

General Workshop and Nature Trip Information

Picture yourself exploring a new philosophy or a mountain trail and examine the diverse selection of Workshops and Nature Trips in the rest of this brochure. Don't wait until you get to SUUSI to register for an activity. Workshops and Nature trips will be canceled if they do not attract a sufficient number of preregistered people. Register early for popular workshops and trips to avoid the disappointment of them already being full— capacity is often limited. The earlier your registration is received, the greater the chance you'll get in. If a workshop you select is filled and you have listed an alternative choice, you will be placed in the alternate workshop if it is available. There are no waiting lists.

Check the description for your scheduled activities carefully. SUUSI can be as hectic or as relaxing as you want, but few of us have mastered the ability to be in two places at the same time. You can change your schedule during registration on the first day of SUUSI and get refunds for workshops and Nature trips that you drop then. After you finish registration, you may still add or change workshops and Nature trips (on a space-available basis) during scheduled hours in the Information Office . Only Nature trips can be changed at the Nature Tent.

Fees for Workshops and Nature Trips

Workshop and Nature fees are listed per individual. We strive to keep your cost as low as possible and to offer plenty of free experiences. Fees pay for the Workshop and Nature programs, workshop materials, vans, etc. Workshop Leaders are volunteers who receive credit towards their SUUSI costs. If you are interested in presenting a workshop in 2003, contact the workshop coordinator at workshops@suusi.org in September.

NOTE: After you register on Sunday, no refunds will be issued for workshops or Nature trips unless SUUSI has to cancel the scheduled activity for safety (usually bad weather) or logistical reasons. You can apply workshop or Nature trip credit to another workshop or Nature trip, up until 24 hours in advance of the time of the first meeting of the workshop/trip you wish to change. Once the workshop or Nature trip has started, no credits or refunds will be given.



Artisans Bazaar and Gallery

Come to SUUSI and see what our Artisans and Crafters have created! You will not only be able to view, but purchase original works of Art and Craft including SUUSI souvenirs and UU themed works. All merchandise is made by SUUSI attendees. Part of the proceeds goes to help fund SUUSIships. Open from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm each day. If you'd like to sell your work, check out the details and register for workshop 401.

Teen Way Off Broadway (TWOB)

It's TWOB's 16th year! What began as an informal performance in a cafeteria is now a full-fledged theatrical extravaganza! TWOB gives our fabulous teens an opportunity to showcase their multiple talents in an original play. Previous productions include "Alice in SUUSIland", "How the Grinch Stole SUUSI", and "The SUUSI Bunch".

This intense, week-long workshop wraps up in a Friday night performance for the entire SUUSI community. Actors, singers, dancers, stagehands, set designers, set builders, and tech support are needed and welcomed to make this performance possible! Teens, if you have a love for the stage, are interested in designing/building sets, like the technical aspect of production, or have no theater experience at all, check out workshop #402.

Are you a teen, but don't have any theater experience -and still want to meet really great people? That's okay, too!

Nightlife

How do you top off a wonderful and busy day of workshops and outdoor activities? You PARTY HARD!

We have so much fun available to choose from each night that you'll wish you could be in more than one place at a time! . . . And you thought it was tough to pick your workshops!

The typical SUUSI evening starts after Worship with Concert Hour, featuring a performance by a nationally touring artist or SUUSI participant. Then SUUSI Nightlife kicks into full gear at 10 pm. Nightly offerings include performances at Cabaret, dancing at Serendipity (with alcohol) and CACHE (Clean Air Clean Heads Everyone). Cabaret is a talent show with SUUSI participants, including some excellent professional entertainers as well as new talent. And there's a casual place to meet and share conversation – the Common Ground Cafe coffee house.

Serendipity

Serendipity is the dance party for all those 21-years-old and up. Shake your booty well into the night! Our DJ will play a variety of music ranging from disco to country, and rock 'n roll to show-tunes. The atmosphere is festive and everyone gets to dance, dance, dance! Bring a CD for special requests; we play a wide range of music! If you're interested in a guest DJ slot at Serendipity, please contact Devin Gordon at nightlife@suusi.org

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 and smoke free room. The musical emphasis is on dance music from the modern club scene but also includes everything from hip hop to '80s favorites. If you like to dance like you mean it, this is the place to be! Bring a CD for special requests. If you're interested in a guest DJ slot at CACHE, please contact Devin Gordon at nightlife@suusi.org

Cabaret

Cabaret is SUUSI's very own intergenerational talent showcase. If you want to perform or to see some of your SUUSI friends perform, this is the place to be.

In response to overwhelming demand from the SUUSI community, Cabaret will be alcohol-free all night every night this year. That also means that

SUUSI participants of all ages are welcome to perform and attend Cabaret at any time. In an effort to make Cabaret fitting for all ages, all performers who take the stage for the first half of the night will be asked to keep their material "family friendly."

We will start the SUUSI week off with "Open Mic" on Sunday evening. Open Mic(rophone) is the period at Cabaret that ANYBODY can have about 10 minutes to show the world their stuff. Many performers from Sunday will be invited back to perform later in the week.

New this year, there will be an open mic session each night in order to insure that everyone who wishes to perform has the opportunity. For part of the evening each night, anyone can perform at Cabaret. Following the open mic, SUUSI favorites will take the stage in scheduled performances. Each night's schedule will be posted by lunchtime in a central place.

We will wrap up the week with Jamboree on Friday night. This is when two or more musical entities who have never before appeared together on the Cabaret stage agree to play together for the first time (and hopefully the same music...). It's a night for great fun and innovation.

Want to perform in Cabaret? Check in at the Nightlife table during registration on Sunday. Cabaret welcomes all performing talent, so bring your musical instruments, dancing shoes, poems, comedy routine, etc.

Common Ground Cafe

The cafe was a new addition to SUUSI Nightlife in 1999 that has developed a life of its own! This space is available for relaxation & conversation throughout the evening for those fourteen years old and over. In the tradition of a true coffee house, coffee, tea, pastries and soft drinks will be available. Please bring games (chess, monopoly, playing cards, etc.) to share with others.

Common Ground Cafe will also be the SUUSI Late Night spot this year. There will be no performances at Common Ground during regular nightlife hours, but Late Night will crank up at 1 am. Everyone is welcome to participate.

If you'd like to participate in Nightlife or have any ideas for how we can further enhance our Nightlife options at SUUSI, please contact Devin Gordon at nightlife@suusi.org. Your help and input will be very much appreciated.

Concert Hour

Each evening at 8:30 pm the SUUSI community gathers for the all-ages Concert Hour.

Monday – The New Last Rights

The group, originally known as “Last Rights,” was started by Steve Greenberg and Steve Glickstein in 1989. Recent addition Heather House has added a new dimension to the group, enhancing their chemistry and harmonies.

The New Last Rights has appeared extensively in the South Florida area, and is considered the best folk group of its type in Florida. It has been featured on numerous occasions at the South Florida Folk Festival, the Florida Folk Festival, the Delray Affair, and other festivals. Recently, the group, like many other top acts, has been appearing on the house concert circuit, and has toured in Maryland and Virginia. It has also opened for such nationally-recognized folk acts as Fred Small, Steve Key, Oscar Brand, and Tom Paxton.



Tuesday – Peter Mayer

Mountains and motorcycles, pigs, pubs and planets: insight, hope and humor - such are the ingredients one finds in the songs of Peter Mayer. Mayer's songs are fresh and unique, earthy and intimate, inviting the listener to consider the deeper aspects of life. The standard lyrical menu of love lost and found is not among his offerings, but rather, an eclectic blend of thoughtful songs about the collective human journey. His welcoming voice and inventive guitar work along with his honest delivery provide the perfect vehicle for his down-home wisdom.

Peter, a Minnesota native with a background in Theology, began touring full-time in 1995. Since then, he has amassed an enthusiastic and dedicated word-of-mouth following. As a solo artist, Peter performs 130+ shows a year at acoustic music venues throughout the United States.

Wednesday – Kat Eggleston

Kat is one of the most accomplished singers / songwriters today. Elating audiences with her beautiful blend of sweet melodies and gentle honesty, Kat's music is universally appreciated by young and old, alike. Kat now has three CD's released and available from Waterbug Music.

Kat's songs touch a wide range of life's experiences with unusual clarity and authority. On “*Second Nature*” we're in for honest lyrics honestly sung. In a clear alto with flawless intonation, Kat goes straight to the lyrical and emotional truth of every word and every note. Her musings on home, childhood, and her father's garden are gems of direct, unassuming plain-spokenness. “Fury” and “The Stranger” - the first a narration of domestic violence, the second a surprising, slightly oblique tale of an abortion told to a friend - push hard at our senses and then demand we return again to pick up the pieces we dropped on first hearing, pieces that fill in another and another of the gaps in our comprehension of these difficult and personal experiences.



Young Adults

“Ah, what a blessing to be a Young Adult at SUUSI 2002!!! We would like to welcome one and all (between the ages of 18-25 at the start of SUUSI [over 17 and under 26, as of July 21, 2002]) to join the exciting world of the SUUSI YA’s!

Activities range from informative and enlightening workshops on topics like sexuality, politics, baby oil/sugar exfoliation, becoming what you love, fun-loving nature trips, and athletic endeavors. Each day our spiritual chef will prepare a recommended daily allowance of spiritual nutrition that highlights the UU in SUUSI. We have a talented and enthusiastic staff that will help Young Adults forge a close and supportive community to form within the larger SUUSI community.

This community is centered in the Young Adult dorm, a living space that will have a central meeting area for worship, discussion, mailbags, and activities. Young Adults wishing to room with people outside of the 18-25 age range (or wanting to stay in the air- conditioned dorms) will need to make that clear when they register for housing.

As always the YA program will strive to share our talents and energy with others — let us know if you want to participate in some of our activities. Watch out for performance art; YA musicians are talented, numerous, and dressed like Cher singin’ “Do You Believe?”

Bring your games, swimsuit, toys, instruments, pictures for the great picture exchange, and good feelings. In addition to field trips in the local area (nothing is sacred in the scavenger hunts...), there’s also a love feast, bridging ceremony (for 25 year olds), New Year’s Eve party, school uniform disco, special nature trips, dancing, and SO much more... Also, don’t forget to bring an extra pair of clean underwear to be incorporated in a YA banner.

As described by a recently graduated YA’er: YAs at SUUSI are kind of like the actors you see on a TV show about a group of people who get along really well, except we don’t do it for money. We do it because we have more fun in one week than 51 other weeks I won’t care to mention, they know who they are.

Do YOU Believe?

Ideas? Questions? Contact Courtney Cannon at ya@suusi.org or call (561) 393-2423

The Medians

Welcome to the second year of a program for those ages 26-35! Now this MEDIAN PROGRAM is a little different than other groups in SUUSI history, since it is age-centered rather than age-exclusive. So, anyone 21 or older can choose to live in this space, and it will also be open to people who’ve been alive for more than 35 years who feel that they belong.

The workshops and gatherings will be coordinated so that we sign up for a few of the same workshops throughout the week. (Check in at the Median table at registration to find out what they are!) Last year, the tubing trip was a SMASH HIT!

We will also have a daily gathering similar to a touch group where we can get to know each other and perhaps what makes us tick. So bring some ideas for group games, fun crafts, discussions, or skills that you have always wanted to share! The sky’s the limit, and we can work to join our concepts and make this program exactly what we want it to be. So, get your registration in early, don’t forget to write in “Medians” under “group name,” and feel free to email me with any questions you might have. See you soon! Love, Pinkie Bergmann uupinkie@hotmail.com

SUUSI ATHLETICS

Hankering for a little physical activity to distract you from all the drum circles and crafts? Want a chance to really push yourself? Get the feeling that a little competition is just the stimuli that you need to make this SUUSI complete? Look no further than HARDCORE ATHLETICS, the chance to exercise without the Richard Simmons factor. This year will be much of the same great games, ULTIMATE Ultimate Frisbee, Super Xtreme Football(American AND European Versions this year), the CAMPUS WATER-GUN ASSAULT, Slammin’ Volleyball, Street Basketball, and a possible trip to the pool. All activities will be pumped up! This year we continue to have access to the War Memorial Gym for the less competitive, but no less hardcore, exercising activities (pumping iron, run/walking, etc.), and if interest is shown possible water polo, yoga, etc. could occur. Also, watch as Athletics slowly creep into your Community Time with more family orientated games. This is YOUR Athletic program, so I NEED YOUR input to make this ROCK! Contact Anthony Severo at geezerfan@hotmail.com for questions, comments, and most of all SUGGESTIONS.

YOUTH PROGRAM

The goal of the SUUSI Youth program, provided for SUUSI-goers aged 0-13, is to create a safe place for participants to explore, interact and grow through outdoor activities, art projects, drama, music, team building, games and more. To facilitate this goal, the individuals who will be working with the age groups are all people who enjoy working with children. Our Age Group Leaders have experience working with youth in RE, at school or at a variety of camps. Many of these staff members were once participants in the SUUSI youth program themselves. Additional staff includes specialists in art, sports, drama and movements.

In an effort to enable youth and their parents to attend SUUSI's daily Worship (which has been scheduled at seven o'clock every evening), there will be no Evening Programming this year. We encourage everyone to attend Worship. We will be continuing Late Night Programming for the 13s this year from 9 pm until 11 pm. And don't forget about the SUUSI-wide picnic on Friday afternoon!

We are committed to the safety of all youth at SUUSI, which is why we will be continuing the curfew which begins at 9 pm. Youth should remain either in their dorms or with their parents or guardians from 9 pm in the evening until the following morning. If youth (of any age) do not attend programming, they must remain with their parents/guardian during the scheduled programming hours and are subject to the curfew. 13s who participate in Late Night Programming will be escorted to their dorms at 11 pm. Youth who come to SUUSI with adults other than their parents must be sure to have signed guardian forms, which are located on the bottom of the next page. Look for more information in the Confirmation packets! If you have any questions about the Youth Program please contact the Youth Directors, Michael and Emily Ivey, at (770) 931-2871 or send email to youth@suusi.org and we will be happy to help you out.

Age groups will be assigned based on the age of the child as of July 21, 2002.

Programming Hours

8:45 - 9:00 **Check in.** Parents drop youth aged 0-13 off at their classrooms and check in with their Age Group Leaders.

9:00 - 12:15 **Morning Programming.** Youth will participate in classroom activities, field trips, arts & crafts, music and games.

12:15 - 1:45 **Lunch.** Youth aged 3-8 must be picked up by their parent/guardian for lunch. Youth aged 9-13 who have prior written permission from their parents or guardians may sign themselves out for lunch - folks without permission must be picked up by their parent/guardian.

The 0-2 year-olds may either go to lunch with their parents or have lunch in the classroom.

1:45 - 4:15 **Afternoon Workshops and Programming.** Youth aged 0-4 will have programming in their classrooms at this time (usually a nap - SUUSI can really take it out of you!). Our 5-6 year olds will have exciting activities brought to their classroom (art, music, drama) or will take field trips at this time. For everyone else (7-13) a variety of workshops have been planned including: art, music, theater, trips, indoor and outdoor games just to name a few of the things that will be happening (more about workshops in the confirmation letter!). The same check in/out rules apply to Afternoon Programming.

9:00 - 11:00 **Late Night Programming.** Late Night Programming is only provided for the 13 year-olds. As part of the Coming of Age program, 13s will be provided with adult supervised activities during this time. If 13s choose not to attend, they are subject to curfew.

All children under the age of 14 are the responsibility of his/her parent/guardian during the hours that they are not part of a SUUSI structured program.

2002 Youth Permission Form

This form must be enclosed with the Registration forms for all youth age 0 to 13. **We must have one form per participant. Please make copies of this form for each additional child.** Be sure to indicate any medical information on Section I of the Registration forms.

Parent: _____

I do hereby give permission for my child, listed below, to participate in all SUUSI activities (both on and off site) and release SUUSI from any liability associated with these activities. It is understood that my child will either participate in the SUUSI programs or be under my care, supervision, and responsibility. Photocopies of this document shall have the same force and effect as the original. The SUUSI first aid liaison is authorized to obtain medical care as needed for this child. I have provided medical information in Section I regarding medicine, allergies, and/or special medical considerations if applicable.

Child's Name _____

Age: _____

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Guardianship Statement Form

(For children not your own and under 18 years of age.) If you bring children who are not your own to SUUSI, this form must be signed by the child's legal guardian, **notarized**, and submitted with Registration forms. You may not serve as a guardian for more than two youth or teens who are not your own.

Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

I do hereby authorize (SUUSI Guardian), _____

to give permission for medical or surgical treatment and otherwise act as guardian for my child listed below.

Child's Name _____

Age: _____

Signed: _____

Relationship: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2002

My Commission expires _____

I agree to serve as guardian at SUUSI for the child listed above.

Signed: _____

Relationship: _____

You must be 21 or older to be a guardian.

YOUTH & TEEN FORM

Parent's Authorization for Medical Treatment and Travel

This form must be completed for each participant who will be under 18 years of age at the beginning of SUUSI week, particularly if a guardian is bringing the youth/teen. We need one form per Youth or Teen. Make copies as needed.

Participant's Full Legal Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: M / F

Name of parent/guardian who will be at SUUSI:

PRIMARY CONTACT: _____ RELATION: _____

ALTERNATE CONTACT: _____ RELATION: _____

1. MEDICAL INSURANCE: It is recommended that each minor at SUUSI have continuing insurance coverage for medical costs, whether arising from illness or injury. Applicable medical insurance for this participant is in effect with:

COMPANY NAME: _____ POLICY #: _____

NAME OF POLICY HOLDER: _____ GROUP NAME OR #: _____

2. AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT: In the event of accident or illness, I/we hereby authorize SUUSI, through its staff and volunteers, to seek and obtain such medical advice, care, and treatment of my/our child and hereby authorize such treatment, as if I/we were personally present. If I/we cannot be contacted directly to give my/our consent, this form may be used as a medical power of attorney on my/our behalf from July 21, 2002 through July 27, 2002.

3. LIABILITY WAIVER: In consideration of the inherent potential for personal injury or property damage to any participant in sponsored programs and activities at SUUSI, to the extent permitted by law, I/we hereby release and indemnify SUUSI and its staff and volunteers from liability for their acts or omissions in good faith.

4. TRANSPORTATION: I/we give consent to SUUSI staff, volunteers and workshop leaders to transport my/our child by van, bus or automobile.

5. MEDICATIONS: I/we give permission to the SUUSI staff to give this participant the following over-the-counter analgesics or antihistamines if necessary. Please include any specific instructions below on this Form.

_____ Ibuprofen _____ Acetaminophen _____ Aspirin _____ Benedryl

Other (explain): _____

6. ALLERGIES/MEDICAL PROBLEMS: Please list any known allergies, medical problems or current medications for this participant. Include prescription and over-the-counter medications, food and insect allergies:

FAMILY PHYSICIAN/PEDIATRICIAN'S NAME: _____ PH# _____

PARENT'S (GUARDIAN'S) SIGNATURES:

Date: _____

Additional comments as needed:



2002 Teen Permission Form

This form must be enclosed with the Registration forms for all Teens age 14 to 17. **We must have one form per participant. Please make copies of this form for each additional teen.** Be sure to indicate any medical information on Section I of the Registration forms.

Parent:

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2002

My Commission expires _____

I agree to serve as guardian at SUUSI for the child listed above.

Signed: _____

Relationship: _____

You must be 21 or older to be a guardian.



Notarized Proof of Age Form

Each new teen registering for the SUUSI Teen Program must provide, along with other enrollment forms, a notarized driver's license or birth certificate as proof that they are between 14 and 17 years of age as of July 21, 2002.

1. Make a photocopy of birth certificate or driver's license.
2. Take the photocopy and the original document to a notary.
3. Have the notary sign the copy affirming that it is an unaltered copy of the original document.
4. Mail the notarized copy along with your registration forms.

Teen name : _____

Age on July 21, 2002: _____

___ Notarized copy of birth certificate or driver's license attached

2002 Rules for Teens Form

Fill out one copy for each teen (14-17 as of July 21, 2002) registering for SUUSI. Photocopy this form as needed.

1. No weapons, violence, or destructive behavior.
2. No use or possession of alcohol or illegal drugs.
3. There will be no leaving the teen dorm between 1am and 6am unless accompanied by your parent or guardian, or for a pre-approved, scheduled activity. A pre-approved, scheduled activity is one that appears in the SUUSI brochure and/or confirmation newsletter and/or Sunday newsletter.

Violation of rules 1, 2, or 3 will result in expulsion from SUUSI.

4. No abuse of legal drugs.
5. No smoking in the teen dorm.
6. Parent/ guardian will be responsible for damages done to individual teen's room.
7. Parents/ guardians will establish their own expectations for their teen and will maintain daily communication. Also, they will inform Teen Staff prior to removal of their teen from the campus.
8. The SUUSI Director shall provide information to encourage and empower teens to decline sexual intimacy of any kind, and further, that education shall be provided about sexual identity, violence, and safe sex.
9. The Board recommends that parents/ guardians of SUUSI teens discuss sexuality with their teen prior to SUUSI.

Bed checks will not be made by Teen Staff. However, after curfew Security Personnel will patrol the Teen Dorm and Quad area. Parents and/or guardians will need to establish ground rules and room curfews with their teens during non- programmed time. Teen Staff is responsible only for those teens who attend scheduled programming. Parents and/or guardians are urged to post their schedules on their doors. Teens and parents and/or guardians should sign out at the front desk in the Teen Dorm when leaving the campus.

I, (Teen) _____ understand that the violation of any of these rules will result in my immediate removal from the Teen Dorm.

I, (Parent/ guardian) _____ understand that if my child or I fail to comply with any of these rules, I will have to take my teen out of the Teen Dorm. If rules 1, 2, or 3 are violated, I will take my child home.

Signature of Teen _____ Age: _____

Signature of Parent _____

SUUSI Guardian _____

Teens Teens Teens Teens Teens

The Teen Program is an intense community experience for people between the ages of 14 and 17. During the week of SUUSI, we share many things—space, worship, ideas, games, food, music, play, laughter, and tears, to name a few. In the SUUSI Teen Program, friendships are made that last a lifetime.

At SUUSI 2002, teens will have many new opportunities to bless the whole SUUSI community. From Teen Talent Time at Cabaret and Teen Style at Community Time to our bridging service and Wacky Olympics, teens will be showing all of SUUSI their many gifts.

The old favorites will be back, too. We'll still play Wink on the drill field every night, make awesome craft projects, go to the 7-11, form drum circles on the quad, make midnight snacks with Ms. Suusi Buffet, take road trips to the thrift stores, and play cups in the lobby.

In fact, there will be interesting, challenging and fun activities 24 hours a day, all week long. Draft copies of the Teen Schedule will be mailed out to teens and parents in early July, and a final copy will be in every registration packet at SUUSI.

One of the best parts of the Teen Program is our nightly Teen Worship, planned by and for teens. Teen Worship is a time for gathering as a community and sharing stories, experiences, hopes and dreams. Teens will also help plan and lead Thursday night's all-SUUSI worship celebrating life's transitions. Please bring your favorite readings, music, and worship ideas to share with us in these worship services.

Be sure to check out General Workshops - many are open to teen participants. In addition, we hope that this year's teens will produce a third annual special edition of the SUUSI NUUS.

Special Teen Nature trips start Monday with inner tubing on the New River - register for #731, this is a special community event not to be missed! Check the Nature section for Teen and other great trips, and be sure to register for them to guarantee you'll have a space.

Music is a big part of SUUSI—both in and out of the Teen Program. Be sure to bring your instruments—drums, guitars, horns, violins, whatever. Teens are warmly encouraged to perform at Cabaret. And don't forget about CACHE, the nightly dance party that's open to everyone 14 and over.

Above all, the Teen Program is about choices, and lots of them. So get set for an exciting year at SUUSI 2002.

Life in the Teen Dorm

Teen activities are in O'Shaughnessy Hall. You can choose to live communally in O'Shaughnessy Hall (co-ed floors), or to stay with your parent/guardian. Teens not living in the Teen Dorm are welcome to join any activity at any hour, but between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. must check in with the staff and be accompanied by a parent/guardian when coming to or leaving the Teen Dorm.

The Teen Dorm is a busy place and the center of all Teen Program activities. Something is happening in the dorm 24 hours a day. Because of this, the dorm is divided into areas for sleeping and areas for activities.

We keep strict quiet hours on the sleeping floors (midnight to 7:00 a.m.), and have a 24-hour courtesy policy on these floors (because we know that someone will be sleeping at pretty much all hours).

In order to protect the safety of all teens, access to the Teen Dorm will be through the front door only. This door will be locked only between the hours of 1:00 am and 6:00 am, when teens must be in the dorm, on a pre-announced Teen Program activity, or with their parents/guardian (see the Rules for Teens).

The extent to which your teen participates in our program is up to you and your teen. All teens and their parent/guardian must sign our behavior agreement as part of the registration process. See the section in the enrollment packet entitled "Rules for Teens." Read these rules carefully.

Attention Teens and Parents: This is VERY IMPORTANT

The SUUSI Teen Program is only for people 14 to 17 years old as of July 21, 2002. Because of this, all Teens must have proof of age on file with SUUSI. Everyone new to the SUUSI Teen Program must provide a notarized copy of a birth certificate or driver's license as a proof of age with your registration. If you're not sure we have it — send in another (it can't hurt). Don't forget! You will not be able to stay in the teen dorm or participate in the teen program without this! Absolutely no exceptions will be made.

Important Information for Parents and Guardians of Teens!

Guardians of teens must be at least 21 years of age and each guardian may only be responsible for 2 teens (other than their own). All teens must also provide proof of age with your registration (see above). Being a guardian is in all respects equivalent to being a parent.

Your responsibility for the teen will be for the duration of SUUSI. All parents, guardians, and teens are required to attend Sunday night's Teen Program Orientation, the exact time and location of which will be in the Arrival NUUS when you register at SUUSI.

Parents/guardians are welcome to visit the Teen Dorm at any time. For the safety of the teens and staff, a Teen Staff member will ask you to identify yourself with your SUUSI name tag, and that adults will be allowed in the Teen Dorm only when escorted by a Teen Staff member. No exceptions will be made to this rule.

You will be sent a schedule for the week early in July, and a copy of the Teen Schedule will be in your registration packet when you arrive at SUUSI. Any updates to that schedule will be posted each day in the Teen Dorm lobby. You will need to discuss your teen's schedule and make time each day to meet. Each teen and teen staff member will have a mailbag for messages and goodies. We really do want to hear from you!

Teen Staff

Teen Staff have a wide range of backgrounds, life experiences, points of view, cultures, theologies and skills. We are there to create a safe space for you in which you can learn, explore, experiment, laugh, cry, sing, play, talk, share, and open up to each other. We are there to create an environment that is free of physical and emotional danger, and to empower you to have as much fun as possible.

Feel free to contact the Teen Director, **Ted Walsh** at teens@suusi.org or (919) 384-0132 if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions. Also, please contact us if you're over 21 and would like to be a part of this wonderful staff group in future years.