



# INVESTING IN A WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES

You know Southern Illinois University Carbondale as a nationally ranked research university with the heart of a small college. Our successful graduates will attest to the quality of education we've been providing since 1869.

But, did you know that each year SIU's Events and Outreach coordinates hundreds of conferences, camps and special events?

These activities bring thousands of visitors from far and near to our scenic, modern campus.

# WE ARE HERE TO HELP

We offer a wide variety of conferences, event and meeting facilities and services. No matter how large or small your event or activity is, we can help you make it a success.

# SIU BY THE NUMBERS

- Number of meeting and event rooms: 250
- Largest indoor seating capacity: 9,500
- Maximum classroom seating: 250
- Indoor and outdoor recreational opportunities: Countless

# **OUR FACILITIES**

Indoors, outdoors, on-campus or off-campus, we have the place for you and the event you are planning. Campus venues include:



### **Student Center**

Featuring 28 multifunctional rooms, including four spacious ballrooms available for use individually or in combinations, the Student Center is the perfect venue for weddings, receptions, fairs, expos, business meetings and a host of other programs and activities. A variety of seating and table arrangements are available along with a number of staging options and complete sound and lighting systems.

The Student Center also offers a range of flexible catering options for your events and various dining choices catering to all tastes.

The facility is home to a food court, Bowling & Billiards, the Craft Shop, SalukiTech computer store, Graphic Services and the University Bookstore.

studentcenter.siu.edu

### SIU Arena

Our beautiful 8,339-seat multi-purpose arena was completely renovated in 2010 and boasts great amenities for fans and visitors alike. Home of the Saluki basketball program, the arena features modern amenities, upgraded support facilities and VIP club rooms. The arena is perfect for meetings, activities, large-scale conferences and feature events.

# **Morris Library**

Home to millions of volumes, documents and much more, this state-of-the-art library also has a number of areas suitable for receptions, guest speakers and panel discussions.

### lib.siu.edu

### **Shryock Auditorium**

A proscenium-style auditorium with seating for 1,212, this venue is perfect for lectures, concerts and theatrical events.

# **Student Recreation Center**

Boasting 212,000 square feet of recreational opportunities, the Student Recreation Center has six basketball courts, weight/exercise rooms, a new climbing wall, large activity areas and smaller fitness suites and the Edward J. Shea Natatorium Olympic-size pool and diving facilities. SIU's outdoor facilities include the campus boat dock, complete with canoes and pedal boats, two disc golf courses, three lighted softball fields, six lighted tennis courts, a synthetic turf soccer field and a multipurpose natural grass field.

reccenter.siu.edu

# **Touch of Nature Environmental Center**

SIU's outdoor learning laboratory is home to therapeutic recreation, environmental and adventure programs, camps and a diversity of group activities, conferences, programs and events. Located about eight miles south of campus on Giant City Road, the center has cabins, facilities for weddings, banquets, meetings and other gatherings. Onsite recreational opportunities include swimming, canoeing, hiking, team-building exercises, a high ropes course and much more.

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# **EVENTS AND OUTREACH SERVICES**

Our experienced, professional staff develops and organizes more than 200 conferences and workshops annually. Whether you are having an intimate event for 8-10 people or a major event for 2,500 or more, we have a proven record of providing all of the services you need.

Working in conjunction with units across campus, we can assist with:

# **Planning and Facility Coordination**

- Developing timelines and scheduling facilities and technology equipment
- Arranging exhibits, displays or poster sessions
- Coordinating receptions/banquets
- Arranging lodging as needed

# **Registration Services**

- Handling registrations by mail, fax, telephone and Internet
- · Providing on site check-in
- Preparing participant rosters and reports
- Tracking continuing education credits, where applicable
- Creating badges and other customized registration materials

# **Financial Management**

- Preparing budgets/financial statements
- Determining start-up costs and establishing registration fees
- Tracking revenues and expenses and preparing final reports

# **Marketing and Promotional Services**

- Designing and/or assisting with promotional materials
- Securing cost quotes and reserving space for advertising
- Designing and hosting Web pages
- · Graphics, design and printing

# **BIG CITY AMENITIES, SMALL TOWN CHARM**

This is SIU. This is Carbondale. It's a friendly, helpful atmosphere with abundant services.

We offer the facilities, support and latest technology available to ensure your event is all you want it to be. You will also find a wide, eclectic assortment of restaurants, hotels, caterers and venues in Carbondale and the region. The Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau, (cctb.org) is happy to assist you with planning and logistics.

Let us reintroduce you to SIU. We can't wait to show you how we put everything you need within reach.

# **COME STAY WITH US**

A variety of lodging arrangements are available at SIU. Many University Housing residence halls (locations vary) are open for use by conference participants from late May through end of July. Most are suites featuring two double-occupancy rooms sharing an adjoining bathroom. The air-conditioned rooms come furnished with two extra-long twin beds, desks and chairs. Each floor has common areas where groups can gather and most buildings have additional lounge and recreational areas.

# housing.siu.edu

Touch of Nature Environmental Center also offers overnight accommodations year-round in modern lodges and cabins.

We are a quick connection to major metropolitan areas by bus, train or car.

The region is well known for its natural beauty. It is home to the 280,000-acre Shawnee National Forest featuring the Little Grand Canyon, Garden of the Gods and numerous other recreational areas. Also nearby are the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge, Giant City State Park and many lakes, parks and natural areas.

# **CENTRALLY LOCATED**

The beautiful 8,474-acre SIU campus is in Carbondale, the "unofficial capital" of Southern Illinois. We are centrally located about:

- 100 miles southeast of St. Louis
- 200 miles northwest of Nashville
- 330 miles south of Chicago



# SIU - WHERE BIG THINGS ARE WITHIN REACH

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