



SWIM NUUS

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

I had visited UU in The Pines before, but it was a hectic visit as I searched for a site for SWIM 2007. I took in what the camp had to offer by way of facilities, but I didn't take time to fully appreciate its beauty. When I returned there for our August staff and board meeting I was overwhelmed by a sense of rightness and comfort. As I pulled off the road and on to the camp drive I had a feeling of coming home.

That is the feeling I hope you will have, whether or not you've been to UU in The Pines before, whether or not you've been to SWIM before. Whether this is your first SWIM or your 34th, I hope it will feel like coming home. If that is the feeling you have, we will have succeeded in passing on what we have found here.

Each of us may have found something different at SWIM. We may have found something new at each SWIM we have attended. Whatever it is that SWIM has come to mean to us, it is our intention to pass it on to you. It is also our intention to learn from what you have to pass on to us.

As we gather in Brooksville, again in a new and different environment, we will

rely on the SWIM spirit to help us feel like coming home. We will hug and laugh, talk and maybe cry, learn and love, and appreciate the beauty that surrounds us and that is within us.

You will be there. You will be a part of SWIM 2007. We welcome you into our community and our lives. It is our hope that during the week and after its close you will take in what we have to share and will be ready to pass it on!

*Mary Ann Somervill
Director, 2007*



SWIM Auction

Bring goods and services for the SWIM auction! Have handicrafts? Works of original art? Souvenirs from a strange land? Can you offer a massage, car wash, catsitting, gardening? How about a weekend at your beautiful home? Start a bidding war! Keep SWIM swimming in years to come! Bring any merchandise for the auction, or think of a favor to sell.

(See Jonathan Watterson)

WORKSHOP UPDATES

Cancelled: 312, Astrology; 222 & 422 Laughter Yoga

Changed to: 112, Well Loved Poems will be Day 5, Monday 10am to noon; 223, Poetry as Power will be Day 4, Sunday 10 am to noon; 445 Massage will be Day 3, Saturday at 2 pm

Added: No Kidding...If you are a woman over 50 years and have no kids of your own, you are not alone. Come talk/listen to others about choices and feelings on the subject. Led by Zeida who is a 50+ childfree woman who would like to share stories.
Day 4, Sunday, 2-3 pm.

Z-Z-Z... You'll enjoy SWIM more if you are well rested. To make community living a better experience for all, let's be aware and considerate. If you snore, please bring one of the remedies available to reduce snoring. Know that sleeping on your side reduces snoring and that too much alcohol increases it. If you are a light sleeper, bring earplugs! Some products to help reduce snoring will be available in limited quantities in the SWIM Store.

(Joan Watterson, Health & Safety)

YOUTH Required Meeting and Other Important Stuff

Youth program orientation with parents and guardians is Wednesday, 12/26, 7 pm. This is a required meeting. There is a brochure correction. Daily Schedule for Youth Program in the morning is 9:00-12:00 and afternoon 1:00-4:00. Laura Hadden reminds youth and parents to bring comfortable shoes that fit, a cup, swimsuit, sunscreen, bug spray, something to tie dye & a car seat that meets FL law for children legally required to use one.

SWIM is a Green Sanctuary

To help with our ecological responsibilities please: 1) bring a reusable water bottle, coffee cup, or 2) write your name on a commercial water bottle and refill it during the week. The camp prides itself on its A rating for water.

OTHER STUFF to BRING:

There are Great Lists in the brochure. Go see swimuu.org. Print &/or grab your brochure. Make a copy of the lists for packing. Then put it in your vehicle or carry on bag for the info you need with you...phone #s and MAPs. Do it NOW!

Arriving Dec 25?

Yule Dinner at Ameer's in Tampa. Info in brochure, back cover or call Candy Gale 813 317-7660.

12 Step Groups

Will meet at 8:30 p.m. on Registration Day, 12/26 in the Peace Chapel to make arrangements for meetings throughout the week.

SWIM Staff Meetings

Staff Meeting @ 11:00 a.m. on December 26, Wednesday.

Staff Registration @ 1:00 pm, Wednesday. Staff must go through registration even if you preregistered. (If you have not preregistered, do so now! Go to swimreg.org).

Open Registration: Be there @ 2 p.m. All staff (except Kitchen staff and Vol Sups) will assist participants with registration. Payoff...lots of hUUgs! **Staff Meetings on Days 2 (Friday) and 4 (Sunday) @ Lunch 12:15-12:45 pm**

New Year's Eve Guests

As in past years, guests of SWIM participants may attend our New Year's Eve celebration for a fee of \$35. This is not a fee for food and drink, but a prorated registration fee. Guests may arrive as early as noon, but MUST meet their SWIM host at the Info. Table in order to receive a nametag. Guests may join their hosts for lunch, dinner, afternoon workshops, trips if they preregister and prepay, and worship in addition to New Year's Eve festivities. For those who prefer not to drive home after partying (and we certainly recommend against it!) there MAY be bed space available at camp for a nominal fee. Go to swimreg.org to preregister. Also check out the Motel SWIM section of the brochure and website.

SWIM NUUS

Each day at dinner you will be greeted with a brand new edition of the SWIM NUUS @ dinner, full of schedules, reminders, thank yous, human interest and humor IF YOU PUT IT THERE! Editor Sharon Beecher will collect all contributions each day by lunchtime (1 pm). Look for a place to drop Nuus articles on or around the Info Desk. On Day 3, Saturday we will feature the views of candidates for the SWIM board.

ATTENTION SWIM SHOPPERS!

The SWIM Store and "Brooksville Boutique" thrift shop will be open for business 12/27 – 12/31 after lunch at the far end of the Great Hall. Beautiful home-crafted items from fellow SWIMers, CD's by our own talented SWIM musicians, & other not-to-be-missed items (well, maybe some things you missed in packing) will be available for your perusal and purchase. If you wish to reserve space as a Vendor, please notify Tempie Acebo (see staff page) prior to 12/20. A donation of 20% of sales will go to SWIM.

2007 SWIM T-shirts/hoodies sporting Romer Taylor's beautiful theme art will be available 12/26 for pick-up to those who **pre-order them with their registration**. Staff & Workshop Leaders, please notify Tempie Acebo/Carolyn Adler, respectively, with your preferred style and size. A few extra T-shirts should be available for sale for those who have not pre-ordered, but to make sure you get your style and size, **please register and pre-order early!**

No time to shop before SWIM? Not to worry. The new "Brooksville Boutique" thrift shop extraordinaire will cater to savvy SWIM shoppers with various & sundry stylish, but thrifty adornments available for purchase. If you have items to contribute, please put them on hangers and tag with your name and price. Again, 20% of sales will be donated to SWIM, so bring your dollars and your fabulous fashion sense.

SWIM VOTES

Watch SWIM NUUS for more info about a proposed amendment and election of an at-large member & youth rep for the board. Election Day is Sunday, Day 4.