors

At registration, all SUUSI participants age 7 and older will receive a Virginia Tech meal card. Your card is your link to food and shelter at SUUSI! This year, all buildings will be locked 24 hours a day and require badges for access. Doors may not be propped open. Please help us be respectful of this new VT policy.



### Your Room:

#### Personalize it, within reason

We will be staying in residence halls on the Virginia Tech campus. Each room is furnished with 2 beds, 2 desks and chairs, a double dresser, a night stand, window blinds and a recycling /trash bag. In the air-conditioned dorms, many rooms are arranged in suites, with 2-3 rooms sharing a small lounge and bath. You may personalize your room. Bring bedspreads, artwork, stuffed animals, personal home comforts and holiday lights (any electrical appliance must use a power strip with a circuit breaker). Please remember we are only in the dorm for one week. Others will be moving in right behind us. Please be gentle with the furniture, walls, ceilings, and floors. Do not paint any surfaces. Do not mar any bathroom surface. Do not take furniture out of the room, and don't tie anything to the sprinkler nozzles. You may rearrange the furniture, but it must be back in its original position when you leave. To insure 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. Please provide a written note with your dorm name and room number. Please note: VA Tech does not collect trash from the dorms. We are expected to take our own trash and recyclable materials to the dumpsters and recycle bins provided around campus

#### Sharing the Space

VA Tech campus will be host to other groups and summer students on campus during SUUSI week. Be intentional with the neighbors you see during your day, especially the incoming students with their parents/guardians visiting Tech. Here is a perfect opportunity to extend a hearty SUUSI "Hi", a gentle smile, or a helping hand.

### First Timers Guide to Bathroom Sharing

Here is a list of hints for sharing a suite with non-family members.

1. Have the "bathroom talk" right away on Sunday. Discuss how you will share the bathroom.
2. Most suites in Peddrew-Yates and New Residence Hall-East have one bathroom and three bedrooms. The bathrooms have two toilets in stalls, two showers each with a curtained dressing area, and two sinks. The bathrooms do not have a locking door to the suite's hall.
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 made homemade signs that were helpful. You may wish to have a 'family' sign for each family group. Or, you may wish to make signs for each gender ("Women & Girls", "Men & Boys"). A little magic marker can do wonders once you decide what works for your suite.
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! Perhaps you can find children who would be happy to design bathroom signs for you.



# WHERE & WHEN (LOCATIONS & SCHEDULES)

## SUUSI Meal Times

- Breakfast 7 - 9:30 am – Monday & Saturday  
6:30 - 9:30 am – Tuesday-Friday
- Lunch: 11 am - 1:30 pm – Every day
- Dinner: 6:30 - 8 pm – Every evening

SUUSI shares the D2 dining hall with other groups on campus, so sometimes it may become crowded in the evening. Please plan to eat during 'SUUSI meal times' so you can find your friends more easily and help with solve the space crunch. If you need to eat earlier, the dining hall will open for dinner at 4:30 pm.

## Ingathering & Banner Parade

Meet new friends and reunite with those you haven't seen for a year as we come together for start of SUUSI on Sunday evening. If you wish, bring a banner of your own design or from your home congregation.

## Morning Theme Talks 9 - 9:45 am

Monday	Rev. Jeremy Taylor Midsummer Night's Dream
Tuesday	Rev. Tom Rhodes The Existential Bicycle
Wednesday	Amy Carol Webb Taking the Fork
Thursday	Rev. Cheryl Walker Living Fully In the Tension
Friday	Gini Courter To Risk More Fully

## Evening Worship 8 - 8:45 pm

Monday	Rev. Tracy Sprowl Jenks Catch the Wonder
Tuesday	Edward Scott Michael Put Your Whole Self In
Wednesday	Amy Baldwin Earth-Centered Service
Thursday	Rev. Bill Neely - Bridging Service: Honoring the Fullness of Life
Friday	Rev. Chip Roush: To Live Full Friday only time: 5:15 - 6 pm

## Community Gatherings

Meet us Mon. through Thur. from 5:15 to 6:30 pm

### Monday: Street Fair

Think live music and activities for all ages like stories, face painting, games with prizes and maybe even balloon animals! Amateur artisans of any age may sell their inexpensive creations (\$10 or less).



### Tuesday: Kym Tuvim Family Concert

Kym is a singer-songwriter from Seattle, with a huge voice and a penchant for telling stories with emotional truth. Her seasoned guitar work seamlessly blends genres with an intricate and deep groove, while her songwriting delivers lyrics that are truthful, smart and vulnerable.

### Wednesday: Play Day

Tie-dye a shirt (100% cotton garment)! Play frisbee and volleyball! Discover non-Newtonian matter! Juggle! Yo-yo! Entertain others in a one-act play. Sing a tune. Just bring a playful spirit (and toys)



### Thursday: Beaucoup Blue Concert

Meet the Philadelphia-based father and son duo, David and Adrian Mowry, who have been performing their music up and down the Eastern seaboard. Although blues is a staple in their repertoire, they also base their sound on folk, soul, R&B, jazz, country and bluegrass traditions.

### Friday: Don't Dare miss TWOB!

Shows are at 8 & 9:30 pm at the Lyric Theatre downtown. Get free tickets from the Info Office and follow the crowds to the show.

## Closing Circle Saturday

Don't leave without saying goodbye. Closing circle is special SUUSI tradition. Look for details in Friday's NUUS.

## SUUSI Store: Now in Peddrew-Yates!

This is the place to get the books recommended or required by your workshop leaders, as well as other great books of interest to UUs, including many from the UUA Book Store and those authored by fellow SUUSI participants. It is also the place to purchase the CDs of all the fabulous musicians you'll be hearing throughout the week at Concert Hour, Cabaret, Worship Services and Ingathering. In addition to books and music, the Store is also your source for SUUSI T-shirts and other memorabilia. Open daily, the SUUSI Store is a favorite gathering place for many SUUSI-ites. The Bookstore will be on the first floor of Peddrew-Yates in room 140.

## Health Office

SUUSI does not run a full-scale medical operation. But we do have a Health Office staffed by a first aid liaison for tips and referrals (only!). Our office cannot dispense any medications, prescription or over-the-counter. Remember to bring your own medications for the week, including over-the-counter remedies like aspirin. The aim of the SUUSI Health Office is to promote prevention of illness and accidents and to assist you in getting help with medical emergencies. In case you do have an emergency, you are encouraged to access the excellent emergency system on campus directly by dialing 911. Emergency service is available from local hospitals. Just remember, an ounce of prevention (and preparation) will keep you well at SUUSI.

Our mantra is . . . sleep, eat good food and hydrate. We want you to live fully all week!

### Common Ground Cafe

This year Common Grounds, SUUSI's very own self-service coffee shop, will return to Slusher. This space is available for relaxation and conversation throughout the day and evening. In the tradition of a true coffee house, coffee, tea, pastries and soft drinks will be available for purchase. Please bring games for sharing and a reusable coffee mug.



## NIGHTLIFE

### Serendipity Themes

# S

#### Getting To Know You

You'll receive a secret word at the door. Pair up with your match and meet a new SUUSI friend.

# M

#### Love the '70s

Grab your poncho and bell bottoms and head on out to "do a little dance???"

# T

#### This Is Your Wardrobe on Drugs

Wear your mismatched, misguided mistakes. What a great reason to thrift - reuse, recycle and support the local community!

# W

#### I Love the '80s

Wear hair bands and "new wave." Can you hear my heart beating? You Go-Go girls (and guys)!

# Th

#### Peanuts Meets Rocky Horror Night

Are you a Janet, a Magenta, a Lucy or a Peppermint Patty? What a party that would be!

# F

#### AFTER Prom

Forget about the pomp and circumstance, how do you look after a week at SUUSI? Explore your inner queen and king. Who are you, REALLY, under the ruffles, pearls and lapels? Or who do you want to be?

### Family Movie Night

*Wallace and Grommet:  
The Case of the Were-Rabbit*

Our fourth annual Outdoor Movie Night on Tuesday starts at dusk (approximately 9 to 9:15 pm). Bring blankets, lawn chairs, popcorn, snacks and your family. No chairs will be provided.



## Cabaret for All Ages

Cabaret is SUUSI's very own inter-generational talent showcase. If you want to perform or to see some of your SUUSI friends perform, this is the place to be! SUUSI participants of all ages are welcome to perform and attend Cabaret at any time. During the first half of the night, performers are asked to keep their material "family friendly." Later on, almost anything goes!

We will start the SUUSI week off with "Open Mic" on Sunday evening. Open Mic(rophone) is the period at Cabaret when ANYBODY can have about 10 minutes to perform. Many performers from Sunday will be invited to perform later in the week. There will be an Open Mic session each night in order to ensure that everyone who wishes to perform has the chance. Following the nightly Open Mic, SUUSI favorites will take the stage in scheduled performances. Each night's schedule will be posted by lunchtime in a central place.

New this year – Concert Hour performers will also appear at Cabaret. Check the Cabaret schedule for more details. Be sure to check out Jam-boree on Friday, when two or more performers who have never before appeared together on the Cabaret stage agree to perform together.



### Would you like to perform at Cabaret?

Check in at the Nightlife table during Check-In on Sunday. Cabaret welcomes all kinds of performing talent, so bring your musical instruments, dancing shoes, poems, comedy routine or special talent and join the fun!

## CACHE

Clean Air Clear Heads Everyone! This is the dance party for everyone 14-years-old and up who loves to dance in an alcohol-free space. The dance music includes from the modern club scene but also includes everything from hip-hop to '80s favorites. If you like to dance, this is the place to be! Bring CDs for special requests. If you're interested in a guest DJ slot at CACHE, please e-mail [nightlife@suusi.org](mailto:nightlife@suusi.org).

**Late Night CACHE** For those 18- years-old and older. CACHE will stay open late Monday and Thursday for late-night alcohol-free dances.

### A UU Joke

What do you get when you cross a Unitarian Universalist with a Jehovah's Witness?

Someone who knocks on your door and asks you what you believe.

## Magic in the Margins

J.K. Rowling has stated that the last word in the last chapter of the last Harry Potter books is "scar." See what sentences you can come up with for possible series enders. Send submissions to [communications@suusi.org](mailto:communications@suusi.org). We'll publish the best sentence in the next NUUS and award the winner with a chocolate frog.



Psst. And a little owl told me that the SUUSI bookstore is selling *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*. Reserve

your copy at [www.suusi.org](http://www.suusi.org) or stop by the bookstore during the week.

Meanwhile, while you're spinning your time turner and waiting for the release, watch this space for sightings of bespectacled magicians on campus and more.

Will there be a wand making workshop? A quill sharpening session? Butterbeer socials? Remembrall design tips? NEWTS in the NUUS? Quidditch in the Quad? Stay tuned.



E-mail [communications@suusi.org](mailto:communications@suusi.org) to contribute ideas, energy, or charms or to report campus sightings of Potter and DA members

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

### Information for Youth, Teens, and their Parental Units:

Information for each Youth Age Group and Teens will be included in your confirmation packet as appropriate for each registration group or family.

What you will find:

- A calendar of events and letter from your child's age group leader – more than one if you have more than one child
- A list of items to bring – some are suggestions, others are mandatory for trips
- Childcare Co-op information – If you will be staying in a Child Care Co-op dorm, you will be expected to check in at the Child Care Co-op table at registration. Every adult staying in the Child Care Co-op Dorms will need to participate in the night time child supervision. Shifts will be assigned in advance. For late arrivals, Lois Stanton will be available after the Youth meeting following Ingathering Sunday evening. If you have questions, contact Lois at 804-748-3265 or Childcareco-op@suusi.org.
- A parent locator form – this is much easier for you to fill out and bring with you to registration, but we'll have extras on hand if you forget
- Information about assigning an alternate grown-up for your child in case you have a workshop/nature trip conflict
- Information about check in & out procedures for youth ages 9-13 who you feel are responsible enough to take themselves to and from programming. \*NOTE – we do need all youth signed in by a parent or SUUSI guardian each morning so that we can give you important reminders!
- There is a SUUSI Youth Parent Meeting immediately following Ingathering on Sunday evening!

For questions, concerns, comments or ideas, please contact Dianna MacPherson, SUUSI Youth Director, at youth@suusi.org or 804-798-2416; www.suusi.org/youth

### SUUSI's Medians

Medians are a lifestyle affiliation group of people mostly ages 26-35, which is age-centered but not age exclusive. Stop by the Median table at Sunday Check-in for more on these activities. For more information on Median Programming, and the ever changing, calendar of SUUSI week activities, please join the Median discussion group at TheMedianProgram@yahooogroups.com. For more information, write to medians@suusi.org.

### Minister's Reception:

Calling all ministers! We're glad you're here! There will be a reception especially for you on Wednesday from 4:30-5:30, location TBA. Join your fellow ministers for a mid-week gathering!

### A message for YAs

You're coming to SUUSI! That's awesome! The YA schedule is still a big secret until its final coat of wax, but you can expect some exciting adventures, in-depth discussions, crazy games, hanging out a good bit with the Teens and Medians as well as a cut rug or two at our dancing venues. Keep an eye on our listserv and myspace for the unveiling of our YA schedule and announcements on CACHE themes & more. Wondering what you should pack for the week?

Must haves are cameras, swimsuits, music, instruments, and fans! Also, bring your games, toys, inflatable any-things, your favorite clothes for all types of weather and for dressing up, an open mind, good ideas, and great feelings. If you bring a book, this is fair warning that you will have little time to read it. That is, unless you enjoy seclusion and introversion, which is totally cool too. Also bring your artwork, art supplies, instruments, pimp canes, and hair dye and any other random stuff you want to share, show, sell, or sit on...

Join the YoungAdult listserv to get the 'goods' on SUUSI happenings ahead of time. Email ya@suusi.org to join the online community, ask questions, or share ideas. Mark Weathers, YA Director (YA Curator) ya@suusi.org THANKS!!!

## WORKSHOPS

### Cancelled Workshops

- 104 The Key to Raising More Money
- 121 Science of Medicinal Cannabis
- 127 Utilizing Christian Myths 3
- 140 Christmas in July
- 212 Wicca 101
- 213 Labyrinth as Metaphor
- 214 Secret Path to Spirituality
- 222 Socially Responsible Investing
- 224 Wood-Base Basket Making
- 240 Grateful Dead Spirituality

If you signed up for one of the cancelled workshops SUUSI will notify and credit you the cost of the workshop. You may either choose a refund (paid after SUUSI) or credit towards another workshop or trip.

### New Workshops

We've added several workshops since the catalog was printed. You may register for any of these workshops via online registration or using paper forms. You can read about all of these workshops at <http://suusi.org/2007workshops>

### 103 The Writing Way: Explorations

Miriam Davidson and Kiya Heartwood will help participants explore various styles of writing.

### Covenant Group Facilitator Training

#### 152 Tuesday and Thursday Morning 235 Tuesday and Thursday Afternoon

SUUSI staff is planning to introduce covenant groups (also called small group ministries) during SUUSI 2008. If you're interested in this exciting program, sign up for workshop 152 or 245 to learn more and receive training from Rev. Morris Hudgins to help start the covenant groups at SUUSI in 2008. More information is available at <http://suusi.org/covenantgroups>

### 308 Co-Housing Field Trip

Response was so great for the Co-Housing Field Trip on Wednesday that we've added an additional Co-Housing Field Trip on Monday!

## NATURE TRIPS

### Review Your Trip Requirements

Please review all of our trip requirements. If your trip requires any special items, add them to your packing list. Nature staffers won't be able to detour the van to the nearest sporting goods store.

- tied, immersible shoes
- water bottle
- flashlight with working batteries

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.

Lots of nature trips still have openings! Whether you're a newcomer, a veteran, like leisure or more strenuous activity, we have something for you.

We mean it.

If a trip is labeled "Strenuous", please make sure you are physically prepared.



### Discovery Trips

- 503 Walking Tour of VT
- 500 Hunt for edible plants.
- 512 Look for birds (Also 515)
- 520 Visit Smithfield Plantation (#520)
- 522 Mabry Mill on the Blue Ridge Parkway

### New Trips and Hikes!

- 530 A strenuous 35-mile road bike trip
- 513 Geocaching
- 602 Brush Mountain Traverse
- 603 Brush Mountain Traverse, opposite route
- 650 A Day at Mountain Lake
- 652 John's Creek Mtn/Kelly Knob combo

### Boating /Canoeing Experiences!

- 702 Essentials of River Canoe
- 710 Intro to Whitewater Kayak

## New Kayaks

Sit-on-top kayaks have been replaced by more user friendly open-cockpit kayaks.

- 709 Kayaking on the Lake.
- 711 Kayaking on the River
- 715 New! Family Friendly Tubing & Cookout
- 720 Messing with Boats. Despite rumors otherwise, this youth nature trip is for ages 9-12 only.

## Two Great New Caving Trips!

- 803 Picket's Cave.
- 806 Giant Caverns

### Building SUUSIships with Books

Please consider bringing used books, movies, or music for the SUUSIship Sale. Items will be collected at Registration and available during SUUSI at the Bookstore. All proceeds will be used for future SUUSIships.

## Ropes Course Changes Venue

Trip 802 has moved from Camp Roanoke to Wilderness Adventure at Eagles Landing. Spend the day with friends traversing a double strand bridge, a climbing net, a tree climb and a 900-foot zip line. You're gonna remember this one, people!!

**Requirements:** You must have hiking boots or other shoes with good traction and stretchy pants (jeans do not stretch). Parent release required.

## Check your catalog for lots more!

Whatever you choose, SUUSI nature staff will make sure that your trip is fun and safe. Drop by the Nature Tent every day to see what trips are available. Even if your confirmation letter says the trip you wanted is full, check with us frequently- there are often cancellations!



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