



Winter NUUS
 for the
*Southeast Unitarian Universalist
 Summer Institute (SUUSI)*
July 22-28, 2001 in Blacksburg, Virginia
www.suusi.org

SUUSI 2001 - The Interdependent Web

About 1,000 people will assemble, as we have for over 50 years, for workshops, nature trips, worship, music, reflection, and "intentional community." We'll gather for the last week of July on the Virginia Tech campus in the southern Appalachian mountains.

We hope you'll come this year. Better yet, bring your family and friends. It's not just a vacation - it's a special time in your life, and in your connections with others and the natural world.

Staff Openings

SUUSI is run by volunteers who dedicate substantial time to serve on various staffs, as well as volunteers who lend a hand for an hour or two throughout the week. No one at SUUSI gets a salary, but being "on staff" qualifies for a discount on registration costs.

There's still time to apply to be on the SUUSI Teen Staff for this year, and to start thinking about 2002. The application form is available at the SUUSI Teen web site (www.suusi.org/teens/). For more info, contact Michael Tino at teens@suusi.org

There may also be spots available on Youth Staff this year. Contact Kathee Williams at youth@suusi.org

Know Photoshop?

Richard Hallmark is looking for fellow wizards to help process the digital photos for the Mugbook. "Plan A" is to use Photoshop and FileMakerPro, on Macs, to create the Mugbook completely at SUUSI. Lend a hand - contact him at macwiz@rickhallmark.com

The First Time Is Special

Do you remember your first time... at SUUSI?

Odds are, it was a blur of activity, of strangers hugging and laughing while you wondered "Is this for real?" Perhaps you had a friend who had encouraged you to come to SUUSI, but hey, where did they go in the crowd at Registration?

You may remember a wee bit o' angst, wondering if you were on the outside of a circle which would not include you in. And perhaps you too had the wonderful experience of someone saying "Hi, I'm glad to see you here. My name is..."

If you're an experienced old-timer, or even new to SUUSI, we invite you to make first-timers feel comfortable from the very start. We're developing and implementing some new ideas - wanna help? Please contact Cyndy Bailes, Newcomers Coordinator, at csb@icx.net or (865) 483-7533.

SUUSIships

SUUSI is a cost-effective week - but yes, there's still a cost, and we don't want that to block people from participating in our community.

Limited funds are available for SUUSI scholarships, known as SUUSIships. Everyone is strongly encouraged to support SUUSIships through the annual used book sale. Bring your books, CD's, audio cassettes, and videos to SUUSI and donate them there. (Oh - start saving them now!)

We'll accept donations on the first day of SUUSI ("Registration Sunday") and sell them during the rest of the week. If you donate or if you buy, you're doing a good deed. Purchases from the Artists Coop and the Common Ground Cafe coffee house help finance the SUUSIships too. Cash and check donations are also encouraged. They can be included with registration forms, plus you can donate (rather than retrieve) the key deposit that we all make at the start of SUUSI.

SUUSIships are based on need, and on the ability to participate in and contribute to the SUUSI experience. To be considered for the first round of awards, your application must be received by May 15. All requests and applications are kept strictly confidential. Adult SUUSIship recipients are expected to contribute 10 service hours. Youth aged 10-17 are assigned hours based on age.

Paperwork? Yes, there's a little paperwork required... Required documentation includes a copy of the most recent IRS 1040 form as well as a personal statement/explanation of need, explaining any special circumstances that are not indicated by an individual/family's taxable income. To receive a SUUSIship application, contact:

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Volunteers

Volunteers are an integral part of the interdependent Web of SUUSI. From the late night Coffee House to Daily Morning Theme Talk, from Face Painting at Community Time to the wonderful madness of Registration, volunteers make SUUSI successful.

Without the effort of each volunteer, SUUSI would cost much more money if it existed at all!

SUUSI is an all-volunteer effort. Through volunteering, you will learn more about how SUUSI functions and you will meet more of our community.

Keep the SUUSI spirit alive by volunteering for at least a half hour during the week. There is no restriction on the amount of time you can volunteer.

For more information, contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Erin Lieb, at (410) 825-6713 or row4va@excite.com

Median

Introducing a BRAND NEW program for those people aged around 26-35!

Now this is a little different, since it will be 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 over 35 who feel that they belong.

The workshops and gatherings will be grassroots-style, and we will also try to coordinate taking some workshops as a group.

We will be having some daily group time, and we will set up when that will be at the beginning of the week, when it's convenient for everybody! 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 will work to join our concepts and make this program exactly what we want it to be. So, get your registration in early, and feel free to email me with any questions you might have. See you soon!

Love,
Pinkie Bergmann
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A "Peek" Experience: An Early Look at the 2001 Nature Workshops

(see www.suusi.org for over 100 Workshops too, if you don't want to wait for the catalog in April)

Monday Morning

501 Morning Bird 1	6:45am-9:45am
509 Nature Photography	7:30am-noon
517 Herb Gardening Techniques	8:30am-noon
527 There & Back Again	9:00am-noon
601 "Not So" Hike 1	8:30am-11:30am
701 Sit-On-This! 1	8:00am-12:30pm
800 Introduction to Rappelling	8:30am-1:00pm

Monday Afternoon

507 Dixie Caverns	1:30pm-5:30pm
515 Bicycle Maintenance...	2:00pm-5:00pm
525 Travertine Falls Discovery	1:30pm-5:30pm
530 Ecology of SUUSI - Geology	2:00pm-4:00pm
625 Cascades Cookout	12:30pm-8:00pm
626 Triple Slog 1	1:00pm-6:00pm
702 Introduction to Canoeing 1	1:15pm-5:30pm
731 Teen Tubing	1:15pm-5:30pm
801 Introduction to Rappelling	12:30pm-5:00pm
802 Intro. to Caving at Tawney's	12:30pm-6:00pm

Monday All day

650 Learning to Backpack	8:30am-4:00pm
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Monday Evening

675 Deep Forest Novice Meditation	6:30pm-10:00pm
676 Bald Knob Sunset	7:00pm-10:30pm
703 Night Owl Canoe -Young Adults	6:45pm-10:30pm

Tuesday Morning

508 Mountain Lake Discovery	8:00am-2:00pm
512 New River Bike Trail 1	8:00am-12:30pm
602 Bald Knob	8:00am-noon
603 Pandapas Silent Walk	6:15am-8:15pm

Tuesday Afternoon

531 Ecology of SUUSI - Rivers	2:00pm-4:00pm
627 Falls of the Little River	1:00pm-6:00pm
628 Young Adult Triple Slog	1:00pm-6:00pm
629 Dismal Women	1:00pm-6:00pm
704 Family Canoe	1:30pm-5:00pm
732 Family Tubing 1	1:15pm-5:30pm

Tuesday All Day

651 McAfee's Knob	10:00am-6:00pm
705 Introduction to Sea Kayaking	9:00am-4:30pm
803 Intermediate Caving	8:00am-6:00pm

Tuesday Evening

516 Tree Identification	6:00pm-8:30pm
706 Night Owl Canoe at Whitethorn	6:45pm-10:30pm
677 Wind Rock Sunset 1	6:00pm-10:30pm
804 Teen Night Caving	7:00pm-midnight+

Wednesday Morning

519 Wildflower Identification	8:30am-12:30pm
604 Bear Cliffs	7:30am-12:30pm
707 Sit-On-This! Too	8:00am-12:30pm
805 Adult Rock Climbing	8:00am-2:00pm

Wednesday Afternoon

505 Teen Ecology	1:00pm-5:00pm
532 Ecology of SUUSI - Caves	2:00pm-4:00pm
630 Upper Cascades	1:00pm-6:00pm
733 Young Adult Tubing	1:15pm-5:30pm
806 Teen Rock Climbing	11:00am-6:00pm

Wednesday All Day

708 Intro. to Whitewater Canoeing	8:30am-5:30pm
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Wednesday Evening

504 Not an Early Bird	4:45pm-8:45pm
523 Drum Down the Sun	5:30pm-10:00pm
678 Advanced Meditation	6:00pm-10:00pm
709 Sunset Canoe	4:00pm-10:00pm

Thursday Morning

503 Half Day Bird	7:30am-11:30am
506 Fossils of Appalachia	8:00am-12:00noon
513 New River Bike Trail 2	8:00am-12:30pm
526 Pandapas Pond Discovery	8:00am-12:00noon
605 Kelly Knob	7:30am-12:30pm
606 "Not So" Hike 2	8:30am-11:30am
710 Sunrise Canoe	5:30am-9:30am

Thursday Afternoon

518 Afternoon Herb Tea	2:00pm-4:00pm
521 Explore the Cove	1:00pm-8:00pm
524 Dismal Drums	1:00pm-5:00pm
528 Chateau Morrisette Winery 1	12:15pm-6:30pm
533 Ecology of SUUSI - Birds	2:00pm-4:00pm
631 Cove Mountain/Homeplace	1:00pm-8:00pm
632 Teen's Where the Hell...?	1:00pm-5:30pm
711 Eggleston Excursion	1:15pm-6:00pm
712 Introduction to Canoeing 2	1:15pm-5:30pm
734 Adult Tubing	1:15pm-5:30pm

Thursday All Day

652 Rice Fields	8:00am-5:00pm
721 Intro. to Whitewater Kayaking	9:00am-5:00pm
807 Vertical Caving	10:30am-6:00pm

Thursday Evening

522 Yoga on the Trail	5:30pm-10:00pm
680 Wind Rock Sunset 2	6:00pm-10:30pm
713 Night Owl Canoe at Castle Rock	6:45pm-10:30pm

Friday Morning

502 Morning Bird 2	6:45am-9:45am
514 New River Bike Trail 3	8:00am-12:30pm
520 Magical Plants	10:15am-12:15pm
607 Get In Touch... Inner Nature	8:00am-12:00noon
608 Audie Murphy's Hike	8:00am-12:00noon
808 Intro. to Caving at Old Mill	8:00am-12:30pm
809 Beginner Caving	9:00am-12:30pm

Friday Afternoon

529 Chateau Morrisette Winery 2	12:15pm-6:30pm
633 Triple Slog 2	1:00pm-6:00pm
634 Cascades	12:30pm-6:00pm
635 Dismal Adults	1:00pm-6:00pm
715 The Last Canoe Trip	1:00pm-5:30pm
735 Family Tubing 2	1:15pm-5:30pm

Friday All Day

714 Whitewater Canoe	8:30am-5:30pm
722 Whitewater Kayaking	8:00am-5:30pm

To get more info about SUUSI, visit us at www.suusi.org. You may also e-mail us at info@suusi.org, or call Catherine Ring at (703) 754-8191

SUUSI HISTORY

In an effort to preserve part of our history, Alexis Jones is attempting to accumulate our memorabilia as well as information and photographs. We're making banners from old SUUSI t-shirts, creating a potpourri of colors and designs.

The project is in particular need of shirts from earlier years. Our oldest shirt is from 1973. It is one of Murphy's Laws that shirts shrink much more than the person who purchased them, so please check your storage and send those SUUSI shirts you no longer need (or can't wear) to Alexis.

Here are the types particularly needed: theme, projects (community service), activities (such as athletics, TWOB, the BOYZ), and age groups (nursery/youth/teens). We really need shirts other than the Theme t-shirts. However, even some of those are missing - we're interested in anything prior to '73, and from '74 to '78. To obtain a list of shirts we now have, contact Alexis at alexis@tcia.net

Don't put it off. The need is NOW. If you know of any people who attended some years ago and are no longer coming, please send a copy of this note to them. So check your SUUSI stuff and if you have any old photos (identify year is possible), memorabilia, shirts, or anything else that is rusting in storage, send to:

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