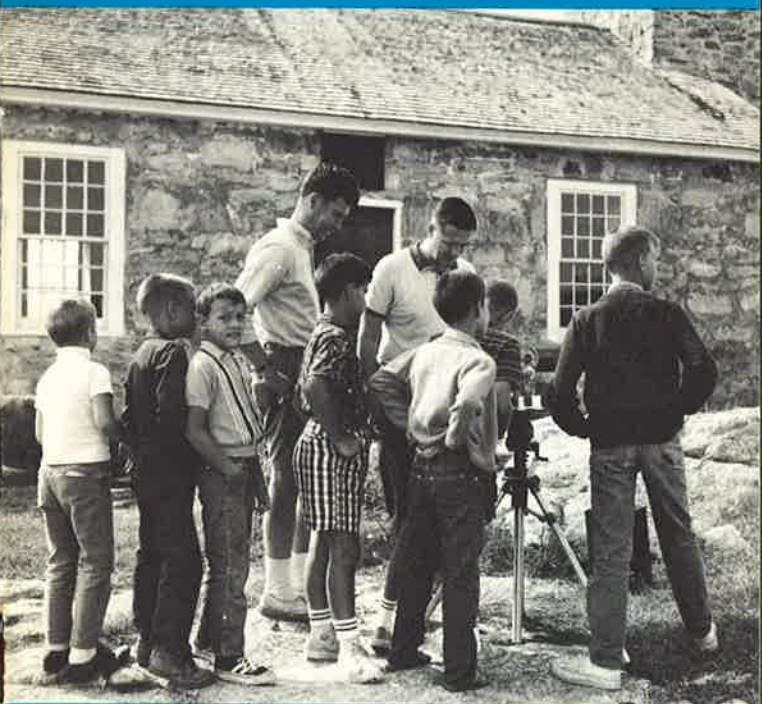


Star Island



OFF PORTSMOUTH, N. H. Summer — 1966

JUST 50 YEARS AGO, The Star Island Corporation was formed by Unitarians and Congregationalists to purchase Star Island, one of the Isles of Shoals, ten miles at sea off Portsmouth, New Hampshire. This golden anniversary will be celebrated, and the island will be rededicated, on August 21, 1966. The usual week-long conferences will be held on religion, science and education, and will be attended by people from many parts of the continent and of many different religious backgrounds.

The history of the rocky island dates from Captain John Smith, who discovered it in 1614. Pirates are said to have used it as a hiding place for their treasure, and Indians often harassed the hardy first settlers.

Before the American revolution, the islands were the site of a prosperous fishing and trading community. In the 19th century, the nearby island of Appledore was the haven of an artistic and literary group which included such figures as James Russell Lowell, John Greenleaf Whittier, Nathaniel Hawthorne and Celia Thaxter.

THE STAR ISLAND CONFERENCES ARE DESIGNED —

- to assist young persons in meeting the problems of a mature world;
- to help church-school directors in selecting curricula and in learning how to teach creatively;
- to offer a cultural type of conference for parents and their children;
- to consider the application of religious principles to current international problems, and to a scientific age.

MARINE BIOLOGY

One of Star's most interesting activities (and one provided at few other conference centers) is the program for the study of marine biology. The Star Island Corporation maintains a full-time naturalist who is available to all members of all conferences for talks on marine life as well as marine plants and animals. He also conducts

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field trips to the shore, tide pools and harbor bottom. A collection of specimens is maintained in the island laboratory where microscopes are available to guests.

MUSICAL PROGRAM

A full-time director of music is also part of the island staff. He conducts a chorus composed of members of the staff, and is available to the conferences for chapel services and other musical activities.

NOT ALL WORK AND NO PLAY

The conferences themselves have been, year after year, tremendously exciting and stimulating to Shoalers, but Star Island provides excellent opportunities for both active and inactive recreation.

Swimming is probably the most universally enjoyed activity on the island. Fishing has always rewarded the Star Island angler, and can be enjoyed both from the rocky promontories of the island itself and from a row boat, several of which are available for rent. There is at least one deep-sea fishing trip each week.

Other free-time activities include tennis, baseball, volleyball, horseshoes and exploring the island. The veranda of the main building offers a spectacular view of the ocean and sky, and a perfect spot for reading or conversing.



FOR THE SMALLER SHOALER . . .

Many of the conferences provide an organized program for children, under trained leadership. This enables the parents to attend lectures and activities.

DETAILED PRINTED BROCHURES for all conferences may be secured from the conference committees (see pages 6 to 15 of this brochure).

WELCOMING VISITORS

In addition to the Shoalers who come to Star Island for a week-long conference, many visitors come for one day's outing. They leave Portsmouth in the morning and return at 3:00 p.m. Many bring picnic lunches to which they add hot or cold drinks and ice cream purchased at the snack bar. When space permits, others enjoy luncheon in the conference dining room.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND RATES

Although the living quarters are equipped with toilet facilities, there are no baths. Showers are usually provided several times during each week.

Board and room, payable at the island, vary from \$49.00 to \$56.00 per week per person, with special rates for children. Boat fare, round trip from Portsmouth, is \$3.50.

The conference center is staffed by a group of college-age young people who, for reasons lost in antiquity, are called "Pelicans." They are selected for self-reliance, imagination and charm,

and many return year after year. Their supervisors are drawn mostly from the educational field. A high point of each conference is an evening of musical entertainment by the Pelicans.

A full-equipped first-aid station is in readiness at all times, with a doctor and registered nurse in charge. A radio-telephone is available for emergencies.

The snack bar is open every day for between-meal snacks, and the island store is well stocked with personal conveniences, such as toiletries, film, art supplies, cigarettes and stationery.

The book store carries a good selection for both children and adults, while the gift shop offers unusual items sold for the benefit of the island. Organizations and individuals are urged to send gift items suitable for sale to the Unitarian Universalist Church, 292 State St., Portsmouth, New Hampshire, c/o Miss Anne Withington.

THE CHAPEL

Crowning the highest point on Star Island is the little stone meeting house, the third to stand on that foundation, and now more than 160 years old.

At the close of each day, Shoalers gather at the foot of the hill to form a procession, carrying candle lanterns, just as the villagers of long ago carried their whale-oil lamps up the same winding path to the meeting house.



Liberal Religious Youth

June 25 to July 2, 1966

Speakers, adult-led workshops, and youth-led discussions groups are featured at the conference for high-school age young people sponsored by the New England Regional Committee of Liberal Religious Youth of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Theme for the conference is "A Time to Live — a Time to Die." You have just been informed that you have only six months to live and you have come to Star Island to formulate your ideas and courses of action.

Registration: \$8.00.

Registrar: Benny Dickson, 2 Ivy Road, Wellesley, Mass. 02181.

Advisor: Rev. James Hobart, Box 325, West Upton, Mass. 01587.

Room and board, including gratuity: \$42.00.

Round trip boat fare from Portsmouth: \$3.50.

Conference Chairman: Ringo Kurth, 165 North Prospect St., Burlington, Vermont 05401.

During the 1965 conference, Canadian delegates raise their flag at the island. This was the gift of the Unitarian Congregation of South Peel, Ontario.



All Star Family Conferences

July 2 to 9 and July 9 to 16, 1966

Designed especially for Unitarian Universalists, their families and their friends, these two separate conferences feature outstanding speakers, and such activities as choral music, marine biology and other nature studies, arts and crafts and interest workshops in writing, drama and the dance. Families live together, but group activities are planned for children and young people while their parents attend lectures and activities.

The theme speaker for the first conference is Dr. William Caudill, a social anthropologist and chief of the Section on Personality and Environment in the National Institute of Mental Health, Bethesda, Md. His subject, "Cross-cultural Study of the Family: Japan and the United States."

Theme speaker for the second conference will be Prof. Terry Votichendo, professor of philosophy at the University of Arizona. His subject "The Interaction of Existential Philosophy and Contemporary Forms of Psychotherapy."

Registration: Couple \$15.00. Single \$10.00. Each child \$2.00. Maximum family registration fee, regardless of number of children: \$25.00. Each child not with parent, \$5.00. Each child over 12 years, not with parent, \$10.00.

Registrars: The chairmen of each conference.

Room and board: Adults, \$49.00 to \$56.00. Children under two years, \$10.00; two to five \$25.00; six to eleven \$35.00; twelve to eighteen, \$49.00.

Round trip boat fare from Portsmouth: Adults, \$3.50. Children \$2.50.

Chairman for first conference: Mr. and Mrs. William McVey, 6902 Old Gate Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Chairmen for second conference: Dr. and Mrs. Jack Ward, 2631 Pennington Rd., Pennington, New Jersey 08534.

Religious Education Institute

July 16 to 23, 1966

Sponsored by the New England Inter-District Religious Education Committee. A unique opportunity in the East for a full week of intensive training in the field of Liberal Religious Education, for beginning and advanced personnel. This year's conference is aimed at providing practical help to a wide variety of people in their specific roles of communicating the message of Liberal Religion.

Theme: "What and How" — What is the message of Liberal Religion?
How do we communicate it to children?

Our theme speaker will help you to discover and determine the *Message* of Liberal Religion.

Experienced Religious Educators will acquaint you with methods and help you develop skills for communicating the message of Liberal Religion to children, during daily WORKSHOP sessions designed especially for:

New teachers (with some opportunity for observation) Pre-school, Primary, Junior.

Those who work with ADOLESCENTS (in church school classes or youth programs).

"MINISTERS ONLY" (limited to ministers because of their special role).

PARENTS (and those interested in finding new ways of communicating with parents).

WORSHIP LEADERS

ADMINISTRATORS (responsible for designing the R. E. program in the church).

Lecture Series to expand your knowledge of the bible, ecology, marine biology, ethics and human relations.

Evening Recreation, chapel, boating, fishing, etc.

Children's Program (ages 5 through Grade 6) limited to 50 early registrants whose parents could not otherwise attend. See next page.

International Affairs Workshop

July 23-30, 1966

"Foreign Policy in Perspective" is the theme of this year's conference. Workshop participants will have a chance to take a look at the formulation of foreign policy from a wide variety of viewpoints.

Keynote speaker of the week will be:

SAVILLE DAVIS

— International correspondent and Chief of the Washington Bureau for the Christian Science Monitor.

Also featured will be a representative from the Soviet Embassy in the United States, a member of the U. S. Congress, a Canadian diplomat, and consuls from Western and Eastern Europe.

Daily seminars, under the direction of Richard W. Barrett of the U. S. State Department, will deal with actual case studies in problems of foreign policy. Seminar participants will have the experience of role playing in situations that have influenced and shaped our history. Special emphasis will be placed upon small group and face-to-face discussions.

Substantial free time is provided during the days and evenings for recreational activities that

Registration: Adults \$15.00. Children \$10.00.

(Further information and registration blanks may be obtained from local Uni-Uni Societies, District Religious Education Committees, or from the registrar.)

Room and board: Adults, \$49.00 to \$56.00. Children, 5 years \$25.00; 6 to 11 years \$35.00.

Round trip boat fare (from Portsmouth): Adults \$3.50, children \$2.50.

Registrar: Mrs. Merritt F. Garland, Jr., 18 Chestnut Hill, Greenfield, Mass. 01301.

Conference Dean: Mrs. Christine Wetzel 6 Payson St., Attleboro, Mass. 02703.

Institute on Religion In an Age of Science

THIRTEENTH SUMMER CONFERENCE

July 30 to August 6, 1966

The institute is an independent society of scientific and religious inquirers. Its Star Island conferences are open to persons of any religious or secular perspective.

Keynote speakers are in session during the week, and their papers will be discussed by panels and conferences during the day and evening.

The program is being arranged by a committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Ward Goode-nough of Lima, Pennsylvania.

Registration: \$20.00.

Registrar: Mrs. Frances Burhoe, 5711 Wood-lawn Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60637.

Room and Board: \$49.00 to \$56.00, payable at the island.

Round trip boat fare from Portsmouth: \$3.50.

General chairman: Mrs. Dana McLean Greeley, 33 Brimmer St., Boston, Mass. 02108.

International Affairs Workshop —

include swimming, fishing, softball, tennis, folk-dancing, and films.

The conference is sponsored by the Isles of Shoals Unitarian Association, the U-U Fellowship for Social Justice, The Laymen's League, the Unitarian Universalist Association, the Unitarian Universalist Churches of Canada, and the Social Action Committee of the Community Church, New York City.

Registration: \$15.00.

Registrar: Miss Allison Brayton, 145 Forest St., Medford, Mass. 02155.

Room and board: \$49.00 to \$56.00 per week.

Round trip boat fare from Portsmouth: \$3.50.

Conference Chairman: Mr. G. Robert Hohler, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. 02108.

Congregational Conferences

August 6 to 19, 1966

AN ADULT CONFERENCE — August 6-13

General chairmen, Rev. Alden Hebard,
Norfolk, Conn. 06058.

Rev. Harold E. Crow, Meriden, Conn. 06450.

THEME: "Growing As Christians In Today's World." Leaders will include the Rev. J. Thomas Leamon, Danielson, Conn., ("The Artist in Dialogue with the Churchman") and the Rev. David W. Emmons, minister-in-residence, Connecticut Conference of United Church of Christ retreat center (all-conference Bible leader).

Registration: \$10.00 for adults.

Room and board for adults: \$49.00 to \$56.00.

A CONFERENCE FOR FAMILIES

(as well as individuals) August 13 to 19

A new conference. Adults will participate in discussions following daily lectures. (Speaker to be announced.) Conferees will attend seminars which include marine biology, geology, chorus, regional history, children's reading disabilities. During adult activities, children under 2½ will be cared for by a registered nurse. Other children will be grouped in appropriate age groups with qualified leaders in arts and crafts, music, sports and nature study. Together, families will share in brief worship services, group singing, kite-flying contests, folk and square dancing.

Chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. David D. Pierson,
Rte. 1, West Side, Woodbury, Conn. 06798.

Registration: For adults \$10.00; for children \$5.00.

Registrar, Mrs. T. Edwin Peterson, 733 Water-town St. Newtonville, Mass. 02160.

Room and board: For adults \$42.00 to \$48.00; children under 2: \$8.50, 2 to 5: \$21.50, 6 to 11: \$30.00.

A WEEKEND FOR YOUNG ADULTS

August 12-14. Theme: "Where Do We Go From Here?" the Rev. John Crowe, Worcester, Mass., adviser.

Registration: \$5.00. *Room and Board* \$20.00.

Registrar: Same as for adult conferences.

Note—There will be young adults in attendance at the week-long adult conference.

TWO CONFERENCES FOR HIGH SCHOOL AGE YOUNG PEOPLE

August 6-13—A conference for those who have completed grades 10, 11, and 12. *Dean:* the Rev. Loring N. Roberts, Canaan, Conn. 06018.

Registration: \$6.00. *Room and Board:* \$42.00.

August 13-19—A conference for those who have completed grades 9, 10, and 11. *Dean:* the Rev. Philip H. Southwick, Georgetown, Mass. 01830. *Registration:* \$6.00. *Room and Board:* \$36.00.

Registrar: same as for adult conferences.

CONGREGATIONAL LAYMEN'S WEEKEND —

August 19-21

A conference of the Laity sponsored by the United Church of Christ for men and women from New England and New York. Leadership will be given by Dr. Robert McAfee Brown, Stanford University, California.

Chairman: Mr. Clinton McGuire, 35 Dennison St., Roxbury, Mass. 02119.

Registrar: John C. Homan, Sr., 625 Townsend Road, Box 148, Fitchburg, Mass. 01420.

Room and Board: \$20.00.

For further information write: Rev. Donald Simpson, 26 Brattle St., Worcester, Mass. 01606.



Writers' Conference

August 6 to 19, 1966

This conference is designed for a small group of persons interested in writing under capable leadership. Morning workshops. Private consultations on manuscripts. Author-speakers.

Registration: \$50.00.

Room and board: \$91.00 to \$104.00.

Round trip boat fare from Portsmouth: \$3.50.

Chairman and registrar: Mrs. Mary Chisholm Sweetser, 10 Kneeland St., Malden, Mass. 02148.



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONFERENCES
IN AUGUST

Life on a Star!

August 22 to 28 and August 28 to September 3

To provide inspirational talks, seminars and activities in the arts and sciences for adults, youth, and children, the Star Island Corporation sponsors these two six-day conferences for families and individuals. Come to one or both.

Theme speaker for the first conference is

Dr. John F. Hayward

—professor of theology, Meadville Theological School, speaking on “Sacred, Profane, and Secular—the search for a hallowed life in a mechanized and matter-of-fact world.” Seminars include astronomy, arts and crafts, chorus, folk dancing, marine biology, and Star Island history.

Theme speaker for the second conference is

Rev. Robert C. Clarke

—minister of the First Unitarian Society of Exeter, N. H., speaking on “Freedom Reconsidered.” Seminars include astronomy, arts and crafts, chorus, folk dancing, marine biology, geology, Star Island history.

Both conferences provide programs for children, junior high and senior high youth. Special attendant for children under 3 years. Free baby-sitting. Sports, boating, fishing, and evening entertainments.

Registration: For each conference, each adult, \$12.00. Children under 16, \$5.00.

Registrar: Miss Marion C. Wheeler, 116 East Pleasant Street, Amherst, Mass., 01002.

Room and Board: Each conference, adults \$42-48. Children under 2, \$8.50; two to five, \$21.50; six to eleven, \$30.00.

Chairmen: First conference, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Lowe. Second conference, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Saunders.

For further information write, Life on a Star, 355 Boylston St., Boston, Mass. 02116.

College Age Youth

August 28 to September 3

Star Island is a beautiful, jagged, thought-provoking island. Here is held a 6 day College Age conference. Anyone from a high school graduate up to 27 years of age may share in Star's many meaningful experiences. At Star you may deepen your religious experience, share with others in fellowship, partake of its recreational pleasures, and be enchanted by Star Island's desolate beauty.

Theme: “Communication: the Human Predicament.”

Theme speaker, Rev. Ralph Helverson of Cambridge, Mass.

With a master's degree from Cornell, the Rev. Mr. Helverson has been active in the following organizations: staff member of the Cornell United Religious Work; minister of the First Parish in Cambridge since 1959; member of the United Ministry at Harvard, Radcliffe and MIT; on executive board of the Mass. branch of the American Civil Liberties Union; advisory committee of the Dept. of Overseas and Interfaith Relations. He is author of “Speak to the Earth” and the 1964 Lenten manual “Impassioned Clay.” An extensive traveler, he journeyed to Cambridge, England, last year and will travel in Russia this year.

As a special feature at the conference the Rev. Larry Jaffa will speak on ESP.

Registration fee: \$10.00 due on or before August 1, 1966. Enrollment limited to 50.

Room and board: \$42.00. Round trip boat fare from Portsmouth: \$3.50.

Registrar: Stu Smith, 32 Wilson Drive, Framingham, Mass. 01701.

Chairman: Debby Soule, 38 Leonard Road, North Weymouth, Mass. 02191.

Advisor: Rev. Richard Fewkes, 11 Courtland St., Middleboro, Mass. 02346.

For more information, write the registrar or chairman.



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