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# General Information

SUUSI is in its 49th year as an intentional community of 1,000 Unitarian Universalists and others of all ages. We gather for a week in July to share our spirituality, explore our interconnectedness, learn new ways of seeing our world and each other, delight in the joys of meeting old friends and making new ones, share outdoor adventures, make music, and dance. This year we will gather on the campus of Radford University, nestled among the Blue Ridge Mountains in southwestern Virginia.

This brochure will help you with your planning. Additional information will be included in the confirmation packet that is mailed to registered participants by about July 1.

## Will this be your first SUUSI ?

Welcome! We're glad you're joining us. Several activities are planned to help get you acquainted and feel part of our large family.

To become familiar with the Radford campus, we suggest you take a campus tour on Sunday afternoon after you go through Registration. Plan also to attend the Newcomer's Reception on Monday afternoon, where you will meet other newcomers and be officially welcomed by the SUUSI Board and Staff.

In planning your week at SUUSI, leave space to relax and reflect. It is common for first-year folks to overschedule. This is easy to understand—there are so many wonderful things to do! But, it isn't necessary to do it all *this* year. Save something for SUUSI 2000 and beyond.

If you have any questions while reading this brochure or before coming to SUUSI, contact Roz Massel at (770) 493-8385. We look forward to meeting you at SUUSI '99!

## Getting to Radford

Radford University is located 45 miles southwest of Roanoke, VA along Interstate 81. Driving time is approximately 4 hours from Richmond, VA and 3 hours from Charlotte, NC.

**By air:** Fly to Roanoke Regional Airport. From the airport, take Interstate 581-North to Interstate 81-South and follow the directions for traveling by car. Reservations for limousine service to and from the airport may be made by calling Blacksburg Limousine Service at (540) 951-3973 (advance reservations must be made for stops in Radford; the limo service in the airport is much more expensive to Radford). Rental cars are also available at the airport.

**By car:** From Interstate 81, take exit 109 onto US Route 177-North. Follow Route 177 (which becomes Tyler Avenue)

approximately 4 miles. Turn right onto Norwood Street and proceed one block to the university entrance on your right.

**By bus:** Take Greyhound/Trailways to Radford. There is a flag stop at a gas station on Main Street, just a few blocks from campus. The phone number for local taxi service is (540) 639-5531.

Signs will be set up at the entrances to the Radford campus to direct you to SUUSI Registration when you arrive on July 25.

## About the Campus

The 79-year-old campus of Radford University, surrounded by the Blue Ridge Mountains and bordered by the majestic New River, is a perfect environment for SUUSI. Its 175-acre campus in the city of Radford (population 16,200) is attractive, cool, easy to maneuver, and friendly. With plenty of comfortable residence halls; high-tech meeting rooms, classrooms, and auditoriums; and an outstanding new recreation center, RU has everything we need to create whatever kind of SUUSI we want.

## Accessibility

SUUSI tries hard to accommodate any physically challenged persons; however, we cannot guarantee the accessibility of all workshop space nor the ease of accessibility in all campus situations. Radford is a relatively small, quite flat campus and has ramps, curb cuts and an excellent map of facilities for those with special needs. Truly wheelchair accessible rooms (roll-in showers, etc.) are very limited and available only in an air-conditioned dormitory. SUUSI provides limited on-campus shuttle transportation. Be sure to note any special needs on your registration forms.



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## Campus Tours

Tours of the SUUSI areas of the campus will be held on Registration Sunday, July 25. Check the newsletter in your confirmation packet for times and additional information.

## Community Expectations

- We have an abundance of freedom at SUUSI. With it comes full responsibility. Be alert and let's all help make SUUSI safe and enjoyable for everyone!
- In our community of ±1000, 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.
- 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.
- Leave pets at home. There are no accommodations on campus for live animals.
- Radford city laws prohibit skates and skateboards on sidewalks.
- Radford University prohibits open flames inside any building on campus. We have special permission to light the chalice at Ingathering, Theme Talks, and Worship Services. These are the *only* exceptions.
- 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.

## Off-Campus Housing

Since air-conditioned housing is limited this year, we are providing a partial listing of local motels. **Comfort Inn** (540-639-4800), **Super 8** (540-731-9355), and **Best Western** (540-639-3000). If you elect to stay off campus please check the "no housing" box on your enrollment form.

## Dining

Meals at SUUSI are designed to please as many of us as possible while incorporating sound nutritional choices. Each meal has multiple offerings including unlimited seconds. Vegetarian selections are available at each meal. We work with Radford University to offer you the best possible in cafeteria food. The first meal served at SUUSI will be on Sunday evening.

## Housing

**Air-conditioned housing is limited** to one dorm this year, Norwood Hall and will be assigned on a first-come/first-served basis. You and your roommate must register together in order to assure that you are housed together. Space will not be held for unregistered roommates. A block of handicap-accessible rooms will be reserved for individuals with special needs.

We will be staying in residence halls on campus. Rooms are in suite arrangements with 2 rooms sharing a bath. Each room is furnished with 2 beds, 2 desks and chairs, a double dresser, a night stand, window blinds, and a recycling/trash bin. A 42-channel cable-ready outlet and a telephone jack are also supplied. You must bring your own phones and hook-up cables; room phone connections are for local calls only. Long distance calls, including credit card calls, must be made from pay phones.

**Important Note:** Linens will **not** be available for rent (they are provided in air conditioned rooms), so plan to bring your own sheets, towels, blankets, and pillows. Also you may want a fan for non-air conditioned rooms.

Housing areas will be set aside for child-care co-op (described on page 4), families, teens, young adults, and adults only. Private rooms ("singles") are available in non-air conditioned dorms by purchasing both beds in a room. For a fee of \$24 per child for the week, up to 2 children (under 18) may sleep on the floor in non-air conditioned rooms if both beds are paid for. This does not apply to the teen dorm. You may also indicate a preference for loud or quiet housing on your enrollment form. Those not requesting either will be grouped together. Look for cost of registration and housing in the Enrollment section beginning on page 40.

For more information about rooms and their availability contact Krista Meinersmann 770-512-8183.

## SUUSI Sales and Artisans Bazaar

Come to **SUUSI Sales** to find:

- Books requested by your workshop leaders
- SUUSI logo T-shirts and other memorabilia
- Books or items related to workshop topics
- Tapes and CDs by SUUSI performers

If you want to volunteer in the store, advance notice is required. Please fill out the Volunteer Form found on page 46 and return it with your Enrollment Form.

The **Artisans Bazaar** (Workshop #247) will have jewelry, crafts, and other 100% self-made merchandise for sale.

The bazaar is run by the artists as a co-op. When you purchase co-op items, 10% of the selling price goes to SUUSI. You will be supporting both SUUSI and the UU artisans.

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# SUUSI Services

## Information Office

The Information Office is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to answer your questions and help direct you to resources for solving problems or to staff members who can assist you. A message board is located in the Information Office so that participants may exchange notes; this is the board where mail and phone messages you receive at SUUSI will be posted. If you expect to receive mail or phone calls, it's a good idea to check the board daily. Lost and found items? Check at the Information Office.

Late registration is also conducted in the Information Office by General Workshops and Nature staff. Read your confirmation packet newsletter and watch the daily **SUUSINUUS** for telephone numbers, mailing address, hours of service, and hours of late registration. If you need an emergency phone number, Radford campus police can be reached at 540-831-5500.

## Child-Care Co-ops

Co-ops enable parents with young children to enjoy Nightlife. Families signing up for the co-op dorm have rooms grouped in clusters. Parents take turns watching over a small number of rooms. Two adults are always on duty in each co-op area, with one adult in plain view of any child who might need help.

The meeting to organize co-ops will be early Sunday evening prior to Ingathering. Watch the Sunday NUUS for details. SUUSI does not operate the co-ops, but rather provides help to enable parents to set up co-ops among themselves.

**Each child must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.** Any child found unsupervised or making excessive noise will be brought to Nightlife and turned over to their parents.

## SUUSINUUS

A key communication tool for the SUUSI community is the newsletter. The **AM NUUS** is distributed each morning Monday through Friday at breakfast. It provides community news, updates to the basic daily schedule, and other important announcements. The **PM NUUS** is distributed at dinnertime 3 evenings during SUUSI week. Watch for news spots this year from SUUSI's Teen Program. Because of production and printing schedules, the deadline for submitting material is 24 hours before press time.

## Volunteers

Make magic and enrich your SUUSI experience by becoming a SUUSI Volunteer. SUUSI is an all volunteer effort. By volunteering, you will learn more about how SUUSI fulfills dreams and maybe you'll help make a wish come true. Please consider giving a half hour before Theme Talks or Worship Services to hand out programs. Also, practice a random act of kindness, and keep your eyes open for someone who could use help. Fill out the Volunteer Form on page 46 and mail it in with your registration. Don't let the form confine you! Be sure to let us know of any special skills you'd like to share.

Volunteer Coordinator Marlene Lieb will contact volunteers by mail before SUUSI. Some will receive their assignment(s) with their packets at Registration. If you can't decide what to volunteer for now, stop by the Volunteer table during Registration to sign up. You will be referred to the various areas where volunteers are needed.

During the week, be sure to check the Volunteer Board in the Information Office to see what other areas may need help. Your good service will keep the SUUSI spirit thriving. For more information, contact Marlene Lieb (410) 679-3040, e-mail: [lieb@netfox.net](mailto:lieb@netfox.net).

## Health and First Aid

SUUSI maintains a first-aid liaison whose goals are to prevent illness and accidents and to assist you with any medical emergencies.

Please complete the medical information on the Enrollment Form and attach a note explaining any special circumstances. We need to be aware of pre-existing medical conditions, but cannot treat them. Bring your own medications and supplies for these, or plan to seek treatment elsewhere.

Bring your own band-aids, aspirin, and the usual vacation remedies. We are here to provide tips and referrals only. We highly recommend that you not over-stress your body by pursuing activities way beyond your normal regimen.

Office hours are scheduled each day for wellness resource and first aid counsel or referral. Emergency service is available by contacting the Information Office and having the SUUSI nurse paged. Emergency numbers, office locations, and hours will be listed in your confirmation packet, at Registration, and in the Sunday **SUUSINUUS**.

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# Special Events

## Community Time

**Parade to Ingathering:** Reach out to SUUSI friends old and new for the celebrated **Banner Parade to Ingathering** on Sunday evening. We gather at this special time from our congregations and communities to celebrate becoming the SUUSI community. Bring a banner from your congregation—or make one to show us who YOU are! Location will be announced in the **SUUSINUUS**.

**Daily:** We gather each afternoon for Community Time from 5:30 to 7:00. Look for a large, varied group of SUUSI-ites of ALL ages having fun! We will be face painting, blowing bubbles, making buttons, creating sidewalk chalk art, and playing croquet and bocci ball. Live music will abound. Bring an instrument and join in.

**New this year:** Our informal Craft/T-Shirt/Whatever Sale will be held on Friday afternoon. Sellers are requested to contribute a minimum of \$10 for SUUSIships. Bring your own tables or ground cloth.

**Monday:** Sidewalk Festival, with games for the little kids, ice cream, bubbles, fun for all.

**Tuesday:** New Games and other athletic happenings.

**Wednesday:** SUUSI's 49th (can you believe it?) Birthday Party, complete with cake, watermelons, and the famous Seed-Spitting Contest, open to all ages.

**Thursday:** You are invited to a Lawn Party, hosted by the Young Adults, who promise lots of fun—including the famous corn starch thing!

**Friday:** Relax, catch up with friends and family, look for special goodies at the Craft/Tee Shirt Sale, and get ready for Friday night! Also a good time to meet for attending TWOB.

**Saturday:** Gather at 9:00 AM to say goodbye in a new way as we send our SUUSI energy out into the world. Location to be announced in SUUSI NUUS.

Volunteers are needed, wanted, encouraged, and welcomed! Spend 30 minutes or 2 hours and have fun while you help. To “reach out” and volunteer, fill out the registration form under “Volunteers” or contact Jane Sanders at (770) 814-8305.

## Receptions

If you, or your non-profit, non-commercial group would like to schedule a reception during SUUSI, please contact Jeani Jessen at (843)851-2348. Receptions planned include Newcomers, SUUSI Boosters, and other groups. The reception schedule will be announced in the **SUUSINUUS**.

## Mug Book

The Mug Book is a portfolio of pictures and addresses of SUUSI attendees. Your photo will be taken at Registration, and books will be available on Thursday of SUUSI week. If you would like one or more copies, please order them for \$7 each on the Enrollment Form. Since we base our print quantity on the orders we have received, please be sure to reserve a copy no later than Registration Sunday.

## SUUSI Athletics

Want to reach out and challenge yourself? Feel like a quick game of volley ball? How about a swim to de-stress? Once again, we will have access to RU's Dedmon Center for swimming, racketball, weights, and free exercise. In addition, watch the quad area for volleyball, frisby golf, soccer, and other fun stuff. The Athletics Kiosk, located in the cafeteria, will be your guidepost to organized athletic events for all ages and abilities.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact Jeani Jessen at (843)851-2348

## Teen Way Off Broadway

Teens. Got a hankering for the footlights? Want to wow your friends and family? Make great new friends? It's time again for TWOB—its 13th year! The play is, of course, still a closely guarded secret, but Director Mina Greenfield and her staff promise great songs and two wonderful performances Friday evening. Teens interested in this week-long workshop should register for Workshop #400 or contact Mina Greenfield at minag@mindspring.com or (804) 244-7968.

## Service Project

Reach out to our host community—Radford—with a gift of your time and talents to demonstrate our UU spirit of caring and community. This year we return to two locations within walking distance of the Radford campus: The Women's Resource Center (a shelter for battered women and children) and The Club (day care for mentally retarded adults). Youth (ages 12 and 13), Teens, and Young Adults are encouraged to participate. See Workshop #410-#410. You can choose half or full day(s). You may also help by making a donation when you register, which will help cover the cost of supplies we use during the week or be given to the two centers.