

ICASSI 2009 Maryville, Tennessee USA

The Rudolf Dreikurs Summer Institute in 2009 was held on the beautiful campus of Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee. Within sight of the foothills of the Smokey Mountains, amid decades old deciduous trees, over 200 ICASSI participants walked the groomed campus grounds to attend classes, lectures, meals, and informal outside chats.

Classes were held in traditional classrooms. Bloc 1 morning lectures were held in a spacious multipurpose room with a stage, which served the needs of the morning and evening programs well (and allowed everyone to enjoy the talented Catherine - who lifted our spirits with guitar and song). In this grand room, the first GEMEINSCHAFTSGEFÜHL session brought old and new attendees together in cooperative games, where names and individual private personality quirks were learned.



Later in the week, the silent and audible auctions brought in sizeable amounts for the ICASSI Scholarship Fund—not to mention a great deal of fun shopping by all who came. Talent night was an adventure that wouldn't quit. It brought out the offerings from every single country represented. Each was accepted in the manner it was contributed, most with hilarious laughter and eager applause.

Weekend trips into the Smokey Mountains themselves were interestingly guided by a local team of tour guides. Tourists were able to see the Cherokee produced outdoor drama, UNTO THESE HILLS, telling the story of the "trail of tears" that sent the Native American Cherokee persons thousands of miles away from

their home. Drives through the Smokey Mountain National Park were made more special with appearance of much wild life, including an occasional bear and white tailed deer as well as other flora and fauna.

A walk through the Living History Native American Museum featured demonstrations of weaving, weapon making, fire making, pottery molding, and entertainment. The weather was occasionally hot but mostly glorious, and people enjoyed gathering outside for long chats, singing fests, and renewing as well as making solid friendships.

