

# SUUSI TEEN INFORMATION

## **SUUSI Teens, Parents, and Guardians:**

SUUSI 2009 is almost here! The teen staff and teen leaders have been hard at work planning the teen program for this year. This year we'll be living in Draper, which is just across the quad from Boling (last year's teen dorm) and has the same big, air conditioned basement and first floor lounges where the whole dorm can gather for meetings and activities! (Remember that the rest of the dorm is not air conditioned. You'll still want to bring a fan.)

In this letter you'll find a few reminders, a basic schedule, and a parent/guardian locator form. Please take a few minutes to read everything carefully, and feel free to get in touch with Lindsay, the Teen Director, if you have any questions.

## **Before you arrive**

### **Parents/Guardians**

Please contact the Teen Director ([teens@suusi.org](mailto:teens@suusi.org)) with any important information you think the staff needs to know about your teen. Advance knowledge of their unique needs helps us assign teens to a touch group and ensure that they (and you!) have a great SUUSI.

Review the rules with your teen, establish a plan to meet up every day, and decide if there are any additional rules or guidelines that you both agree on. Remember that teen staff cannot be responsible for these additional rules or for dispensing medication.

Please fill out your Parent/Guardian Locator Form so that you can post it on your door when you arrive on Sunday. Remember to update it if your schedule changes throughout the week – should we need to contact you quickly for any reason, the Parent/Guardian Locator Form helps us find you.

***Make plans to attend the mandatory Teen/Parent/Staff meeting at 9:15pm on Sunday night.*** It

will be held in Preston, which is the same building where Ingathering is held earlier that evening. We will go over important additional information about the teen program at that time.

### **Teens**

Look at the schedule and pack accordingly! You may want musical instruments for Tuesday night's coffee house, costumes for the CACHE themes and the first annual SUUSI Teen Pageant, or money for the thrift store, movie trip, or bowling. Talk with your parents or guardian about the rules and about getting together every day to check in.

TWOBers, please note that the only time we could get vans for a thrift store run is during auditions, so you'll need to coordinate with your parents/guardians to make a trip another time if you would care to go.

## **When you arrive**

Head to check-in, so that you can get your room key and meal card and get your picture taken for the mug book. Be sure to stop by the Teen table to meet some of the staff, pick up your meal card, and find out any pertinent information. You may also sign up for the Monday night Harry Potter movie trip at that time.

Then, head to the dorm to get settled in, meet the teen leaders, make a mail bag, and sign the banner. Meet other teens for dinner at 5:30pm before gathering for the banner parade. We'll return to Preston directly after Opening Circle for our Teen Ingathering. Touch group assignments and name tags will be given out at the end of our ingathering, just prior to the Teen/Parent/Staff meeting.

Parents/Guardians who don't have to attend the Youth Open House are welcome to watch Teen Ingathering prior to the Teen/Parent/Staff Meeting. ***Be sure to be seated in Preston Auditorium for the Mandatory Teen/Parent/Staff Meeting by 9:15pm!***

We'll try to cover all the important information quickly and thoroughly, but if you still have questions, Lindsay, the Teen Director, will be available directly after the meeting to answer them. If for some reason you will be unable to make the meeting, please let Lindsay know in advance.

## Teen Schedule:

We've included the basic teen schedule so that you can get an idea of what to expect from the week. Activities that are required are highlighted in pink. If you expect to miss any of the required activities (for a workshop, nature trip, other event, volunteer/staff hours, etc), please let your touch group leader or the Teen Staff shift leader know in advance.

## Touch Groups

Touch groups are small groups of 8-12 teens led by a teen leader. They meet each afternoon at 5pm and give teens an opportunity to connect to one another, talk about their day, and hear any important announcements. Touch groups are an essential part of teen life, so if a teen has to miss one, they must notify their teen leader in advance.

## 1am Check-In

Teens are required to check in with their touch group leaders at 1am every night (2am on Friday night). If you plan to go to bed early or stay with your parent/guardian, you **must** sign in with the shift leader in the Teen Staff office on the first floor of the teen dorm before you do so. Please note that CACHE runs until curfew, so teens must leave a few minutes early in order to be back at the teen dorm to check in on time.

## Afternoon Workshops

All teens are expected to participate in afternoon workshops from 2-4pm each day. Many teens are already signed up for workshops or nature trips outside the teen dorm (such as TWOB, the Rock & Roll Band, and Teen Tubing). For everyone else, there will be several options each day, including

trips, arts & crafts, social justice discussions, and athletics. There should be something for everyone! Sign-ups for each workshop will be posted in the Teen Dorm lobby, so have a look when you arrive and sign up for your picks. Workshop offerings for the following day will also be announced each evening at Teen Meeting.

## Teen Meeting

Each evening during the week, the teen community gathers for a teen meeting and activity. This is an opportunity to share important announcements and reminders and to do something fun together.

On **Monday**, we meet at 9pm for announcements and for Intimacy Chat, a mandatory, informative, and entertaining presentation about life in the teen community. Intimacy chat includes a conversation about what intimate behaviors are appropriate at SUUSI, how to handle life in intensive community, and who teens can talk to if they have any questions or concerns throughout the week.

On **Tuesday** night, following the YA worship service, we'll meet from 8-10pm for Coffee House. It was such a success last year, we've decided to move it to an earlier time so everyone will be awake to attend. Teens will be able to sign up for a 5 minute time slot to share their talents with the teen community. Don't forget to bring whatever you'll need so that you can perform!

**Wednesday** is Drag Day in the teen dorm, which is a great chance to break out of your usual style and persona and try out something new and different. This year, teens will have a chance to showcase their creativity in our first ever SUUSI Teen Pageant! Come as a girl, a boy, a diva, an alien... whatever you can think of. Just be prepared to show us your talent, answer a few questions during the interview portion, and convince the judges that you deserve the crown! Family and friends are welcome to come watch the festivities, which will take place at the teen dorm starting at 9:15pm on Wednesday night.

Prior to the pageant, the young adults invite the teens over for Honesty Chat, an hour-long in-

tentional conversation that allows teens to ask questions of the YAs in a safe environment about anything--school, work, family and relationships, intimacy, or even what being a teen was like 10 years ago. Be thinking about questions you'd like to have answered!

**Thursday** night is very special for our 17-year-olds, who bridge from the teen dorm into the young adult program during all-SUUSI worship at 7pm. Be sure to bring your tissues and your cameras – we'll gather all the bridgers on stage right after the service for a photo op. After that, we'll rock out at the School of Rock performance, featuring several of our talented teens. Then the 14-16 year olds will return to the dorm for teen leader elections while the 17-year-olds are being welcomed into the young adult community.

On **Friday** night, we begin packing up the dorm, we welcome the 13s following their coming of age ceremony, and we head to the second showing of TWOB. TWOB tickets will be provided to all teens once their touch groups have finished their dorm cleaning and packing assignment, so parents/guardians don't need to worry about getting a ticket for their teens.

**A word about teen leaders:**

Teen Leaders are teens who are elected to serve on teen staff at the end of the previous SUUSI. These ten teens each run a touch group, assist with workshops, and are a big part of the reason the teen dorm is such a wonderful place to be. Being a teen leader is a big responsibility and a very rewarding one. All teens who plan to attend the following SUUSI are eligible to run – look for the nomination sheet on the wall in the front hall. Teens may only nominate themselves, and they must do so by 1am check-in on Wednesday night if they wish to run. Teen Leaders for 2010 will be elected on Thursday night and announced on Friday.

# 2009 SUUSI TEEN SCHEDULE

Times and events are subject to change – check the teen dorm lobby for updates. **Please note that required activities are in bold.**

| <b>SUNDAY</b>         |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| 10am-5pm              | Check-In                                |
| 10am-5pm              | Move In/Banner Making                   |
| 5pm-6pm               | Staff Meeting                           |
| 5:30pm-6:45pm         | Dinner                                  |
| <b>6pm-6:45pm</b>     | <b>Staff Dinner</b>                     |
| <b>6:45pm-7pm</b>     | <b>Gather for banner parade</b>         |
| <b>7pm-8:30pm</b>     | <b>Ingathering &amp; Opening Circle</b> |
| <b>8:30pm-9:15pm</b>  | <b>Teen Ingathering</b>                 |
| <b>9:15pm-9:45pm</b>  | <b>Teen/Parent/Staff Meeting</b>        |
| <b>9:45pm-10:30pm</b> | <b>Touch Groups and Photos</b>          |
| 11pm-1am              | CACHE                                   |
| <b>1am-1:15am</b>     | <b>Touch Group Check-In</b>             |
| 1:15am-2:15am         | Late Night Snacks                       |
| 2am-2:45am            | 7-11 Run                                |
| 3am-4am               | WINK                                    |

| <b>MONDAY</b>  |  |
|----------------|--|
| 7:30am-9am     | Breakfast                                |
| 9am-12pm       | TWOB workshop                            |
| 9:30am-11:30am | Hangin' in the Lobby and Living Room     |
| 11:30am-1pm    | Lunch (Group leaves from steps at 11:30) |

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| 12:30pm-5:30pm    | Teen Tubing                             |
| 1pm-1:45pm        | Staff Meeting                           |
| 2pm-4pm           | Afternoon Workshops                     |
| 4pm-4:45pm        | Teen Leader Meeting                     |
| <b>5pm-5:45pm</b> | <b>Touch Groups</b>                     |
| 5:45pm-7pm        | Dinner                                  |
| 7pm-7:45pm        | All-SUUSI Worship                       |
| 7pm-8pm           | TWOB workshop                           |
| 8pm-8:45pm        | Concert Hour                            |
| <b>9pm-9:45pm</b> | <b>Teen Meeting &amp; Intimacy Chat</b> |
| 9:45pm-1:45am     | Trip to see Harry Potter Movie          |
| 10pm-1am          | CACHE                                   |
| <b>1am-1:15am</b> | <b>Touch Group Check-In</b>             |
| 1:15am-2:15am     | Late Night Snacks                       |
| 2am-2:45am        | 7-11 Run                                |
| 3am-4am           | WINK                                    |

| <b>TUESDAY</b>    |  |
|-------------------|--|
| 7:30am-9am        | Breakfast                                |
| 9:30am-11:30am    | Hangin' in the Lobby and Living Room     |
| 11:30am-1pm       | Lunch (Group leaves from steps at 11:30) |
| 12:30pm-6:30pm    | Teen/YA Triple Slog                      |
| 1pm-1:45pm        | Staff Meeting                            |
| 2pm-4pm           | Afternoon Workshops                      |
| 4pm-4:45pm        | Teen Leader Meeting                      |
| <b>5pm-5:45pm</b> | <b>Touch Groups</b>                      |
| 5:45pm-7pm        | Dinner                                   |

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| 7pm-7:45pm        | All-SUUSI Worship: Young Adults        |
| <b>8pm-10pm</b>   | <b>Teen Meeting &amp; Coffee House</b> |
| 10pm-1am          | CACHE                                  |
| 10:15pm-10:45pm   | 13s Trust Walk                         |
| <b>1am-1:15am</b> | <b>Touch Group Check-In</b>            |
| 1:15am-2:15am     | Late Night Snacks                      |
| 2am-2:45am        | 7-11 Run                               |
| 3am-4am           | WINK                                   |

| <b>WEDNESDAY Drag Day</b> |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| 7:30am-9am                | Breakfast                                |
| 9:30am-11:30am            | Hangin' in the Lobby and Living Room     |
| 11:30am-1pm               | Lunch (Group leaves from steps at 11:30) |
| 1pm-1:45pm                | Staff Meeting                            |
| 1:30pm-5:30pm             | Teen Recreational Kayaking               |
| 2pm-4pm                   | Afternoon Workshops                      |
| 2:30pm-4pm                | Teen Climbing Wall                       |
| 4pm-4:45pm                | Teen Leader Meeting                      |
| 4:15pm-5:15pm             | Candidate Forum                          |
| <b>5pm-5:45pm</b>         | <b>Touch Groups</b>                      |
| 5:45pm-7pm                | Dinner                                   |
| 7pm-7:45pm                | All-SUUSI Worship                        |
| 7:30pm-8:30pm             | Teen/YA Honesty Chat                     |
| 8pm-8:45pm                | Concert Hour                             |
| <b>9pm-10pm</b>           | <b>Teen Meeting &amp; Pageant</b>        |
| 10pm-1am                  | CACHE                                    |

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| <b>1am-1:15am</b> | <b>Touch Group Check-In (TL Nominations Due)</b> |
| 1:15am-2:15am     | Late Night Snacks                                |
| 2am-2:45am        | 7-11 Run   |
| 3am-4am           | WINK   |

| <b>THURSDAY</b>   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| 7:30am-9am        | Breakfast                                       |
| 9:30am-11:30am    | Hangin' in the Lobby and Living Room            |
| 11:30am-1pm       | Lunch (Group leaves from steps at 11:30)        |
| 1pm-1:45pm        | Staff Meeting                                   |
| 2pm-4pm           | Afternoon Workshops                             |
| 4pm-4:45pm        | Teen Leader Meeting                             |
| <b>5pm-5:45pm</b> | <b>Touch Groups</b>                             |
| 5:45pm-6:30pm     | Bridger/YA Dinner                               |
| 5:45pm-7pm        | Dinner  |
| 6:30pm-7pm        | Prep for Bridging                               |
| <b>7pm-7:45pm</b> | <b>All-SUUSI Worship: Bridging!</b>             |
| <b>8pm-8:45pm</b> | <b>Concert Hour: School of Rock!</b>            |
| <b>9pm-9:45pm</b> | <b>Teen Meeting &amp; Teen Leader Elections</b> |
| 10pm-1am          | CACHE   |
| <b>1am-1:15am</b> | <b>Touch Group Check-In</b>                     |
| 1:15am-2:15am     | Late Night Snacks                               |
| 2am-2:45am        | 7-11 Run  |
| 3am-4am           | WINK  |

| <b>FRIDAY</b>        |  |
|----------------------|--|
| 7:30am-9am           | Breakfast                                |
| 9:30am-11:30am       | Hangin' in the Lobby and Living Room     |
| 11:30am-1pm          | Lunch (Group leaves from steps at 11:30) |
| 1pm-1:45pm           | Staff Meeting                            |
| 2pm-4pm              | Afternoon Workshops                      |
| 4pm-4:45pm           | Teen Leader Meeting                      |
| <b>4:45pm-5:45pm</b> | <b>Touch Groups - Clean Up</b>           |
| 5:45pm-7pm           | Dinner                                   |
| <b>7pm-8pm</b>       | <b>Clean Up</b>                          |
| 7:45pm-8:30pm        | 13s Coming of Age                        |
| <b>8:15pm-8:30pm</b> | <b>Teen Meeting &amp; walk to TWOB</b>   |
| <b>8:30-9:00pm</b>   | <b>Walk to TWOB</b>                      |
| <b>9pm-10pm</b>      | <b>TWOB</b>                              |
| 10pm-2am             | CACHE                                    |
| 2am-2:15am           | Touch Group Check-In                     |
| 2:15am-3am           | Closing Worship                          |
| 3am-3:45am           | 7-11 Run                                 |
| 4am-5am              | WINK                                     |

| <b>SATURDAY</b> |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 7am-7:15am      | Wake-Up Noise                            |
| 7:15am-9am      | Check Out of Room (inc. handing in keys) |
| 9am-9:30am      | Closing Circle                           |
| 9:30am-11am     | Final Clean Up                           |