

SOUTHEAST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SUMMER INSTITUTE


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This deluxe Confirmation NUUS edition has all the info you'll need for SUUSI 2022. We have so much gratitude that we'll be together. We can't wait to see you!

Check-in is from 10 AM - 5 PM on Sunday, July 17, in the Bardo Performing Arts Center.

Check-in will take at least an hour. Plan your travel so you arrive in time to check in before 5 PM. Make sure to allow extra time for traffic delays. If you arrive later than 5 PM, you cannot check in until 8 AM Monday morning. You will have to arrange your own dinner and housing for Sunday night. If circumstances beyond your control prevent you from arriving before 5 PM, text or call the registrar, Connie Moore, at 540-226-5736.

 Early arrivals (before Sunday, June 17) **must be pre-approved** by SUUSI Core Staff. If you arrive prior to Sunday and have not been pre-approved, you must find another place to stay until your regular arrival day.

Questions? Concerns? Comments? Confusion?

Call **888-SUUSI-22** 24 hours a day.

Pastoral care needs? Call **844-844-HERE** for the Minister on Duty.

Someone's behavior is out of covenant?
Call **833-654-KIND** for the Covenant Accountability Team.

YOUR HEALTH AT SUUSI: 2022 Covid Protocols

RIGHT NOW: Consider buying travel insurance in case Covid disrupts your plans. Buy covid tests, one for everyone coming with you. Start taking extra precautions in public, so that you lower your risk of missing SUUSI. Consider getting a Covid booster if you haven't already!

BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME: Have everyone in your party take a rapid Covid test 24-48 hours before arriving at SUUSI. If you prefer, you may take a PCR test no more than 72 hours before arrival. Remember to pack masks! Acceptable masks include N95, KN95, or KF94, or well-fitting surgical masks. **Cloth masks may only be worn as an additional layer.** If you test positive, contact registration@suusi.org immediately. You will not be able to attend SUUSI. Plan precautions during the trip, like wearing masks while you travel.



ARRIVING AT SUUSI: Follow the posted SUUSI signs to the SUUSI Covid-19 Testing Tent, where you will be given a rapid test for each member of your party and a SUUSI safety info sheet. Take the tests in your car and remain in your car for the 15-minute testing period. If you test negative, check the appropriate box on your info sheet, and then continue on to Bardo Arts Center and begin the check-in process. **If you test positive, you will not be able to remain at SUUSI.** Please **do not** come to Bardo, and instead call 888-SUUSI-22 for assistance. If someone in your traveling party tests positive, anyone who was in the car **unmasked** with that person will not be able to remain at SUUSI.

AT SUUSI: Masks will be required for all participants 6 years old and older in the following indoor locations: • Check-in • Evening worship, Cabaret, Concert Hour, TWOB • Morning worship • Nature vans • The Artisans' Bazaar • SUUSI Store (11 AM - noon and 3 - 4 PM) • Indoor Youth and Middler Programming • Pair-a-Dice • The dining hall when not seated to eat

The first floor of Blue Ridge dorm is set aside as masks-required in hallways and other public areas. Masks are **strongly recommended** in any indoor areas not expressly mentioned above. **Please note** that SUUSI mask policies apply only to SUUSI participants. We cannot ask or require that others on campus (WCU students, staff, participants in other camps) wear masks.

Any participants exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19 at SUUSI will be asked to take a PCR test and remain quarantined and masked at all times until a negative result is confirmed. Anyone who receives a positive PCR or rapid antigen test will need to leave campus immediately (please contact 888-SUUSI-22 for assistance). Rapid PCR testing is available close to the Western Carolina University campus.



When you arrive on campus, follow the posted "SUUSI" signs. Please **drive slowly** on campus.

- ◆ Stop at the Covid testing tent to pick up rapid tests for your party.
- ◆ Park where you're directed – or let the person directing traffic know you need disabled parking.
- ◆ Know the name of your family's primary registrant.
- ◆ Pick up your registration packet. **New this year:** We're letting you choose which additional information (schedules, map, etc.) you want to have in print format. There will be an info table near the nametags.
- ◆ Visit the stations listed on your registration packet. This may include the cashier (for payments and forms) and age-group tables (if you have youth, teens, etc.).
- ◆ Get your room key and swipe card from WCU staff. Your SUUSI nametag is not in your packet! After you pick up your key, at the next station, you'll trade your WCU tag for an official SUUSI nametag.
- ◆ Have your photo taken for the Mugbook, our participant directory.

Check-in can be hectic, especially if you arrive late in the day or if your travel was stressful. A few reminders for making check-in easier for everyone:



- ◆ Move hugs and conversations to the side of the room – or better yet, catch up outside!
- ◆ Offer a hand to people who look new, lost, or confused. Help them find the Newcomers area.
- ◆ Be patient with your all-volunteer SUUSI staff as they do their best to meet everyone's needs.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10 AM - 5 PM	Check-in open • <i>Bardo Arts Center</i>
2 - 3 PM, 3 - 4 PM	Newcomer Tours • <i>Meet at the fountain in the quad</i>
4 - 6 PM	Check-in for workshop leaders • <i>Blue Ridge 102 Commons</i>
5 PM	Meeting: Middler parents & 13's • <i>LOCATION TBD</i>
4 - 8 PM	First SUUSI meal • <i>Courtyard Dining Hall</i>
6:30 PM	Gather for the Banner Parade – we'll step off at 6:45! <i>Central Plaza</i>
7 - 8 PM	Ingathering • <i>Bardo Arts Center</i>
8 - 8:30 PM	Teen & Teen Parent Meeting • <i>Bardo Arts Center</i>
9 PM - 12 AM	Cabaret • <i>Bardo Arts Center</i>
9 - 9:30 PM	Childcare Co-op meeting • <i>Blue Ridge 302 Commons</i>
10 PM - 1 AM	Serendipity (21+ dance) • <i>Hillside Grind</i>
11 PM - 1 AM	CACHE (14+ dance) • <i>Balsam/Blue Ridge Crossover Lounge</i>
1 - 3:30 AM	BBQUUSI • <i>Hillside Grind</i>

NEWS FOR NEWCOMERS

Welcome 2022 SUUSI Newcomers! My name is Dianna MacPherson, and I am the SUUSI Registration Staffer in charge of Newcomers. You can reach me at newcomers@suusi.org. Mary Blanton is also working with Newcomers this year, so you may receive messages from either of us prior to SUUSI. When you arrive, volunteers will escort you to meet us at the Newcomer table and guide you through the registration check-in area.

Did you sign up for a Newcomer Campus Tour? They are Sunday 2 - 3 PM (workshop #295), Sunday 3 - 4 PM (workshop #296), or Monday 10 - 11 AM (workshop #297). If you haven't signed up for one of these free events, just let us know so we can add that to your registration.

After Sunday, your Newcomers staff won't be going away. Find us in the SUUSI Office in Balsam, 2nd floor, rooms 230 and 202. The office is open from 8 AM - 4 PM Monday through Thursday and on Friday from 8 AM - 3 PM. Please drop by and visit us with any concerns or with just a smile during the week. Your first SUUSI can be overwhelming, and we are all here to help.

LONG-TIME SUUSIGOER?

We've lengthened the Confirmation NUUS because of feedback that a lot of new folks feel lost as SUUSI approaches. If you already know most of this stuff, just scan the Confirmation NUUS for mint-green highlights. Throughout this document, we've used mint-green stripes to signal information that may be NUUS even to the old-timers.



KEYS & CARDS

At check-in, you'll be given your room key and swipe card. The room key opens your room (surprise!), and the swipe card is used to receive meals at the dining hall and to open the outside doors of the dorms.

◆ You must return these to WCU at the end of the week or face a charge of \$35 (swipe card)/\$50 (key).

◆ Do not punch a hole in your swipe card or label it with marker; WCU considers that damage and will charge a fee.

◆ Do not remove the round paper tag from your metal room key. Without the tag, WCU won't be able to match the key to the room and will consider it a lost key.

◆ You *may* label your swipe card with removable tape such as blue painters' tape or washi tape.

◆ Youth aged 0 - 10 will not have swipe cards for meals. They'll be given a wristband at the Youth table during Check-in, which will grant them admission to meals. If they are in their own room, they will be given a swipe card for dorm entry. Youth 0 - 10 sleeping on their parents' floor will **not** be issued individual dorm entry swipe cards.

NAMETAGS

WCU will provide you with a nylon badge holder with a neck strap. Your name will be on a WCU-printed label, but this is **not** your SUUSI name tag. **You must exchange this label for your official SUUSI name tag at the table next to WCU key distribution** – except for Teens, who get their name tags at the mandatory Teen Meeting on Sunday evening. SUUSI name tags are color-coded by age group and are required for admission into SUUSI spaces. **Please wear your SUUSI name tag throughout the week.**

GETTING TO SUUSI

The Western Carolina University campus is located in Cullowhee, NC, five miles south of Sylva on NC Route 107. The closest airport is in Asheville, about an hour away. See bit.ly/GetToWCU for detailed directions and more maps to help you, or set your GPS to 1 University Dr., Cullowhee, NC, 28723. Once you get to campus, there will be signs to guide you to check-in. If you're looking for a ride or can offer a ride to SUUSI, try posting a message to the SUUSI Friends Facebook group.



UNLOADING & PARKING

Long-term parking for SUUSI participants will be in WCU lot 12, which is the same lot you'll park in temporarily for check-in. Parking directly behind the dorms is only for cars with staff parking permits or state-issued disabled parking permits.

◆ When you finish check-in, bring your car around to the Move In/Move Out zone closest to your dorm. You can pick up a SUUSI map at the info table at check-in. Move In/Move Out lots are marked with a star.

◆ Unload your car, leaving your belongings in a pile to be guarded by our Move-In staff, and move your car to the long-term parking lot.

◆ Return to the dorm on foot and relay your belongings up to your room.

Wheeled carts and wagons are useful for move-in! If you bring a cart and are willing to share it with others, ask the move-in staff to help you label it with your name and room number. The move-in staff cannot leave their areas to carry your belongings to the dorms, but all able-bodied participants are encouraged to assist those who may need help with their belongings.



THOSE FINAL FORMS

By now, the deadline to submit forms through SOLIS, our online registration system, has passed. If you have remaining forms to send in, e-mail them directly to Connie Moore, the SUUSI Registrar, at registration@suusi.org. Children coming to SUUSI for the first time must have their ages verified. Contact the Registrar for help.

If you are bringing someone else's child or teen to SUUSI, you will need to send in the guardianship forms by U.S. mail or bring the originals with you to SUUSI. **We cannot accept scanned and emailed guardianship forms.** Mail them to Connie Moore, 96 Longview Lane, Spotsylvania, VA, 22553.

DORM LIFE AT SUUSI

Are you used to staying in deluxe hotels or charming B&Bs on vacation? SUUSI housing might require a little mental re-calibration. We keep costs low and social opportunities high by living in the dorms at WCU, which are simple but well-supplied with the basics. You can expect:

- ◆ Air conditioning (now in every dorm!)
- ◆ One or two twin beds, a trash can, and a desk, chair, and dresser for each bed
- ◆ An **extremely firm** mattress. Sheets, towels, and pillows are **not** provided
- ◆ Your own bathroom (doubles) or a bathroom shared with one other room (singles)

If you'll be sharing a bathroom, please be courteous about how much time and space you take up. Remember to unlock the door to the connecting room when you're done!

Feel free to bring things to make your room more comfortable: small rugs, bedside lamps, mini fridges, and soft mattress toppers are all popular. Candles, incense burners, and halogen lamps are **not** permitted in WCU dorms.

If you'd like to hang posters or other decorations, please bring blue painters tape or Command strips. No sticky tape!

You may rearrange the furniture in your room, but it must be returned to its original position when you leave. We recommend snapping a quick picture when you arrive, so

Luckily for us, WCU dorms offer free washers and dryers for our use! You will need to bring your own detergent. Only detergents labeled "HE" or "for High Efficiency washers" may be used in the WCU machines.

BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

WCU has informed us that SUUSI will not be invited back after 2022 unless we make significant changes to our behavior. The pattern of behavior they have seen from SUUSI-goers of all ages includes

- rudeness to WCU staff
- excessive demands
- unsupervised children
- breaking NC's substance use laws

It is essential that you come to SUUSI staff, rather than WCU personnel, when you're feeling frustrated, disappointed, or annoyed. SUUSI will have a 24/7 Helpline for your questions, concerns, and requests. Just call 888-SUUSI-22. Do not bring issues to WCU staff, even if you feel you are able to do so politely. If you see someone else behaving rudely or breaking substance-use laws, please call or text the SUUSI Helpline.

What kind of behavior changes are we talking about? Here are examples:

Past: You see WCU staff doing something that doesn't seem environmentally responsible. You stop to explain to them why they should do it differently.

Future: You go on your way, deciding that you'll send an email to SUUSI's Core Staff later with your concern.

Past: The dining hall runs out of coffee, so you tell the nearest WCU worker how badly UUs need our coffee and ask them to ensure they never run out.

Future: You call 888-SUUSI-22, and a SUUSI staffer works with dining staff to address our caffeine needs. Meanwhile, you get a cup of coffee at the Common Ground Cafe.

Past: You (and everyone you know) think that marijuana laws are wrong. You bring marijuana to SUUSI and smoke it in your room or outside.

Future: You don't smoke marijuana at SUUSI at all. It's illegal in North Carolina, and our hosts care about that.

We must act with patience, understanding, and respect towards each other, SUUSI staff, and our hosts. It is no exaggeration to say that the future of SUUSI is at stake. The Core Staff and Board will intervene if people act in ways that jeopardize our relationship with our host campus – even, if necessary, to send people home – just as we hold that option in reserve for actions that cause harm to other SUUSI participants.

you'll remember where everything belongs. Be sure to pick up furniture rather than slide it across the floor; the floors scratch easily!

Please leave your room in good condition at the end of SUUSI. All room damage charges will be passed on from the university directly to the participant. Check your room when you arrive and report any damage, missing furniture, or other issues with your room.



The SUUSI Office can put you in touch with the right WCU personnel.

Please be aware and respectful of people around you. Someone might be trying to sleep nearby, day or night! Watch your volume. Be careful of noise in hallways, stairwells, and elevator lobbies.

Treat WCU housekeepers and conference staff with courtesy. They are valued members of our community.

FEELING HUNGRY?

SUUSI meals will be provided in the Courtyard Dining Hall, directly across from Blue Ridge & Balsam dorms. Unless you are Early Arrival staff, your first meal on campus will be dinner on Sunday night. Dining swipe cards have exactly enough meal credits on them for the week, so if you charge lunch on Sunday (or swipe twice for any meal), you will run out of meals before Saturday morning. If you arrive Sunday morning, plan to pay cash for your lunch, either on or off campus.



Exciting news for 2022! The Courtyard Dining Hall will be open from 6:30 AM to 8 PM daily, rather than closing in between meals as in previous years. We hope you enjoy the ability to eat during off-peak hours!

SUUSI staff work closely with the food service staff to try to assure a sufficient variety of food for any dietary needs. Lunch and dinner will always have at least four entrees, soup, and a salad bar. If you have questions or concerns about dining, call 888-SUUSI-22 for help. There will be a designated SUUSI staff person on duty in the cafeteria during peak meal hours. **Do not bring requests or complaints directly to dining staff.**

There will be special tours of the dining hall at 3 PM on Sunday and 9:30 AM on Monday for those with food allergies.

The dining hall can be crowded at peak hours, especially at lunch. We encourage you to eat early or late if your schedule permits. Boxed lunches will also be available for carry-out on the ground floor of the dining hall.

New this year: WCU will be offering divided carry-out boxes for those who prefer to eat outside or back in their rooms. Pick up a box at the cafeteria cash register when you swipe your cards. Boxes are disposable, but compostable. WCU has an active composting program.



ACCESSIBILITY

SUUSI values the inclusion of people of all ability levels. Rachel Bevins is our accessibility liaison for young people aged 0-17, and Bill Neely is our adult accessibility liaison. Contact them via 888-SUUSI-22 or via access@suusi.org

if accessibility issues arise during any SUUSI event, or if your housing assignment does not meet your requested access needs.

Star Cars are volunteer-driven golf carts which provide rides for people who need them. Star Car service is available from breakfast until Nightlife programming ends at 1 AM (2 AM Friday). Visit the Star Car table at check-in or look for the contact number in the NUUS. Star Cars may not be driven on the sidewalk anymore, so riders will have to walk to and from the nearest road or parking lot to the door. If your mobility is significantly limited, consider renting an electric cart or power wheelchair for your trip (details on last page of this Confirmation NUUS).

BRING YOUR LINENS

WCU does **not** supply linens. You will need to bring sheets (size **twin extra-long**), a pillow, a bath towel and washcloth, and a light blanket for each person in your family. If you have children who will be sleeping on the floor, you'll want to bring an air mattress or camping pad for them to use. Shower curtains are provided, but bathmats are not. Don't forget your beach towel if you're planning an aquatics trip or just want to splash in the fountain!

Also, we don't know if you've heard, but the beds at WCU are **extremely firm**. We strongly recommend that you bring some type of mattress pad. If you forget (or don't have space), there are always a few available for sale at stores in Sylva – but shop early before they run out!

NO ALCOHOL IN DORM FRIDGES

There will be under-21s housed in every SUUSI dorm this year. As a result, WCU requires that no alcohol be stored in the refrigerators in dorm lounges and kitchens. SUUSI staff will pour out alcohol left in dorm kitchens and lounges. Mini fridges are allowed in dorm rooms – you may wish to coordinate with friends to share a mini fridge, or bring a cooler.

HILLSIDE GRIND

Enjoy this large, comfortable, off-campus coffeehouse space located up the hill from Blue Ridge and the Community Time quad. It will host BBQUUSI, Serendipity, and a variety of social and food- or alcohol-oriented workshops. Pick up a SUUSI map at check-in for the exact location.



YOUR HEALTH AT SUUSI

Remember that SUUSI is a marathon, not a sprint. Make sure that you have set aside enough time for rest and sleep. Healthy food and plenty of water will also help you get through SUUSI at your best.



Remember to bring your own prescription medications and any over-the-counter remedies you may need. SUUSI staff are **not** permitted to dispense medicine of any kind – even Tylenol.

Call 888-SUUSI-22 for information on local health resources, including WCU's on-campus services and nearby urgent care facilities and hospitals. In the event of an emergency, dial 911. You do **not** need to contact a SUUSI staff member before dialing 911.

If you are injured at SUUSI, please visit the Office (Balsam 230) or talk to a Core Staffer to fill out an incident report. It's important to submit a report even if you don't blame SUUSI for your injury! Incident reports help us understand where there may be risks to others. They also help us to follow up with you to make sure you're okay.

SMOKING POLICY

WCU policy does not allow smoking or vaping inside any buildings on campus. The no-smoking policy extends **50 feet from every building**. Smoking and vaping are not allowed in the seating area outside the dining hall, on balconies, or in the courtyard between Blue Ridge and Balsam dorms. An area with picnic tables and smoker receptacles is behind Blue Ridge/Balsam, but we ask that you be sensitive to times when large numbers of participants are walking that path to get to Bardo for Ingathering, worship, or TWOB.

INGATHERING

At 6:30 PM Sunday, we'll gather in the quad outside Blue Ridge for our opening Banner Parade. We encourage you to bring a banner from your congregation and – if you like – a drum. Drummers will start gathering at 6:15 PM to practice and build the excitement. At 6:45, parade with us across campus to the site of our Ingathering service. You may also choose to skip the parade and meet us at Bardo Arts Center at 7 PM.

Ingathering service is a fun, energetic, all-ages introduction to SUUSI. Learn more about what the week will bring, preview the Concert Hour performers, and meet some folks! During our Ingathering Worship Service, we will celebrate being together, newcomers, long-timers, and all, for this week of building our intentional community. Rather than having our traditional outdoor Opening Circle, we will welcome one another, new friends and old, in a way that is compatible with the unpredictable weather in these mountains of North Carolina, is accessible for all, and allows the teens and their families to move directly into their mandatory meeting following the service.

ARTISANS' BAZAAR

The Artisans' Bazaar showcases the work of SUUSI artists and crafters. From 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM Monday-Friday you'll find • Unique handmade jewelry, fabric art, pottery, stationery, stuffed animals, and other creations • Drink tickets for Serendipity (alcohol, soda) • Raffle drawings to raise money for SUUSIships. Find the Bazaar in Blue Ridge Conference Center C&D, right next door to the SUUSI store!



THE SUUSI STORE

The SUUSI Store will be open from 10 AM - 5 PM on Sunday and from 9:30 AM - 6:30 PM Monday to Friday. Here you'll find • General-interest books and merchandise • Books recommended by workshop presenters • Books written by your fellow SUUSI participants • CDs from the fabulous musicians you'll hear during the week • SUUSI memorabilia • Raffle drawings to raise money for SUUSIships • Daily performances by musicians and authors • Pair-a-Dice games for sale • Drink tickets.

If you are an author with your books, or a musician with CDs, we would love to make your work available to the SUUSI community. Please contact Jackie Winner, SUUSI Store Coordinator, at store@suusi.org. **NOTE:** We are no longer collecting or selling used books as a fundraiser. Thanks for the past support!

GYM ACCESS

SUUSI participants are welcome to work out in the WCU gym for \$5/day, \$15/week. Buy a pass at the Campus Rec Center front desk, next to University Center. The gym is open from 6 AM - 8 PM Monday through Friday during SUUSI. Gym access includes use of the pool during open swimming hours (which will be posted in the NUUS).

HEY, WORKSHOP LEADERS!

All workshop leaders must visit Blue Ridge dorm 102 Commons between 4 - 6 PM on Sunday to pick up your information from Beth Nicholson, Workshops Coordinator.

WHO ARE ALL THESE PEOPLE?

The Mugbook is SUUSI's printed participant directory. At check-in, all members of your group will have individual pictures taken for inclusion in the Mugbook. You may have purchased a Mugbook when you registered (if you did, it will be listed under "Fees" in your registration statement in SOLIS). If you didn't, you may order one at check-in for \$10. Mugbooks will be available for pick-up in the dining hall on Wednesday evening and Thursday.

THOSE FASHIONABLE SUUSI T-SHIRTS!

T-shirts with this year's SUUSI theme art will be available for sale at check-in on Sunday. Beginning Monday, leftover shirts will be available in the SUUSI Store. No new shirts will be ordered to replace what has sold out. If you want a particular color or size, don't wait! Pick one up at check-in.

VOLUNTEER FOR SUUSI

SUUSI is an all-volunteer organization. We encourage you to share your time, talent and energy! If you signed up as a volunteer when you registered, our volunteer coordinator will contact you with your assignment prior to your arrival. Even if you didn't, we encourage you to pitch in wherever you see that help is needed! Volunteering provides a great opportunity to meet more SUUSI folks and to have a glimpse of SUUSI "behind the scenes." If you have questions, please contact Kim Breivogel at volunteers@suusi.org.

If everyone is a volunteer, how come some people are called staff? We call people "staff" if they've been chosen through an application process and work a set number of hours whenever they're needed. In return, depending on how many hours they work, staff get some or all of their SUUSI fees covered. You'll also hear some people referred to as "Core Staff." These are department heads responsible for particular areas of SUUSI. Core Staff work year-round to make SUUSI a success – and no, they don't get paid either!

SUUSI BOARD ELECTIONS

Want to help make SUUSI the best it can be? Serving on the Board is a great way to contribute to this gathering we love so much. On Thursday, we'll elect one Adult Trustee for a three-year term and one Youth Trustee for a two-year term. Want to run? For more information, contact the elections coordinator at elections@suusi.org. Nominations must be submitted to elections@suusi.org **by noon on Tuesday, July 17**. Nominees must also submit a candidate introduction to the SUUSI NUUS (nuus@suusi.org) by 1 PM the same day. Not sure who to vote for in the Board election? **There will be an Adult Board Candidate Forum in Coulter Recital Hall on Wednesday from 4:30 - 5:45 PM.** Candidate bios will be printed in the NUUS on Wednesday morning, so you'll have the opportunity to follow up with questions Wednesday evening.

SERVICE PROJECT

In 2022, we are once again working with Community Table, Cullowhee's local soup kitchen and food pantry. A monetary collection for Community Table will be taken at Monday morning worship. Donations of nonperishable food and hygiene items will also be gratefully accepted at check-in on Sunday.



SUUSI OFFICE

Helpful, knowledgeable, and friendly volunteers staff the SUUSI Office from 8:30 AM - 4 PM every day except Friday, when the office closes at 3 PM. It is located on the second floor of Balsam, in rooms 230 and 202. Come see us, or call us at **888-SUUSI-22**.

At the office, you will find:

- Information and answers to all of your SUUSI questions
- Newcomer staff to help people new to our community find connections
- Workshop and Nature Trip add-drop
- Late arrival check-in and early departure check-out
- The SUUSI Lost & Found
- Mailboxes for the SUUSI Core Staff and Board.



INTERNET ACCESS

WCU has free wireless internet access in the buildings and also in some places outside. No password is needed, but you may need to sign back on each time you enter a new building. SUUSI doesn't have control over campus internet service, which is often spotty. Dorm rooms have Ethernet ports. Bring an Ethernet cable to take advantage of it.

COMMON GROUND CAFÉ

Common Ground is SUUSI's self-service coffee house, open continuously from Sunday at 10 PM to Saturday at 1 AM. Find it on the first floor of Balsam dorm in Commons 102. Enjoy our excellent selection of certified fair-trade and organic coffees, plus hot chocolate, teas, specialty drinks, baked goods, and on-the-go snack foods. Payment is by the honor system: record your purchases all week in the Common Ground book and then settle your tab by Friday in the early evening.



PAIR-A-DICE

Pair-A-Dice is SUUSI's all day board and card game lounge, located in Balsam 305 and 330. Look for



our helpful staff at a table in the 3rd floor lobby. Play a game onsite or check it out and play elsewhere. Registration is free for 13 and under and \$5 for adults, plus \$10 if you want to compete for achievement badges and prizes. You can register and pay right at the Pair-A-Dice staff desk! You can also explore the UU-themed world of WUURTH, an on-going Dungeons & Dragons land of adventure and stories created by SUUSI game masters and players. There are six different game sessions being offered this year. Register in Pair-A-Dice, \$2 per session. Masks are required in all parts of Pair-A-Dice, and kids 13 and under must attend with a responsible adult.

OASUUS LOUNGE

In the OasUUs Lounge, we offer safe space for SUUSI POCI (people of color and indigenous people) to gather, talk, reflect, meditate, and replenish in body or spirit. Find OasUUs in Blue Ridge 271. It's open 24 hours a day. (You'll need your swipe card to access Blue Ridge.) For non-POCI SUUSI folks, please note that OasUUs is not the appropriate space to engage POCI in discussion of issues in society at large, or at SUUSI, unless invited into such conversation. If you have questions, please email Rev. Kimberley Debus, our Nurture Staff Director, at nurture@suusi.org.

SONG CIRCLE

Can't get enough music? Night owls gather from 10:30 PM until ??? in Blue Ridge 370 Commons for the Late Night Song Circle. Bring your instrument, your voice, or just your appreciation!



NATURE TRIPS

Due to a national shortage of passenger vans, travel to nature trips will be by personal car. Be on the lookout for additional information. Email nature@suusi.org with questions.

COME ONE, COME ALL TO COMMUNITY TIME!

You may have heard a rumor that Community Time is just for families with little kids, but nothing could be further from the truth. Every day from 4 - 6 PM, in the Central Plaza in front of the dining hall, we will have crafts, activities, and games **for all ages!** Meet new people, do coloring pages (adults and kids), make a SUUSI Love Rock, paint your nails, get a temporary tattoo, dance with bubbles, play games, and *so much more!* Here's a taste of what we've got planned for the week:

MONDAY: Let's kick off the week by making a Gratitude banner and friendship bracelets. Materials will be provided as well as leave one take one box!

TUESDAY: Teens Take Over Community Time! Fun with temporary tattoos and painting SUUSI rocks.

WEDNESDAY: SUUSI Pride Wear or bring your Pride swag and join our celebration of the fabulous LGBTQIA+ community. Face painting provided by teen volunteers. Make banners and swag to join for the walk at 5 PM.



THURSDAY: Kids' craft sale! Sign up now for workshop #301. Bring a blanket to show your wares. Only handmade crafts can be sold. No resell items allowed please. Bring cash to support young SUUSI entrepreneurs.

FRIDAY: Bring musical instruments for acoustic jam session with each other. Conversation starters to reflect on our week at SUUSI. Freeze pop fun!

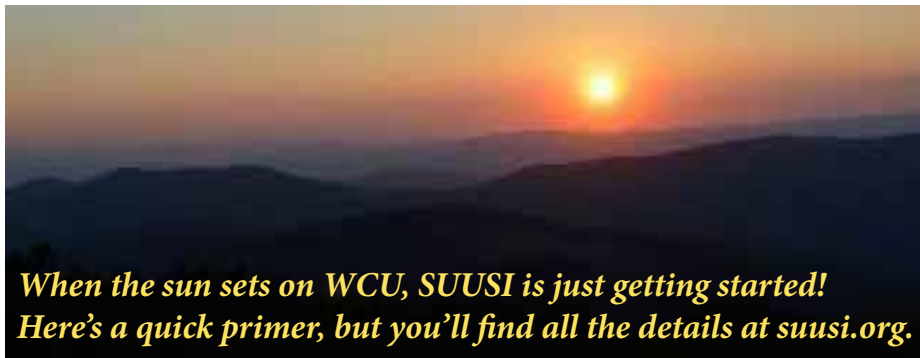
MAKING CONNECTIONS

With about 620 advance registrants, SUUSI is a large community. Looking for ways to make deeper personal connections? We've got you covered. If you're feeling overwhelmed or lonely, drop in the SUUSI Office between 8:30 AM and 4 PM, and our friendly staff will help you come up with ideas for making connections. [Here are some of our new special offerings:](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS Do you have an idea for a special meal or another event you would like to host for the SUUSI community? Would you like to propose an evening of Popcorn and Charades, or Karaoke, a Community Meal, or Mocktails and DIY Manicures? We want to hear your ideas. Contact intergenerational@suusi.org to request help funding your event.



CONNECTION CIRCLES Are you new to SUUSI or back after a while away? Perhaps you're a bit shy or simply prefer meeting with smaller groups. If you'd like the opportunity to connect with just a handful of folks at once, we invite you to join a Connection Circle. If you didn't pre-register, come to Community Time on Monday to be added to a Circle." Some of you may have been part of a "touch group" or "table team" at other conferences. If you have, you know this kind of small, intentional grouping is a wonderful way to quickly bond with a few other people.



*When the sun sets on WCU, SUUSI is just getting started!
Here's a quick primer, but you'll find all the details at suusi.org.*

CABARET

Cabaret is our nightly live music venue. To sign up to perform at Cabaret, be sure to stop by the Nightlife table at check-in on Sunday. Last-minute idea? Sign up at Cabaret throughout the week! Sunday night is the start of Cabaret with our Open Mic night from 9 PM (directly after Ingathering) to midnight. Sign up at the Nightlife table at check-in. Many of our Sunday night performers will be invited back for another set later in the week, so this is an ideal time to put yourself out there.

SERENDIPITY

Serendipity is SUUSI's 21-and-up dance club, open 10:15 PM - 1AM Sunday - Thursday and 10:15 PM - 2 AM Friday. It's a great place to dance, people watch, or relax with a beverage and friends. Like all our Nightlife venues, Serendipity is smoke-free. Alcohol and sodas will be available, but no cash is accepted onsite. You will need to buy drink tickets at the SUUSI Store, at the Artisans' Bazaar. or at Concert Hour.

In 2022, Serendipity will be off-campus at Hillside Grind because the WCU building we have used in the past can't be open late. The new location is in a residential neighborhood where, unfortunately, noise ordinances apply. We will be trying to balance the need to respect our neighbors and the need to dance! Wireless headphone rigs connected to the DJ system will be available for people who would prefer to dance outside to reduce their Covid risk. Please make sure that you follow all guidelines and directions from Serendipity staff.

In past years, Ballroom Hour opened the night at Serendipity. In 2022, Ballroom hour will be held on the Reid Gym basketball court from 6:30 - 8 PM. Begin the night there, and then head up to Hillside Grind later on to continue your night of dancing!



SERENDIPITY DANCE THEMES

SUNDAY: Wear Your 2020 Remote Work Look (Are those pajamas under there?) **MONDAY:** Rainbow **TUESDAY:** Shiny **WEDNESDAY:** Tropical **THURSDAY:** Prom Night **FRIDAY:** Tie Dye

*Information changes quickly at SUUSI, and sometimes even the emailed NUUS might be behind the times. During SUUSI, the most up-to-date information will always be found on our website, suusi.org. You can also always call **888-SUUSI-22** to get your questions answered. Thanks to SUUSI's technology department, in addition to the NUUS, each night you'll receive an email from SOLIS notifying you of everything you're signed up for the following day. Locations will be current as of that night.*

CACHE

CACHE stands for Clean Air Clear Heads Everyone and welcomes anyone age 14 and over who loves to dance. CACHE will be held in the Crossover Lounge. It is a fun, self-guided dance party in an alcohol- and smoke-free space. Our DJs will be playing the latest in dance music and invite any song requests that you have. CACHE is open Sunday night from 11 PM - 1 AM, and Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 PM - 1AM.

BBQUUSI

After hours of dancing, you're probably hungry, right? BBQUUSI offers grilled delights for all (vegetarians and omnivores) from 1 - 3:30 AM on Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday nights, and 2 - 4:30 AM on Friday night. (Technically, it's the wee hours of Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, but you know what we mean.) This



year BBQUUSI can be found at the Hillside Grind, outside Serendipity and just up the hill from our dorms!

STAYING UP TO DATE

Your SUUSI Communications staff publishes a daily newsletter known as the SUUSI NUUS. In an amazing act of time travel, you'll receive each day's NUUS the night before by email. Besides being better for the environment than the old paper version and arriving earlier, the email version of the NUUS will have color photos, more photos, and fuller story text. What a deal! Make sure the email address you have listed in SOLIS is the one you want us to use for the NUUS. Due to staffing shortages, SUUSI 2022 will **not** have a printed edition of the NUUS.



FOR YOUTH AND THEIR PARENTS

With more than 25 kids aged 0 - 10 registered for SUUSI, we're expecting the Youth program to be hopping with excitement every day! Check your confirmation packet for a letter from your child's Age Group Leader with essential information about their class schedule, such as trips, water play, and tie dyeing.

◆ Be sure to stop at the Youth table at Sunday Check-in. We'll give you information about the week ahead and supply you with your children's nametags and (for younger children) meal wristbands.

◆ One parent/guardian must attend the mandatory parent meeting held on Monday morning from 9 - 9:30 AM in the youth building (Killian).

◆ In your check-in packet, you'll find a participant locator form. Post it on your dorm room door so that Youth staff can always find you in an emergency. If all parents/guardians are going to be off campus for a trip, name an alternate adult emergency contact for your child. Post that information on your door and notify your child's Age Group Leader.

COMING OF AGE

Thirteen-year-olds at SUUSI participate in special Coming of Age programming, culminating in a special ceremony on Friday evening and an introduction to the Teen program. If you have a 13-year-old, check your confirmation packet for additional details about the Coming of Age program's special hours. The 13-year-olds get their own special introduction to the Teen Dorm as part of their programming. As the parent of a 13-year-old, you probably have your own questions as well. The Teen Staff will host a tour of the Teen Dorm and a Q&A session with the Teen Directors on Thursday at 2:15 PM.

CHILDCARE CO-OP

Signed up for the childcare co-op dorm? Here's how it works:

- ◆ Each adult in your room will be assigned one two-hour shift of co-op duty. During your shift, you'll sit in the hall with a clipboard and cell phone.
- ◆ If young kids wake up, you'll call their adult. If older kids try to wander the halls, you'll send them back to bed.
- ◆ Not on duty? Once your kids are settled, head out to enjoy the night! We'll call if they need you.
- ◆ Do you have nighttime workshops or SUUSI responsibilities? Let the co-op coordinator know as soon as possible: childcareco-op@suusi.org.

There will be a mandatory co-op meeting at 9 PM on Sunday in Blue Ridge 370. At least one adult from each room in the co-op dorm must attend this meeting.

IMPORTANT NEWS All adults in the co-op dorm must complete a criminal background check. You should have received an email from Jiffy Shore (childcareco-op@suusi.org) with instructions for how to submit your information. This must be done as far in advance as possible. If you do not submit your background check in time for it to clear before SUUSI, your family will be re-assigned to the non-co-op dorm. There will be no exceptions.



WHERE ARE YOUR CHILDREN?

At SUUSI, "Youth" are children aged 0 - 10. If your kids are 11 - 13, they're "Middlers." Age 14 - 17 are "Teens." Children between the ages of 0 - 13 must be appropriately supervised at all times, including while asleep.

◆ Young children should be with a parent or responsible adult when not in programming.

◆ Older children and Middlers may be in a set location, such as a dorm lounge, **if there are regular checks from a responsible adult.** However, parents may not go out for the evening (or go to bed) and leave kids in a lounge.

◆ Children with check-out privileges may go directly from Youth/Middler programming to an agreed-on location to meet their parents/guardians.

◆ Parents can (and do!) informally share care among themselves, as long as every child knows which adult is supervising them and every adult knows who has their kids.

◆ Co-op parents need to be home by the time co-op hours are over at 1:15 AM (2:15 AM Friday). In the family dorm (non co-op), each child must have a responsible adult present at night, even while asleep.

◆ Youth and Middlers have a curfew from 9:30pm to 6am, during which they must either be in their dorm room or with their own parent or guardian.

◆ **Youth & Middlers may not roam campus on their own**, even if they've told their adult where they're going.



Child safety concern? Call 888-SUUSI-22

YOUTH PROGRAM HOURS

Youth program hours run from 9 AM - noon and from 2 - 4 PM. You may check in your child beginning 15 minutes before each session, and to accommodate parents' workshop schedules, we allow pickup up to 15 minutes after each session. Some afternoon workshops have different start times – be sure to check your child's schedule.

At lunchtime, children 8 and under must be picked up and dropped off by a responsible adult or older sibling. Nine and ten-year-olds can sign themselves out for lunch, but are expected to go directly to meet their adults at the dining hall. Note that self-checkout doesn't apply at the end of the day! An adult must pick all children up.

YOUTH SPECIAL EVENTS

YOUTH DANCE Monday 6 - 8 PM in Hillside Grind
The very same dance venue adults use late at night will be turned over to the 10-and-unders for exciting music and fun! This dance is hosted by the Youth Staff, but parents are encouraged to stay and chaperone.



BABY DEDICATION If you want your child to be included in the child dedication at Thursday night's worship, email nurture@suusi.org or leave a note for the Minister on Duty in the SUUSI Office.

YOUTH CLOSING CIRCLE Friday 3:30 PM Parents and friends are invited to watch the children's end-of-week performances.

INFORMATION FOR AND ABOUT TEENS

At last, the week that Teens wait for year-round! Your Teen Staff and Teen Leaders are just as excited to see you as you are to finally be heading for SUUSI, and we're hard at work on a program schedule. Suggestions? Email your ideas for workshops and activities to teens@suusi.org. Don't worry – we've already got a few fun activities planned!

On Sunday, stop by the Teen table at Check-in to meet the Staff and pick up important information. All teens and their parents/guardians must also attend the mandatory Teen meeting on Sunday immediately after Ingathering, in the Bardo Arts Center. This is where Teens will get their name tags and where everyone will go over the rules and expectations for life in the Teen Dorm.

Parents, this is a great time to start a conversation with your teen about what your expectations are for behavior at SUUSI. Review the Rules for Teens, which were part of your registration materials and can also be found in the policy manual on the SUUSI website. Also discuss any additional rules or expectations required by your family.



TEEN OUTDOOR ADVENTURE: The entire Teen Dorm will be headed to the river for tubing, hiking, games and relaxing on the "beach" on Monday afternoon. Be sure to pack what you need for your chosen activity. You'll find the Nature-staff approved shoe list here: <https://www.suusi.org/shoes-for-nature-trips/>



FOR MIDLERS AND THEIR PARENTS

At ages 11 - 13, our Middlers are in the transition space between the Youth program and the bold new independence of the Teen Dorm. Parents/guardians must sign their child into Middler programming each morning **between 8:45 and 9 AM**. You may give permission for your child to sign out independently for lunch and at the end of the program day at 4pm, but make sure that you plan where you will meet up with them. Middlers are not permitted to roam campus freely without a responsible adult.

There will be a mandatory meeting for Middler parents and 13-year-olds on Sunday at 5 PM. Location is still to be announced - look for it in the Arrival NUUS. If you have a Middler in your family, please make sure that an adult attends this meeting.

MIDDLER EVENTS

DANCE PARTY FOR MIDLERS:

Wednesday 7 - 9 PM at Hillside Grind
The Middlers program will staff the event, but we would love some parent chaperones!

MIDDLER TRIP TO GLENNVILLE LAKE:

Thursday 9 AM - 1:30 PM

All Middlers are scheduled for this fun-filled half-day of swimming, water play, and nature exploration.



CLOSING CIRCLE: Friday 2:15 PM

Parents and friends are invited and encouraged to attend!

HARASSMENT POLICY

Any harassment regarding sex, race, color, ethnicity, religion, national origin, age, handicap, gender, gender identity or expression, or affectional orientation will not be tolerated.

Such harassment may include unsolicited remarks, gestures or physical contact, and display or circulation of written materials or derogatory pictures directed at any of these categories. Conduct or communication which interferes with an individual's position on the staff or Board or their participation in SUUSI will not be tolerated. Neither will creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment.

Incidents of this nature should be immediately reported to the Minister on Duty, Director, or Board President. Contact information for these individuals will be available all week in the SUUSI Office. You may also contact any Core Staff or Board member. The Minister on Duty's phone number will also be listed each day in the SUUSI NUUS.


The Minister on Duty is charged with contacting the complainant to ensure that their needs for support, care, and safety are met, and to explain the various options available to them. The complainant may choose to take no action, file a confidential complaint, or file an open report.



COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS

In order for every participant to have a rewarding SUUSI experience, we affirm our commitment to an environment free of all forms of harassment and violence, as well as discrimination on the basis of gender, race, color, ethnicity, religion, age, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. In our large and open community, all participants must respect each individual's rights and privacy.

To ensure safety and promote a positive SUUSI experience for all, please observe the following community expectations:

- ◆ **Do** ensure that your children are supervised by a responsible adult at all times, including at night.
- ◆ **Do** be mindful of others. Avoid loud conversation or other excessive noise, as there are always others trying to sleep.
- ◆ **Do** make sure your pets are left at home. The campus has no accommodations for animals. Service animals are welcome, of course, and may be properly cared for in their owner's living space.
- ◆ **Do** respect and obey the rules in effect on the Western Carolina campus.
- ◆ **Do** remember that we are guests of the university, and we are sharing it with others for the week. Treat university staff with kindness and compassion, understanding that each of us is an ambassador for SUUSI and for Unitarian Universalism. 
- ◆ **Do** use bicycles only where permitted and where their use does not endanger the safety or comfort of others. Bicycles are not allowed inside university buildings. Helmets must be worn at all times while biking. Skates, scooters, and skateboards are prohibited on campus streets and sidewalks. Devices needed for accessibility are allowed everywhere.
- ◆ **Do** set a good example. SUUSI expects all participants to conduct themselves respectfully, showing concern for SUUSI-goers and non-SUUSI-goers alike.
- ◆ **Do** take care of each other. Notice situations where others could use assistance, and do what you can to help.
- ◆ **Do** be alert to issues that may require Core Staff involvement. Help keep our beloved community safe.
- ◆ **Don't** use candles or other open flames (including burning incense) inside any building. Turn off appliances when you leave. Fire is a serious concern in dorms.
- ◆ **Don't** smoke or use e-cigs or vaping devices indoors or within 50 feet of building entrances and air intake vents.
- ◆ **Don't** smoke on the balconies, in the seating area outside the dining hall, or the Blue Ridge/Balsam courtyard.
- ◆ **Don't** break alcohol, drug, or other state or local laws. By North Carolina law, consuming alcohol is prohibited in public areas. This includes anywhere outside or inside buildings accessible to the public. It is allowed in dorm buildings (but not the Teen dorm) and at SUUSI events where alcohol is available such as Serendipity or adult beverage workshops. WCU regulations ban alcohol from all academic buildings.

SUGGESTED ITEMS TO PACK

- Linens, towels, and pillows
- A mattress pad is strongly suggested - mattresses are EXTRA firm - sheets need to be twin XL
- Bath mat or towel for use as a bathmat
- Masks: N95, KN95, KF94, or well-fitting surgical masks. Be sure to bring plenty of extras
- Over the door hooks (may not fit all doors) and/or coat hangers
- Folding camp chairs and/or picnic blanket - we'll want to socialize outside as much as possible for Covid safety
- Medicines, band-aids, first aid supplies
- Extra glasses or contact lenses
- Doorstop - if desired (highly recommended for teens)
- Nightlight/flashlight - if desired
- Earplugs - we are staying in dorms, and your neighbors might be loud
- Roll of blue painters' tape for posting anything on doors or walls
- Laundry detergent (marked safe for HE machines) and hand soap, as well as shower soap
- Reusable water bottle and reusable travel mug/cup
- Poncho, raincoat, or umbrella. Locals joke that WCU stands for "We Carry Umbrellas" - expect a daily rain shower.
- Summer casual clothes, plus (optional) dressy or costume stuff if you want to dress for the dance themes
- Since we will be in the mountains, bring long pants/jeans and a light jacket, too
- Sunscreen & insect repellent
- Good walking shoes - Nature Staff have strong opinions about shoes! Find out more here: <https://www.suusi.org/shoes-for-nature-trips/>
- Musical instruments - you never know who you might find to play with
- Required gear for any nature trips - double-check the requirements in the catalog if you're signed up for trips.



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Check out the 'join us' menu above for practical details, and the 'by age' and 'by interest' menus for all our programs!

Registration for in person SUUSI is closed.

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