

suusi 2026, radford va, july 19-25



**2026 Catalog of
Events, Workshops,
Nature Trips, etc.
Opens April 1**

**Registration Opens
April 15, 6pm EDT**

Key Dates

SUUSI 2026: July 19-25,
2026

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15

**Last Day for Early Bird
Discount:** May 15

A Note From the Director

Hello, Friends!

We are getting excited about the pending opening of registration for SUUSI 2026 and, of course, SUUSI itself in only 4 months! There are few things we've been working on recently that will be **new for SUUSI 2026** that I'd like to let you know about.

We are holding the second annual **Sundae Social** kick-off to the week shortly after Ingathering. We heard the feedback from last year, so this year we will try to start a little earlier, around 8:30 pm which is about as early as the staff can get from Ingathering to have things ready. Also, the event will be outside on the Moffett lawn instead of inside Moffett where it was a bit crowded.

The first **Open Housing Groups** will be launched this year. There will be new housing options for Adults (18+) including a crafters dorm hall and one for board gamers. Each group will have a get-to-know-you event early in the week, and are encouraged to plan to do things together (e.g., an event in the lounge on your hall, go to meals or other events together, etc.).

Accessibility has been a big priority for the staff these last few years. We are limited by the buildings we have available to use, but are figuring out ways to maximize the use of spaces that are most accessible, especially for those in need of mobility accommodations. Please be sure to **update the special needs section of your registration**, so we can at least try to help.

In case you missed it, the Board of Trustees has issued a call to find ways to **resist authoritarianism** and sow some good at SUUSI 2026. There will be programming around this, so be on the lookout for it.

Really looking forward to seeing you in July!

Chris Breivogel, SUUSI 2025-2026 Director

New Hall Groups

Traditionally, SUUSI has had only a few publicly available Hall Group choices, mostly based around age group needs. Teens, Young Adults, Medians, and guardians of young children could choose dorms to be with others in their communities. Nature staff and their friends could choose to be together as well. Lots of informal groups with silly names evolved over the years as people made friends in other dorms and wanted to continue to be near each other in the undifferentiated Adult Dorms.

But this process has been a little opaque, if not exactly secret, and SUUSI is always finding ways to be more welcoming and connect people better. So we have a couple of new choices this year for Open Public Hall Groups where you can find friends you have things in common with, whether you are a newbie or just want a new perspective.

Artisan Alley:

A welcoming hall group for people who enjoy creativity, connection, and spending time together in a relaxed, supportive environment. Whether you love making art, crafting, or simply being around creative energy, this group offers a space to gather, share ideas, and get to know one another. The culture is informal, collaborative, and open to all, no experience required. Bring your works in progress if you'd like, or simply bring yourself and enjoy the creative spirit and camaraderie of the group.

Meeple People:

Choose this housing group to meet others who also enjoy playing board games, card game, and tabletop RPGs. Bonus: we are assigned the dorm rooms closest to Pair-a-Dice.

Whatever group you pick from the drop-down menu when you register, you will be welcomed there! (And you can still write in your custom group if you wish.) We hope to grow this program in future years with open groups for musicians, people who love to travel, or other affinity groups.

Please share your SUUSI photos with us by uploading to our Google drive!

Hello from your Nurture Staff

We take care of your needs: emotional and spiritual health. Remember to call a Minister of the Day if you find yourself in need of someone to listen.



There are more ways than ever to make SUUSI more affordable! You can apply to be on staff. You can refer new friends. You can request a SUUSIship. Don't let costs be a barrier to participating in the best week of the year!

CHANGES ON THE WEB

When you load up suusi.org to check out the catalog this year, you'll see our site has a whole new look! We had to move to a new server and our Communications team took the opportunity to update the look and navigation. We hope that folks who are new to SUUSI (and experienced SUUSI-goers, too!) will be able to find events, places, and information more smoothly now.

In addition, you will be able to use this new modern interface to choose workshops, nature trips, and other events to add to your registration, instead of the SOLIS interface, which is beginning to show its age. We want to provide a better user experience, so look for more improvements in the future.

If you have feedback on the website, email webmaster@suusi.org.

If you need help with SOLIS, email solis-help@suusi.org.



Discounts for recruiting newbies!

This year Monday evening there will be a meeting from 5-6 pm for those who wish to gather in a group for **Recovery** support. This group will be convened by a chaplain from Nurture. At this meeting together it can be decided when and where to meet the rest of the week. Come and express yourself.

The **Meditation** Group will be a bit earlier this year to make it easier to get to worship. From 7:45 - 8:15 we will gather with Kimi Riegel for a guided meditation. Some days there may be more silence and other days more guidance. No matter what, it's a great way to start your day. Bring a pillow or something to sit on.

If you have attended SUUSI since 2022, you can get a coupon code by logging into SOLIS and clicking the "Generate a Coupon Code" link. Pass that code on to your friends! Every time a first-timer or someone who hasn't registered since 2021 registers using that code, your SUUSI costs will decrease by \$50. Bring enough newbies or returnees, and you could have a free SUUSI!

Or email us your photos here

Apply to Be on Staff at SUUSI 2026

There are still staff positions available for the following departments:

- Books & Bazaar
- Videographer (Communications)
- DEIA and Star Car
- **Youth, Middler and Teen programs have a lot of openings!**
- Nature
- Nurture
- Registration
- Services
- YAs

What is the SUUSI Board all about?

SUUSI is powered by a lot of people—participants, volunteers, program staff, Core Staff, and the Board of Trustees. Sometimes it can be a little confusing to know who does what. If you've ever wondered about the role of the SUUSI Board, here's a quick overview.

What is the SUUSI Board?

The SUUSI Board of Trustees is a group of volunteers responsible for the long-term health and direction of SUUSI. The Board focuses on big-picture stewardship—things like governance, policies, financial sustainability, and helping ensure SUUSI continues to thrive for future generations. In short, the Board helps guide **where SUUSI is going**, while supporting the people who make SUUSI happen each year.

How is the Board different from SUUSI Core Staff?

Both the Board and Core Staff are essential, but their roles are different. **Core Staff** are the volunteers who direct specific programs (Nature, Intergenerational, Nightlife, etc.) who plan and run SUUSI each year. With the help of regular program staff (also volunteers) they manage the details that make the week work—programming, logistics, registration, youth programming, worship, music, and more.



How do people get on the Board?

Some Board members are appointed and some are elected by the SUUSI community. Each year, there is a nominations process for open Board seats. If you're interested in helping guided SUUSI's future, serving on the Board is one way to get involved. Please email elections@suusi.org for more information.

How can I learn more about the Board?

This year you may see several opportunities to connect with Board members, including:

- **"Are You SUUSI Board Curious?" Beyond SUUSI virtual event** on June 9th. Email Erin Lieb at erin.lieb@suusi.org to get more details.

The **Board** focuses on governance and long-term strategy. Board members set policies, oversee finances, and support leadership development to help keep SUUSI strong.

A simple way to think about it:

Core Staff run SUUSI.
The Board stewards SUUSI.

Are Board members volunteers?

Yes! Board members are volunteers who care deeply about the SUUSI community and want to help sustain it. Board members serve multi-year terms and meet as a whole group at least five times a year, in addition to Board committee meetings.

- **“Lunch with the Board”** @ SUUSI on Monday, July 20th.
- **“Get to Know the Board”** posters with photos and fun facts.
- **“Ask Me About the SUUSI Board”** buttons worn by Board members.

If you see one of us during SUUSI week, please say hello and ask questions—we’d love to talk with you.

Still curious?

If you’re **“Board curious,”** keep an eye out for opportunities to learn more about SUUSI leadership and governance. SUUSI thrives because of the people who care for it—and new leaders are always welcome.

The infographic features a central QR code with the text "Donate Today!" below it. Surrounding the QR code are five colored boxes with text:

- Top Left (Pink):** "Become a SUUSI Sustainer TODAY!"
- Top Right (Yellow):** "SUUSI Sustainers set up a recurring donation to The SUUSI Foundation through PayPal by following the QR code to our donation page. Approximately \$1000 a year funds one SUUSI scholarship."
- Middle Left (Yellow):** "The Endowment Fund: This fund exists to provide for SUUSI in perpetuity. It offers a vehicle for those who wish to ensure the existence and enhancement of SUUSI for future generations."
- Middle Right (Purple):** "SUUSIships: Scholarships awarded to students by The SUUSI Foundation. These funds are available thanks to the generous donations of the SUUSI community."
- Bottom Left (Purple):** "You can support the endowment through donations such as bequests, charitable trusts, life insurance policies, planned giving, cash, and other similar gifts."
- Bottom Right (Red):** "The SUUSI Foundation strives to ensure the long-range health of the Southeastern Undersea University at Goucher Park (also known as SUUSI). The SUUSI Foundation is charged with managing and growing the SUUSI endowment fund and funding SUUSI's scholarship program, www.suusifund.org."

At the bottom center is the SUUSI logo, a stylized red and blue flame above the text "The SUUSI Foundation".

As always, find out the latest news from SUUSI at <https://suusi.org>



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