

2006 SURF Summer Activities

It's always difficult when you're in a new city, with a new job -- unless you're a SURF student. SURFers find themselves in the same boat and thus forge bonds that may last a lifetime. They work together AND play together; they've found the magic bullet for balancing the two. In fact, to make life easier they can get it all scheduled using their own forum for social and work-related chatting.

NIST SURF Forum

For NIST SURF-related chat & info (this is not a US Government website)

NIST Research and Other Opportunities

Important Meetings & Dates

Seminars, socials & more

Working at NIST

Guidelines to the workplace

Please help...

Solve a problem or find something I need for my project

Complaints

Log out and post as a guest if you want to be anonymous

After NIST

Graduate school options and other career opportunities

SURF Chat

Chat Central

Off topic chat, forum games and everything else

Nature

Hiking, camping, biking

Baltimore & Washington, DC

Museums and the arts

Sports

Organize a group to play a sport

Music

Listen or play together

Apartment Life

Organize activities at Summerfield

After Work

Organize activities outside of Summerfield

Take a Trip

Get a group together for weekend travel (e.g., New York City)

Religion

Find friends with the same interests

Film

Organize a movie night at your apartment or the theatre

Apartment Assignments

Chat with your new apartment mates

Before You Arrive

Info on travel, apartments & \$\$\$

What will happen on the first day

SURF BBQ - NIST Picnic Grove

To welcome the SURFers to NIST, the SURF Directors provided burgers, salads, desserts, and sodas. It doesn't take a "rocket scientist" to know that if food is mentioned you'll find the SURF students there.



Cooking for students --
better have plenty



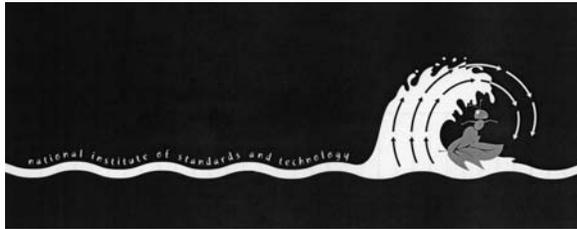
SURF Directors Marc Desrosiers
and Larry Reeker at the grills



SURF students enjoying the
fruits of the SURF Directors labor

2006 SURF T-Shirt Design

Each year the group has the task of designing a t-shirt during their stay at NIST, our own version of *Project Runway* (*PR*). See below the design that was this summer's winner – and unlike *PR*, the creators of the design(s) not chosen don't get booted out for the summer.



t-shirt front



t-shirt back

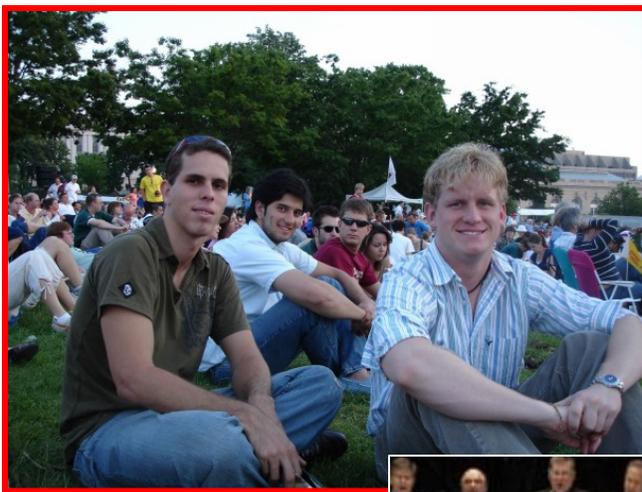
The Washington Metropolitan area is rich in cultural and recreational opportunities. NIST is just a short commute from the nation's capital, theaters, movies, restaurants, historical and cultural sites, museums, shopping, and many local universities. The students didn't have to wait until after work either since NIST has a fitness center, soccer, volleyball, softball, and many other activities to participate in during lunch break. You didn't have to spend a lot of cash to have fun, since there were always movie nights, poker parties, pool parties, basketball games and karaoke. Also, a number of students live in the area and invited out-of-the-area students to their homes for activities.



Celebrating the Fourth of July in the Nation's Capital (and elsewhere)

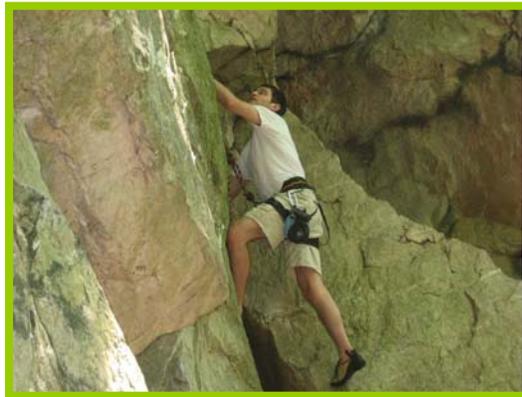
Congress established Independence Day as a holiday in 1870 and in 1938 Congress reaffirmed it as holiday, but with full pay for federal employees. Today, communities across the nation mark this major midsummer holiday with parades, fireworks, picnics and the playing of the “Star Spangled Banner” and marches by John Philip Sousa.

The SURFers marked the holiday on the National Mall with half a million of their nearest and dearest friends. Ann Swain, an Einstein Fellow from Woodinville, Washington who was at NIST for the 2005-2006 school year, sang in the choir – I’m sure all the SURFers waved to her.



Rock Climbing – Natural and Manmade

Ken Inn, a Physics Lab SURF Advisor, has taken SURFers rock climbing at Sugar Loaf Mountain for the past several years. Several SURFers tried their luck at the indoor rock climbing wall. Check out those brave enough to try the “real” thing.



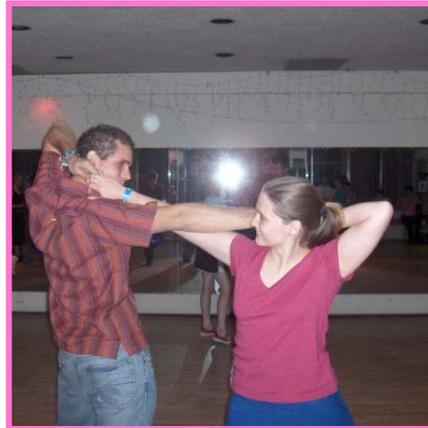
NIST Softball Team

A couple SURFers played on the NIST Computer Science Division softball team. They didn't win a single game (0-11, oh well they had an awesome time anyway). Their team did 'win' the title 'most fun team to play.' Hmm... I wonder if it had anything to do with dressing up like pirates for one of the games. The guys had one slight problem; they found out that eyeliner runs right into your eyes when you're sweating out in right field (bet Johnny Depp didn't have that problem in *Pirates of the Caribbean*).



Dancing with the Stars (or in this case SURFers)

The NIST Standards Employee Benefits Association (SEBA) offered free dance lessons during the summer. Check out this move....



Golf Anyone??

Tiger Woods may not have been on this golf course, but you didn't have to worry about whispering here, just having a good time.

