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Welcome !

**What's a UU
Religious Educator
to Do (in the Summer)?**

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Opening Words

“We light this chalice to find inner peace...” published by [Oberlin UU Fellowship, Oberlin, OH](#)



Agenda

- The wide view: Obligations and opportunities
- Camps and conferences
 - For you, the religious educator
 - For families
- Staying home: Nurture yourself and your congregational programs
- Leading a summer program / UU versions of Vacation Bible School



The opportunity to attend worship services and the community of other religious educators at these experiences [LREDA Professional Day and Star Island] fill my soul and refill my spiritual tank.

-- Patti Withers





I - Camps and Conferences

Lily Rappaport

- Director of Religious Education
UU Church of Kent, Ohio
- Member, LREDA Board
- Dean of Star Island Lifespan Religious
Education Conference



Religious Education Weeks



Ferry Beach, Waco MA

July 8 - July 14

The Mountain, Highlands, NC

July 9 - July 14

Star Island, Rye, NH

July 15 - July 22

**RE Week by the Sea (Central
East Region) Ocean Grove, NJ**

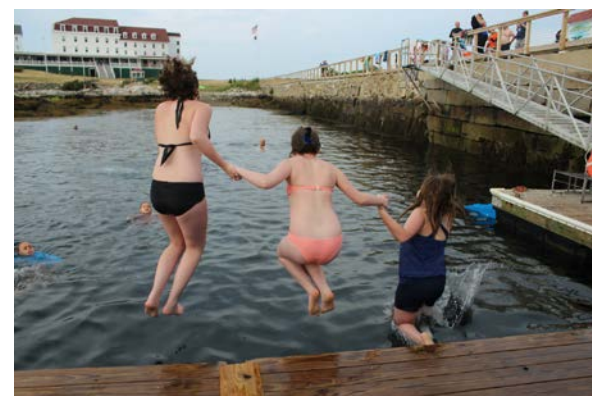
Aug 15 - Aug 9



A Typical Day at RE Week

MORNING

Wake up singers, yoga, bird watching, workshops,



AFTERNOON

Porch chats, tie dye, island tours, boating, art, softball



EVENING

Bonfire, bingo, talent show, candlelight chapel



UU Family Camps 2017

- **UBarU**
May 26-29, Mountain Home, TX
www.ubaru.org
- **Southeast UU Summer Institute**
July 16-22, Cullowhee, NC
www.suusi.org
- **Chalice Sparx UU Family Camp**
July 27-30, Sturgis, MI
www.chalicesparx.org
- **Camp de Benneville Pines**
July 30-Aug. 5, Angelus Oaks, CA
www.uucamp.org/camp-calendar/



Council of UU Camps & Conferences

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Bayside UU Family Camp, WI

Camp Unistar, MN

Eliot Institute, WA

Midwest UU Summer Assembly, MO

Murray Grove, NJ

Northern California UU Camp (PCD), CA

Ohio Meadville District Summer Institute, OH

Rowe Camp, MA

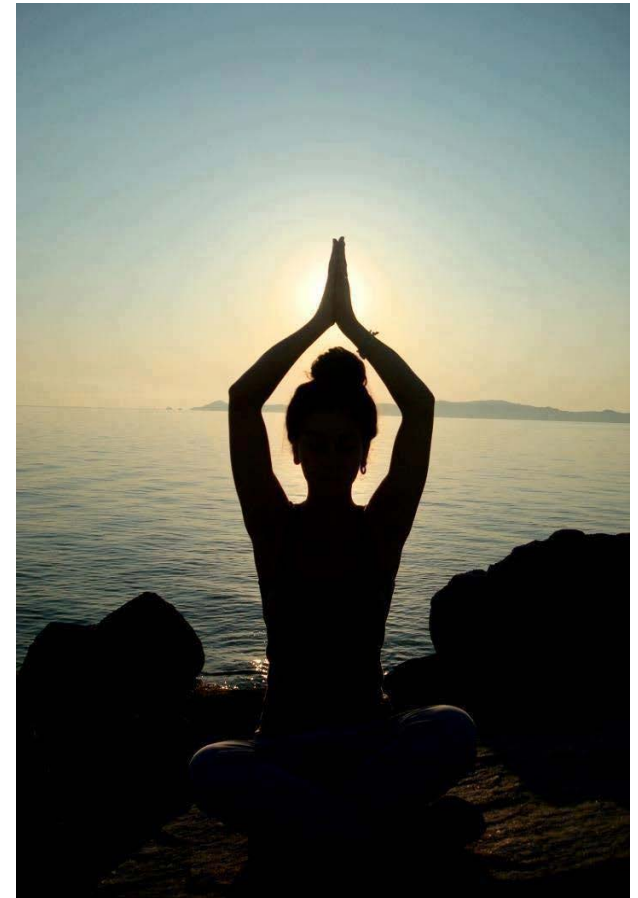
Southwest UU Institute, OK

UU MidAtlantic Community, PA



Other Nourishing Getaways

- **Professional Retreats** (non UU)
- **Personal Retreats**, not explicitly for professional collegiality/study (e.g., Kripalu in Lenox, MA)
- **NVC Family Camps**, Center for Nonviolent Communications (CA, CO, OH, NY, WI, WV, WA, CO)
- **Visit other congregations**





II – Using Your Summer at Home

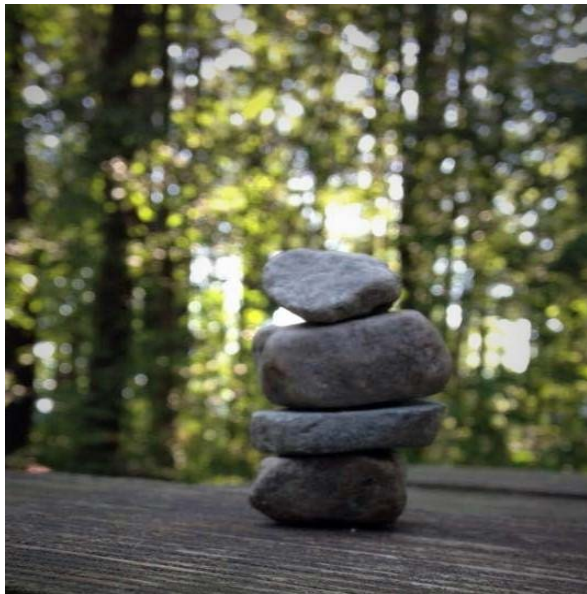
Leah Purcell

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First UU Society of Albany, NY
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Nurturing Yourself Close to Home

Visit nearby places close to you that you wouldn't otherwise.



- Natural
- Historical
- Cultural

What might your families appreciate?

What would challenge them?



Leveraging Your Summer Work

Look for opportunities within your congregational work to grow and stretch.



- Use summer RE or “pop ups” to experiment with different models.
- Lead a summer multigenerational service or preach.
- Welcome newcomers; take on new roles.



Summer Reading

- Read a text to inspire your newsletter columns or blogs for the coming year.
- Reading list for Fall Con or list from BLUU Teach-In
- Credentialing Reading List





Take Your Vacation Time



- During Summer
- Sprinkled throughout the congregational year



III – Running a UU Summer Camp

Patti Withers

- Director of Lifespan Religious Education
Bay Area UU Church, Houston, TX
- Credentialed Religious Educator/
Master Level



Adventures in World Cultures

- Four mornings in July, for 28 years
- Serves rising K-6th Graders
- Youth are classroom helpers
- Created as an answer to Vacation Bible School



Adventures in World Cultures

- Held at the church
- Cultures chosen by the teachers
- Teachers and decorators are volunteers
- Cultural sensitivity
- Builds community among children
- Friends and neighbors invited
- BAUUC very proud of program



Morning plan

- Opening together; passports
- Go to country; introduction
- Activities
 - Story
 - Snack
 - Crafts/songs/dance
 - Physical activity (outdoors weather permitting)
 - Investigate room
- Closing – all together





Botswana delta





Scotland: movable Nessie





Thailand





A.N.T. (Art, Nature, Theater) Camp

Marty Wilmer, UU Fellowship of Charlotte County, FL

- Develop understanding of 1st and 7th UU Principles
- Covenant, composting, and movement activities are core
- Attracts families from outside and within the congregation
- Volunteers teach in area of expertise





A.N.T. (Art, Nature, Theater) Camp

Marty Wilmer, UU Fellowship of Charlotte
County, FL

Typical Day

Morning meeting
Compost
Theater/movement
Fossils
Flower painting
Lunch
Engineering challenge
Free play





A.N.T. (Art, Nature, Theater) Camp

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More activities

Animal movement

Piñata make/break

Bird feeders

Origami

Puppets

Slime

Visit from Peace River
Wildlife Center





Summer Day Camps

Katie Covey, Author, Consultant, and 2017 UUA
GA Middle School Camp Co-Director

- One week
- High school counselors
- Themes: Dharma Camp, Science Camp, Gaia Camp, World Religions
- World Religions Summer Day Camp Guide (K-5th grade)

www.uua.org/daycamp.html



Another full day ahead
with an opportunity
to evangelize with joy.

-- Jim Key, UUA Moderator



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