

1965

sds national convention

Five days of informal discussion and debate of the major issues facing the movement today:

- ✓ The political program and strategy of the movement
- ✓ Foreign policy
- ✓ Democracy and organizational structure
- ✓ The University
- ✓ Economic change and political change
- ✓ Basic values
- ✓ Cultural change and social change

in the lakes and woods of Northern Michigan

June 9-13,

registration, room and board - \$20.00

won't you come?

Location:

Camp Maplehurst
Kewadin, Michigan

For pre-registration write:

Students for a Democratic Society
1103 East 63rd Street
Chicago 37, Illinois
(312) 667-6050

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Tentative agenda

June 9-13

Camp Maplehurst -- Kewadin, Michigan (616) 264-9675

June 9 (Wednesday)

9-12 registration

1-6 small discussion groups to cover range of issues to be discussed at the convention, to get an idea of what there is to discuss and what should come out of this convention.

8-12 reports on this year's activities and (optional) introduction to SDS.

June 10 (Thursday) -- June 12 (Saturday) Workshops

The heart of this year's convention will be a series of workshops which will attempt to let small groups probe into many of the issues facing the movement today: the political program and strategy of the movement, foreign policy, democracy and organizational structure, the university, economic change and political change, cultural change and social change, and basic values. (See other side for details on workshops).

June 13 (Sunday)

reports from workshops (including recommendations for resolutions and discussion), constitutional amendments, election of national officers.

June 14-15

SDS National Council meeting.

June 14-16

Training institute for ERAP staff.

registration fee: \$20.00 (includes room and board)

bring sleeping bags--no blankets or sheets will be available. Bring bathing suits and warm clothes.

Camp Maplehurst is 18 miles north of Traverse City on US 31. There are bus, train, and plane connections to Traverse City and we will be running a shuttle service from there to the camp.

For more information and reservations contact:

Students for a Democratic Society, 1103 E. 63rd. Street, Chicago, Illinois
phone: (312) 667-6050

I plan to attend the SDS Convention:

Name _____

School Address _____

Home Address _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ towards the \$20 registration fee. I will pay the rest at the convention.

I have a car and can drive _____ people from _____ on _____.

I plan to attend the National Council meeting June 14 & 15.

Workshops for the 1965 SDS National Convention

THE POLITICAL PROGRAM AND STRATEGY OF THE MOVEMENT

An analysis of "the objective conditions, 1965": what is the nature of the Johnson consensus; what is the influence of economic, military, and political trends; what has been the response of the left and the liberal establishment? How then do we organize an independent radical movement? Who is to be organized, how, and for what? What have we learned from our year's experience in community organizing? Of what importance are "counter-institutions"? How do we balance domestic and foreign policy concerns?

FOREIGN POLICY

A full scale review of SDS's approaches to foreign policy questions: Why has SDS's development of a foreign policy analysis lagged behind our development of programs for domestic change? What sort of foreign policy positions flow from our basic values? What is the prospect for an anti-imperialist movement in America? Is basic social change the only answer, or are the meaningful intermediary programs? The foreign policy workshop will also contain a half day Institute for people planning to be involved in summer programs on Vietnam.

DEMOCRACY AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

How do we achieve the kind of democracy and participation we want within a dynamic social movement? What do these questions mean for SDS in particular? How does consensus democracy relate to traditional formal approaches? What is the role of the ideologue or leader in a democratic movement? Is there a dicotomy between a movement and an organization? How do we increase participation and communication?

UNIVERSITY

What can we learn from the past year's experience in University reform: can the structure be assaulted head on (a la FSM); what possibilities exist for reform from within, especially with faculty support; how successful have "counter university" and "free university" attempts been? Can we construct a meaningful university reform program to present to the campuses next fall? Should SDS aim for the establishment of a Free University? Also included will be discussion of the summer university reform projects.

ECONOMIC CHANGE AND POLITICAL CHANGE

An analysis of current trends in the economy: general trends, automation, defense conversion, the war on poverty, corporatism, etc.

CULTURAL CHANGE AND POLITICAL CHANGE

Our relation to and alienation from American culture. Culture in corporate society. The possibilities for independent cultural development: community free theatres; literature, music, and social criticism; art as a means of communication, education, and participation.

BASIC VALUES

A re-examination of the values in which we believe and what it means to live them.