

STAR UNION 2022 NEWS

“One Star ~ One Love”

REMEMBER...

**We leave from
Portsmouth aboard
the *Thomas Lughton!***

BRING PROOF OF VACCINATION AND NEGATIVE COVID TEST!

Bring several masks!

LUGGAGE

**Bring to the dock
between 11:00 a.m.
and 1:00 P.M.**

BOARDING

2:00 p.m. Sharp!

BOAT SAILS

2:25 p.m.

Well Friends, we are almost there! Before you know it, we will be together on Star, for the third year of our new conference. This year we will again be sharing the Island with the Institute for Religion in an Age of Science. Our base of activity will be in beautiful Brookfield. We will be about 90 people in all – a better than expected turnout during these uncertain times.

We have a team of highly motivated Shoalers who have put together a program that will delight you. Here are some of our highlights:

- ★ Weathering Ch-Ch-Ch- Changes - an engaging and thought-provoking program by composer Kemp Harris and University of Maryland Professor Dr. Jeffrey Halverson.
- ★ Burning Star will be on Wednesday night - Don't forget your offering
- ★ Talks on the Rocks – Hear about Kurt Vonnegut, jazz improvisation, and the origins of rock and roll.
- ★ Silent Auction – bring your treasures (arts and crafts; services) to donate
- ★ Come join Linda Caldwell for traditional yoga sessions.
- ★ Pickleball – new this year!

IMPORTANT – If you plan to arrive or depart on any boat other than the conference boat, you MUST inform the Registrar (Bill Tibbs) ASAP of the boat and time you plan to arrive.

STAR ISLAND'S COVID POLICY

“To keep our community safe, Star Island is requiring all overnight guests (and employees) to take a COVID-19 test before arrival on the island. This can be either a rapid antigen (“at home”) test done within 24 hours or a PCR test done within 3 days. We prefer that you take a PCR test, as offered for free at many pharmacies. We will confirm that you've tested during check-in at the dock. Provide a result from instant test app or email from the testing facility. If you test positive, stay home (we will refund you in full, even if it's within 24 hours of your scheduled arrival). If you test negative but are in the same household with somebody who tests positive, either stay home or reach out to Anne Henry, our Island Nurse, at ahenry@starisland.org to discuss your situation.

All overnight visitors to Star Island who are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine are required to be fully vaccinated (and expected to be up to

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With an outstanding team
of leaders and volunteers:

Tricia and Tom Coleman,
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Sasha Best, Stephanie
Sersich, Bill, Christine,
and Rob Gimpel, Carl and
Cheryl-Anne Sturken,
Larry and Elizabeth
Yermack, Tom Annear,
Christina Jarvis, Dennis
O’Keefe, Hanne
Winarsky, Edie and Steve
Whitney, Linda and Steve
Caldwell, Jim Sersich,
Annie Lenox, Katherine
Roth, Bob & Sue
Lightfoot, Betsy Mena,
Lisa Ward, and YOU!

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*Peace to you until we see
you on Star!*

date on boosters) to come to Star Island this summer. If you have not already done so, please submit proof of vaccination prior to your arrival [using this link.](#)

Overnight visitors too young to receive the COVID-19 vaccine are required to have proof of a negative PCR test done within 3 days of arrival. Currently the vaccine is unavailable for children under 5. Mask wearing policies will be determined on a weekly basis depending on current circumstances and announced to conferees upon arrival at the Fire & Water orientation. All guests should pack masks for their stay on Star Island. Up-to-date information regarding Star Island’s COVID-19 protocols and policies can be read [here.](#)

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Conference Highlights



Our conference update page will have the day's events detailed. Scan the code at left to bookmark it on your mobile device. We'll also update the blackboard in the lobby with the latest times and locations.

Mandatory Orientation

Sunday @ 3:40 pm

All conferees must attend this session, even if you have done so many times before. Things change, besides, the Island staff missed you and wants to say "Hello". As a reward for your diligence, you get to attend...

Social Hours

Daily @ 5:15 pm

Come and enjoy a convivial bite and a glass of something cool and refreshing. Sumptuous food by our own Top Chef, Cheryl Anne Sturken, and something invigoratingly restorative to sip on.

Evening Chapel

Sunday @8:30 pm Cap the day with an intimate candlelit service at the island's historic stone chapel. Rev. Lisa Ward of the First Parish Milton, Unitarian Universalist Association, Milton, MA. Lisa will lead a Welcome Chapel service on Sunday evening, and act as our conference minister.

Burning Star / Marshmallow Roast - Wednesday Night!

@ 7:30 pm (or as announced)

A tradition inaugurated in 2019, and as relevant as ever this year. A combination of a Solstice and First Night, we'll construct a wooden Star throughout the week in Brookfield and have a procession on Wednesday evening to a burning location. You're invited to bring something to hang on the Star, such as a note, poem, totem, prayer, or other item that's flammable and organic like paper, natural fiber cloth or straw. (Your offering is private. Some people bring something they wish to honor, some bring things they wish to forget or say goodbye to.) The Star is then carried to the rocks in a procession and burned in a bonfire. Songs! S'mores! Fire! Check the blackboard/website for the specific location.

Softball Game Pel/Conferee

Thursday @ 3:30 pm

Co-ed! We are in it to win it, ah, maybe to play in good fun! Gloves are available but bring your old favorite.

Walks and Tours

Bird Walk

Monday @ 6:00 am (Rutledge Marine Lab)

Early mornings are a quiet time on Star, and a time of peak activity for many species of birds. Binoculars, bird guides, and birding checklists are available.



Historical Tour

Monday @ 1:30 pm (Vaughn Cottage)

Provides an overview of the history of Star Island and the Isles of Shoals from the 1600s through the present.

Geology Walk

Monday @ 4:00 pm (Rutledge Marine Lab)

Learn about the fascinating geological processes that shaped the Isles of Shoals into the islands they are today.

Ghosts and Graveyard Tour

Tuesday 7:30pm, meet at Vaughn Cottage.

Come walk the Island and hear of the legends and supernatural happenings on Star Island

Botany Walk

Tuesday @ 4:00 pm (Rutledge Marine Lab)

The island naturalist will conduct a tour of the vast island flora, including a discussion on the comprehensive survey of island flora conducted in 2006.

Behind the Scenes Tour

Wednesday @ 2:00 pm (meet at Well House)

Come look “behind the scenes” at the power plant, water and wastewater systems, kitchen, Pel areas, laundry facility and more.



Boat Transportation

to Star Island is aboard the Thomas Lighton out of the Steamship Company dock in Portsmouth!

The Isles of Shoals Steamship Company (ISSCO) at 315 Market St, Portsmouth, NH will once again provide transportation from their dock on Market Street in Portsmouth to Star Island for conference guests and other overnight visitors. The Lighton is a 90-foot vessel, with three decks, two of which are fully enclosed and heated. It has the capacity to hold 300, and has many amenities, including a snack bar, several washrooms, comfortable deck chairs, and the boat is wheelchair accessible.

Boat Details:

11:00 am – 1:00 pm Check in at Steamship Company dock and unload luggage.

NOTE: The luggage will be going to the island aboard the Star Island boat, NOT the Thomas Lighton.

2:00 p.m. Begin boarding the Thomas Lighton.

2:25 p.m. Boat departs Portsmouth

3:25 p.m. Arrive Star Island

4:30 p.m. Mandatory Orientation

Missed Boats



Please don't miss your boat! If you miss the scheduled 2:25 p.m. departure aboard the conference boat, *Thomas Lighton*, you'll have to make your own boat arrangements to the Island! So, please be sure to leave ample time to arrive, unload, and park at the Portsmouth dock. Due to Portsmouth Harbor's busy boat schedule, the conference boat cannot and will not wait for late arrivals.

Parking

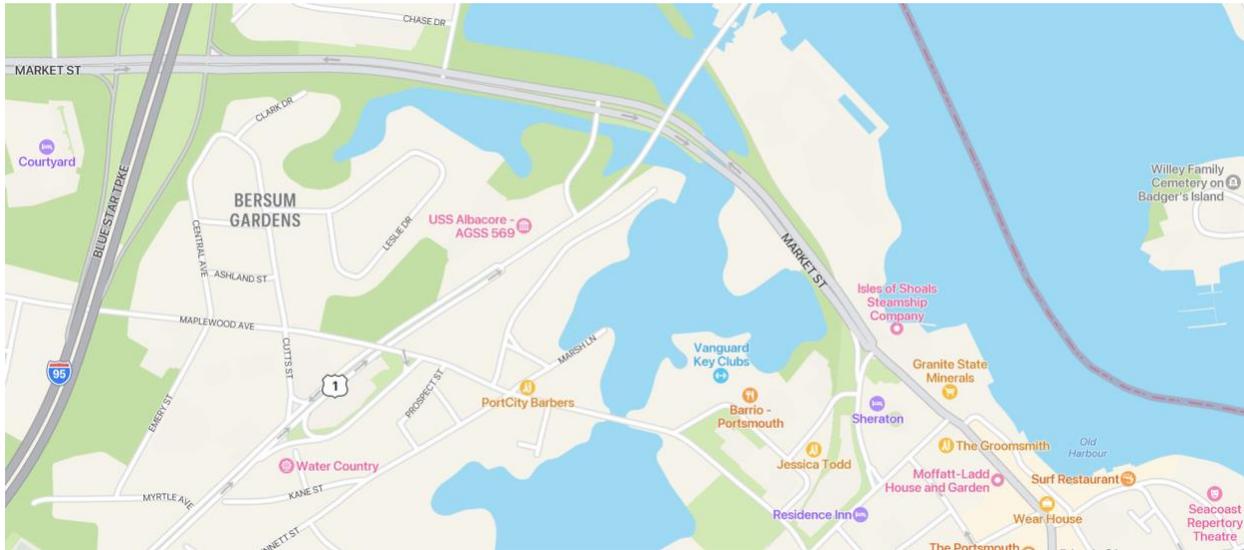
The parking fee for the dock (map location 315 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH, 03801) is \$16.00 per vehicle per day or any part of a day, so the week on Star will cost \$112.00. This amount will be added to the hotel bill. If you are making your own arrangements to leave from Rye Harbor, the parking fee at that dock in Rye is \$12.50 per vehicle, per night. On arrival at the Portsmouth dock on the first day of your conference, you will be directed where to park by island staff, because your vehicle must be parked in the designated Steamship Company parking areas.

If you are arriving on a day other than your conference start date, you must check in with the Steamship Company parking attendant to receive instructions about where to park. Special- needs parking is limited. Immediately upon arrival on Star, you must check in with the front desk staff. See

<https://starisland.org/info/boats-and-parking/>

Alternate parking is available at the municipal High Street/Hanover Street Parking Facility, a five-minute walk to the dock. The fee is \$40.00 per night. The Sheraton Hotel, across from the dock, offers parking at \$30.00 per night. Other parking lot information in Portsmouth is [available here](#).

Directions to Portsmouth



From 95 South (traveling from the North): Take NH Exit 7. At end of ramp, turn **LEFT** at lights. You should be headed towards downtown Portsmouth. Go approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile, staying in the **LEFT LANE** as you approach the Portsmouth Sheraton hotel (a large brick building) on your right. The entrance to the Steamship Company dock is on the **LEFT**, directly across from the Sheraton hotel.

From 95 North (traveling from the South): Take NH Exit 7. At end of ramp, turn **RIGHT** at lights. You should be headed towards downtown Portsmouth. Go approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile, staying in the **LEFT LANE** as you approach the Portsmouth Sheraton hotel (a large brick building on your right). The entrance to the Steamship Company dock is on the **LEFT**, directly across from the Sheraton hotel.

From South (Avoiding Hampton Tolls): (Please note that this route goes along the ocean where you might encounter beach traffic.) From 95 North, take Exit 1 onto Rt. 107 towards Seabrook. Turn Left onto Lafayette Rd. (Rt. 1). Follow Rt. 1 till Rt. 111 East (take right onto Rt. 111). Follow Rt. 111 East until end and turn left onto Rt. 1-A North, follow to Rye Harbor approx. 3 miles.

Transportation

Shuttle Services

Flight Line Airport Express, (800) 245-2525, www.flightlineinc.com

Seacoast Airport Service, (866) 431-1580, www.transportnh.com

Bus Services

C&J Bus Service: (800) 258-7111, www.ridecj.com, 185 Grafton Road in Portsmouth
Greyhound Bus Lines: (800) 231-2222, www.greyhound.com, “terminal” in downtown Portsmouth (a short walk from the dock)

Taxi Companies

Blue Star Taxi, (603) 436-2774

Anchor Taxi, (603) 436-1888

Luggage



Although they make every effort to handle luggage with care, Pelicans are *not* professionally trained luggage handlers (nor are they particularly brawny young people) and conferees are urged to handle rare or valuable items personally. Belongings should be consolidated and securely packed; loosely packed items run the risk of being dropped in the water during handling. Weight Limits and Carry-On Luggage limits will be strictly enforced, so please

pack accordingly.

You should try to limit your luggage to the following:

1. **One small carry-on bag** (a backpack, purse, small, zippered tote, etc.)
2. **A specialty carry-on item** (such as a musical instrument, easel or tennis racket)
3. **One checked bag** (a duffel bag without wheels is preferable) – limit 40 lbs. per person
OR two smaller checked bags (see illustration)– limit 25 lbs. per bag **Wheeled bags are the bane of the baggage handlers and they don’t roll on the gravel paths of Star.**
4. **A folding camp chair** to use for our many outdoor activities. Label with your name on the backrest *a la* famous directors’ chairs.

Arrival on Star Island

Check In

One member of your family group should go to the front desk of the hotel to register. You will receive your room assignments and a copy of “Better Living on Star Island”. Families with younger children are placed together or near each other. Teens are usually assigned to rooms with other teens with some parents sprinkled in nearby.

Mandatory Orientation

Sunday @ 3:40 pm on the front lawn. ***Your attendance at this Fire & Water Speech is required.*** **Fire** is a huge danger on our lovely wooden building populated island, so ***smoking is only allowed on first floor porches and decks and on the pier. Smoking and the lighting of matches, candles, incense or any open flame are prohibited in all Star Island buildings.*** There is no smoking on the main porch of the Gosport & Oceanic buildings. Smoking is not permitted on the grounds on

any part of the island, including the rocks. *Violators will be required to leave the island on the next boat* with no refunds.

Water is limited on the island so please conserve it. Drinking water is available through all of the faucets in bedroom and public areas, with posted exceptions.

Daily Life Information

Cell Phones

Cell phones compromise the atmosphere of retreat on the island and impolite cell phone use is a common complaint from many conferees who visit Star to enjoy time away from a high-tech world. If you are expecting an important call, please set your phone on vibrate and then move immediately to your room to talk.

Business Center

The business center in Managers has a small number of computers as well as wireless access for laptops and is equipped with a printer and a photocopier. There may or may not be a fax. Use of the business center is not included in room & board costs.

Reaching Conferees by Phone or Email

The primary island phone line is 603-601-0832. Any calls directed to guests on Star should be made to this number. If the line is unavailable for use, urgent messages can be directed to the back-up line 603-964-7252. The most effective way to communicate messages is by email to frontdesk@starisland.org, rather than by tying up the island's limited phone lines. Though we are unable to respond directly to these emails, staff will print the message to post on the conferee message board. When sending an email to this address, it is crucial to enter "CONFEREE: [first and last name]" in the subject line.

Incoming Mail

Service is provided Monday through Friday (except holidays), and a list of mail recipients is posted in the lobby. Mail to conferees should be addressed as follows: first and last name, conference, c/o Star Island Corporation, Morton-Benedict House, 30 Middle Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801. It is best to allow two days to reach the island, but we cannot guarantee the timeframe of delivery.

Outgoing mail

Service is provided Monday through Friday. Stamps and postcards can be purchased at the book shop, and the gift shop also carries cards and notepaper. The mail slot is on the front desk near the bellhop station. Outgoing letters are postmarked "Isles of Shoals, NH".

Appliances

The Island generates its own electricity; thus, the supply is limited. Please do not bring hair dryers, heating pads or anything with a heating element. *Under no circumstances may any appliance with a heating element be used in a guestroom since it constitutes a fire hazard and is prohibited by the island's insurer.* The only outlets that can be used for these appliances can be found in the

bathrooms outside the shower rooms. If you need electrical medical equipment, please let us know immediately so arrangements can be made.

Rooms

There are no locks for most of the sleeping quarters and conferees are not furnished with keys. This is a safety measure in the event of a fire and to prevent children from locking themselves in a room. Many guest rooms are equipped with a crockery set including drinking glasses, a wash basin, a spill bucket for used water, and a pitcher of potable water. Buckets will be emptied, and pitchers will be filled daily by housekeeping. Additional drinking pitchers are available upon request to the front desk.

Laundry

Due to our limited water supply, there are no facilities for washing personal laundry. Clotheslines for wet bathing suits are located near sleeping areas.

Linens & Towels

Each bed is made with sheets, an acrylic blanket, a wool blanket, bedspread, pillow, and pillowcase. Extra blankets, pillows, and bed boards can be requested from the front desk. Conferees are supplied with a washcloth, hand towel, bath towel and a bar of soap in their sleeping rooms; towel sets are changed mid- week. Extra towels and soap are available from the front desk on shower days. Linens can be changed upon request.

Day Guests

Guests need to make their own boat reservations. Meals can be arranged through the Front Desk ahead of time if space is available. They should be paid for in advance at the Front Desk.

Cash & Checks Preferred

Star Island does not have an ATM. While you can use credit cards to pay your room bill and at the Gift Shop, all prefer cash and checks (to avoid the credit card fees). Please bring several personal checks to pay your hotel, Book Store, Lobby Store bills, as well as Social Hour contributions and your Art Auction winnings. Bring sufficient cash for the Snack Bar and other small purchases. The Front Desk can cash checks up to a limit of \$100 per account for the week. Canadian checks payable in US funds are accepted, but other foreign currencies are not.

Medical Care

We have a small First Aid Station. Walk-in times are one hour before each meal. It is equipped for only basic emergency and first aid treatment. Travel time to an off island medical facility is a minimum of an hour and may be much longer depending upon weather and sea conditions. There are inherent risks in traveling to and staying on a remote island including inclement weather, wildlife and unmonitored terrain. The Star Island Corporation strongly recommends not participating in an on-island conference if you suffer from any medical condition which might reasonably require an emergency medical response such as heart conditions, the last trimester of pregnancy, severe allergic reactions to wildlife, illnesses which require ongoing medical treatment or monitoring, etc. ***In an emergency do not report to the first aid station – go to the front desk.*** Island medical staff can and should be reached at any time through the front desk. Due to the increasing cost of medical supplies and equipment for the First Aid Stations, conferees will be

charged a \$10 flat service fee per person for an initial visit. There will be no additional fee for follow-up visits for the same problem. The service fee can be added to the Room and Board bill or be paid directly at the Front Desk.

All controlled medications must be kept under lock and key at all times. Conferees must either leave controlled medications at the first aid station, where they will be available during regular hours and kept secure at all times or check out a lock box for securing medications throughout the duration of the conference. Conferees under age 18 must either have their parent, guardian, or official conferee sponsor use the lock box service and dispense controlled medications to the minor on an as needed basis or leave the controlled medications at the first aid station to be dispensed during regular hours. We keep a very small supply of over-the-counter medicines on the island and cannot guarantee that we will have a particular type or dose available when needed. Everyone must bring enough of any needed medicine to cover the length of the stay ***plus an extra four days***. There are no prescription medications kept in stock on- Island. We may be able to send a prescription to the mainland, but there is no guarantee that we can get specific prescriptions filled. Any drug requiring refrigeration must be kept in one of our two secure locations, the first aid station or in the Improved Access Bathroom (located in the lobby).

Alcohol

Island staff members cannot purchase alcoholic beverages for conferees. All alcohol transported to and from Star must be in sealed packages, packed away in baggage, or in a keg. Alcoholic beverages may be consumed in Newton Centre/Lindquist Deck, Stone Village lawn, Pink Parlor, Brookfield and the Summer House. Illegal drugs are not allowed on Star Island.



Bare Feet

Shoes must be worn in the dining room and in all parts of the first floor of Oceanic and Gosport, including the porches. Because of hazards such as broken glass and poison ivy, we strongly recommend guests against going barefoot anywhere on Star Island.

Surf Warning

The surf can be unpredictable, and conferees should always stay back from the water's edge except when on a guided tour or in the supervised swimming area. When a "Surf Warning" sign is posted, all conferees are required to stay well away from the water's edge. No one is ever allowed on the breakwater.

Fire Drill

There will be a fire drill at some point during the week. Generally, the entire process disrupts normal conference events for about 20 minutes. The island staff doesn't know if an alarm is a real fire or a fire drill and will react as if it is real. The Pelicans are organized and trained as the "Gosport Fire Brigade." When an alarm sounds, they immediately begin a two-part procedure of fighting the fire and evacuating the buildings. There are two fire alarms; 1) the blaring of horns, sirens, and electric bells, and 2) the rapid and continuous ringing of the porch bell and/or chapel bell. Upon hearing either or both of these alarms, conferees must evacuate to the front lawn and await further instructions. ***Conferees who fail to evacuate will be required to leave the island on***

the next boat with no refund. Conferees who are unable to evacuate should inform the conference register in advance of arriving on island.

What to Bring

- ★ Clothing for a variety of temperatures (hot & humid to chilly & wet)
- ★ T-shirts or other cloth items on which to print our conference design
- ★ Swimwear, beach towel, beach pail, water shoes or old sneakers for swimming & beach
- ★ Rain gear and exercise clothing
- ★ Sturdy shoes for walking on the rocks
- ★ Books, beading, sewing, needlepoint, knitting supplies
- ★ Book light (most rooms have no bedside light, so you have to get up to turn off the overhead)
- ★ Extra sneakers (if they get wet, they may never dry)
- ★ Prescription & over-the counter medicines, spare glasses
- ★ Flashlight, bug spray
- ★ Personal toiletries; shampoo & conditioner, toothpaste, etc.
- ★ Camera, binoculars
- ★ Sun hat, sunglasses, sunscreen
- ★ Musical instruments of all kinds, songbooks, sheet music
- ★ Arts & crafts supplies
- ★ Journals, sketch books and writing supplies
- ★ Tennis racquet, tennis balls, Frisbees, etc. (no baseball bats or balls)
- ★ Kites & string, butterfly net for kids' bug hunt
- ★ Rainy day toys & games
- ★ Cash and checks (for paying bills and buying auction items)



Schedule

The typical day's meal schedule is breakfast at 8:00 am, lunch at 12:30, dinner at 6:30. Details and daily schedules will be posted on the conference updates page (see QR code below) and the chalkboard in the lobby.

SUNDAY 26 JUNE	MONDAY 27 JUNE	TUESDAY 28 JUNE	WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE	THURSDAY 30 JUNE	FRIDAY 1 JULY	SATURDAY 2 JULY	SUNDAY 3 JULY
Luggage Drop off 11:00am-1:00pm Boat Boarding Starts-2:00 pm Boat Leaves Dock- 2:25 pm Boat Arrives Star- 3:25pm Island Orientation 3:40pm Parent/ Youth Welcome Meeting (MANDATORY) 4:30 BROOKFIELD DECK	Morning Coffee/ Bird Walk	Morning Coffee	Morning Coffee	Morning Coffee	Morning Coffee	Morning Coffee	Morning Coffee
	Polar Bear	Polar Bear	Polar Bear	Polar Bear	Polar Bear	Polar Bear	Luggage Out of Rooms
	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
	Morning Chapel	Morning Chapel	Morning Chapel	Morning Chapel	Morning Chapel	Morning Chapel	
	Youth Program	Youth Program	Youth Program	Youth Program	Youth Program	Youth Program	
	Speaker Program	Speaker Program	Speaker Program	Speaker Program	Speaker Program	Speaker Program	9:20- Boat Departure
	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	YOU WILL COME BACK!!
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
	History Tour	T-Shirt Printing	 T-Shirt Printing		Talks on the Rocks		
	Youth Program	Youth Program	Youth Program	Youth Program	Youth Program	Youth Program	

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	Geology Walk	Talk on the Rocks — Ice Cream Social	Behind the Scenes Tour	Island Systems and Sustainability Tour	Pel- Conferee Softball	Ice Cream Social	<p><u>PLEASE CHECK BOARD AND WEBSITE FOR DETAILS AND UPDATES</u></p>  <p> Star Union Update</p>
	Legacy Society Toast	Appledore Island Cruise & Lab Tour	Talks on the Rocks	Botany Walk			
		Yoga	Yoga	Yoga		Packing Time	
Youth Social Hour	Youth Social Hour	Youth Social Hour	Youth Social Hour	Youth Social Hour	Youth Social Hour	Youth Social Hour	
Social Hour	Social Hour	Social Hour	Social Hour	Social Hour / Clams	Social Hour - Auction Closes at 6	Social Hour	
Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Lobster Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner & Community Dessert	
	Sunset Cruise	Ghost & Graveyard Tour	Evening Activities	Evening Activities	Evening Activities	Chapel	
Chapel	Evening Activities	Evening Activities	BURNING STAR	Pel Show		Farewell Party	
				Evening Activities	Evening Activities		

Star Union Youth Program



Star Union Youth Program 2022 Protecting Our Earth

Welcome to the 1st Star Union Youth Program Week!

We are so very excited you are joining us this week on Star Island for the inaugural year of the **UYP** - Union Youth Program! We have been very busy creating a program to be inclusive for all youths ages 6-16. Because of the tender size of our new conference, having all of us together made complete sense. We have planned activities that every one can do. All we ask is for you to do the best of your ability. All of us will be encouraging and supporting of each other.

In blending diverse age spans, it comes with unique opportunities and challenges. The opportunities far outweigh the challenges. We are able to practice kindness, listen and work together, share our individual perspective with each other, support each other on the island, and experience being friends with all kinds of people and ages.

The challenge can be practicing the opportunities listed above. Most kids today are not in mixed groups of ages, for some it may be an adjustment. The staff is here to help and guide you to be your best self. Don't worry it's not going to be hard or boring. We have a lot of very cool stuff planned that we are keeping a secret from the parents and the Union adults!

WEEKLY SESSION

Class sessions will run Monday – Saturday in the **Union Barn** (*a.k.a. the Kiddie Barn*)

Each day will have 3 separate session times:

(1) Mornings: Mon – Sat 9:45 am - Noon

Meet at the Union Barn after morning chapel.

After class we will all walk to the front porch together.

(2) Afternoons: Mon – Thurs 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Meet at the Union Barn or where we determine in the morning session.

(3) Social Hour: Mon – Saturday 5:15 pm-6:15 pm

Meet at the Union Barn.

We will expect every registered youth to be at every session. UYP community meets 4 hours a day. If you cannot attend a session please tell Suzanne Cook. Otherwise, we will worry about you and will have to send staff to locate your parent. *Plus, you don't want to miss any fun!*

EXPECTATIONS

To have a memorable, fun filled and exciting week we ask you to agree to our Union Youth Program (UYP) Expectations. Please review with your parent(s) and/or guardian(s). Let us know if you have any questions or concerns before you get on the island.

- Be kind and mindful of others.
- Be fair and listen to others' point of view.
- Participate and try an activity even if unsure.
- Ask for help if you need it or have a problem.
- Clean up after yourself.
- Help take care of the environment, supplies and surrounding outdoors.
- Our time on island should be as "screen free" as possible. (ie: phone, tablet, etc.)
- The Union Barn space and the UYP is for registered Star Union youth only.
- Disrespect or not following the expectations listed will have consequences.
- You must wear appropriate foot attire and clothing at ALL TIMES during the conference.
- You must remain within the Star Island Children's Boundaries (12 & under) at ALL TIMES during the conference unless you are with an adult. See last page of this document.
- Follow the **bedtimes** for your age (you must be in your room & quiet at the designated time).
 - Grades K-1st **8:30 pm**
 - Grades 3, 4, 5, 6 **9:00 pm**
 - Grades 7, 8 **10:00 pm**
 - Grades 9, 10, 11 **11:00 pm**

OUR VISION FOR UYP

Our vision for the UYP community during the week is to nurture our spirits through -

Fun, novel activities that are collaborative and self-directed

Flexible thinking and creative problem solving

Mindfulness of our surroundings and each other

Curiosity and creativity

FIRST DAY ON ISLAND!

We will have a quick **MANDATORY Parent and Youth Meeting 4:45 – 5:00 pm** on the stadium seats of Brookfield. (If raining, inside Brookfield!) There is NO Social Hour care.

SNACKS & SOCIAL HOUR

Do you have allergies or anything we need to know about? Please email Suzanne ASAP at suzcook65@gmail.com. **We are asking EVERY youth to bring a loaf of their favorite bread to share!** We will supply butter, jams and hummus. We will also be supplying a variety of veggies and fruits for daily snacks. Social hour we will have chips and dips!

Bring a refillable water bottle with your name on it to leave in the Union Barn for the week.

T-SHIRT for silk screening

Please **bring a t shirt to silk screen** to the Union Barn with you Monday morning.

Frequently Asked Questions

What will we be doing every day?

We will be working on a group project to do with the earth and the elements, writing music with Kemp Harris and Carl Sturken, independent projects of your choice, playing games, working on an auction project, hanging out and having fun!

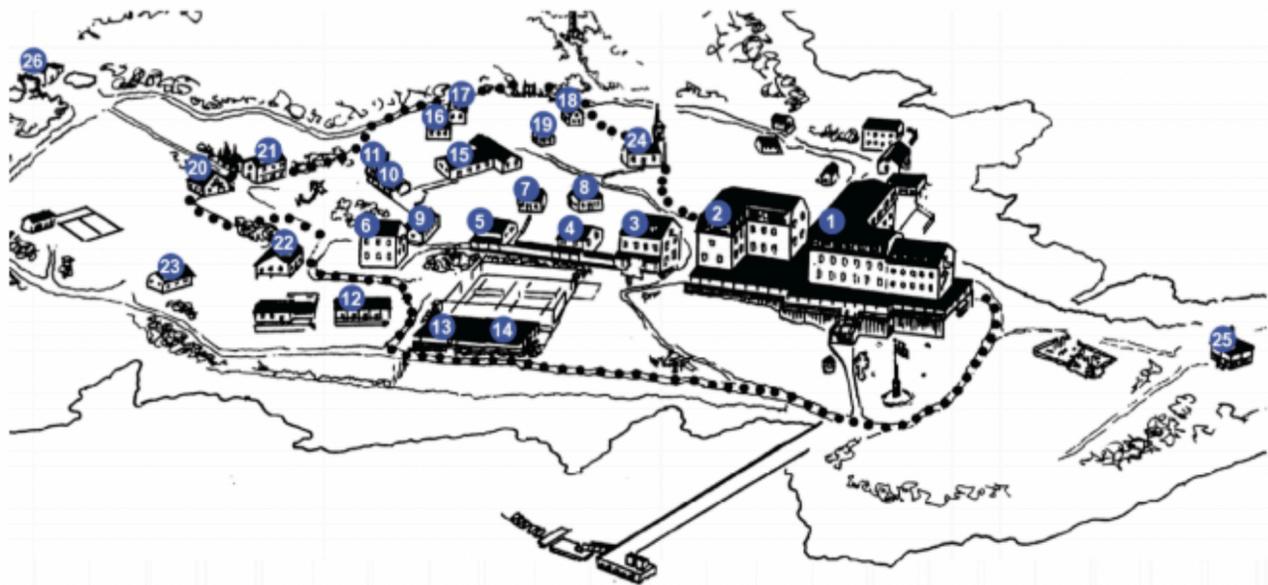
Who will be our leaders?

UYP Coordinator Lead Guide: Suzanne Cook Off island Suzanne is a Montessori art teacher and has been coming to Star for 33 years all the way from Georgia.

UYP Guide: Sasha Best Off island Sasha is the Operations Manager for Philadelphia Academy of School Leaders and has been coming to Star for 15 years.

UYP Guide: Annabelle Cook Off island Annabelle is a children's art illustrator and has been coming to Star for 26 years including four years as a Pelican.

UYP Guide Carolina Lindquist Off island Carolina is a sophomore at the University of South Carolina studying Criminal Justice and Criminology and has been coming to Star for 4 years.



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| 1 Oceanic | 3 Cottage A | 13 Rutledge Marine Lab | 23 Doctor's Cottage |
| Lobby | 4 Cottage B | 14 Brookfield | 24 Chapel |
| Pink Parlor | 5 Cottage C | 15 Newton Centre | 25 Summer House |
| Writing Room (Peace Room) | 6 Cottage D | 16 Parsonage | 26 Art Barn |
| Dining Room and Snack Bar | 7 Cottage E | 17 Marshman | |
| Gift Shop | 8 Manager's Cottage | 18 Vaughn Cottage | |
| Lobby Store and Bookstore | 9 Sprague | 19 Parker | |
| 2 Gosport | 10 Y.P.R.U | 20 Kiddie Barn/
Star Loft | |
| Elliott Hall | 11 Baker | 21 Louise's Barn | |
| Lawrance | 12 Founder's | 22 Dement First Aid Station | |
| Sandpiper | | | |

Children's Boundaries are defined by the dotted line. Children under 12 years old must stay within the boundaries unless accompanied by someone over 18.

See you soon!

If you or your parent(s) and/or guardian(s) have any questions or concerns please contact Suzanne Cook at suzcook65@gmail.com or text to (678) 858-2407.