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Smoke Signals from the Big Chief

Dear Virginia 4-H All Stars!

Special thanks and congratulations to Air Field All Star Chapter and especially Jean Powers for hosting a very successful All Star Midwinter Conference in February. Air Field provided an outstanding program in Virginia Beach which included tours to the Virginia Aquarium and the Military Aviation Museum and a lovely mix of sun, wind and snow. Participants were inspired by fellow All Star Heather Newton, to find and follow their passion and learned about Rachel Manning's IFYE experiences while representing Virginia in South Korea and Thailand.

Are you looking for ways to serve as an All Star this summer? You might volunteer to help at 4-H camp, at your county fair, at State Congress and or at summer meetings. Can you help provide transportation to camp or be a secret donor for a 4-Her who might not have the resources to attend! (Contact your leaders or county office if you have time, energy or resources to share.)

I hope to see many of you during the All Star Summer Conference hosted by the Northern East Chapter in Front Royal, July 21-23. A fun and active service project will help prepare the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center for summer campers. You can also travel beyond Virginia and participate in this year's Interstate All Star Conference hosted by Maryland All Stars, July 13-16 in Fort Dietrich, Maryland.

All Star's biggest service activity supports 4-H Congress at Virginia Tech, this year June 19-22. I invite you to help with the public speaking contest, gather on Tuesday afternoon for the tapping ceremony, and help host an ice cream on Wednesday evening. Over 90 outstanding individuals have been invited to become All Stars this year. This year we will honor these individuals, both youth and adults, for their involvement in 4-H, as they are tapped into continued service to 4-H as a Virginia All Star.

I look forward to seeing friends from the past and meeting new All Star friends at coming events. Never hesitate to call if you have questions or are looking for opportunities to serve.

Yours in service,

Barbara Spangler, Big Chief

Return Service Requested

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Summer 2017 4-H All Star Conference

Northern Virginia 4-H Center

Front Royal, Virginia

Friday, July 21, 2017

7:00 - 10:00 PM Executive Committee -

Saturday, July 22, 2017

8:00 AM Breakfast in dining hall for those who registered for breakfast
 8:30 – 10:00 AM Exec. Committee (if needed)
 10:00 – Noon Conference registration, service projects
 12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch in dining hall for those registered for full conference
 1:15– 3:30 PM Complete service projects, or explore the Center or Front Royal
 4:30 - 5:45 PM Business meeting
 6:30 PM Dinner/ banquet - dining hall - Dress- Business casual
 8:45 PM Campfire - upper campfire area

Sunday July 23, 2017

8:00 AM Breakfast, for those registered for full conference
 9:15 AM Must be out of rooms (need to clean for camping group coming in today)
 9:30 AM Devotional & Memorial Service upper campfire circle
 9:45 AM Special activity -Conference Center
 10:30 AM District meetings - Conference Center
 11:00 AM Business meeting - Conference Center
 Noon - Have a safe trip home

For those who have camped at this Center, we hope you will make it a homecoming event. For those who are veterans of another center, come climb the hills that you have heard about from your friends.

Our focus on Saturday will be one that we have heard many of you request. The request has been for hands on service projects at conferences! We will have lots of opportunities to serve and make improvements at the Center. The Center has three specific work projects for Saturday. Two are outside and one inside. All are very hands on. We are in hopes that many of you who have camped there over the years and have fond memories, might enjoy a return experience -without campers!

This will be an inexpensive lodging event as we are staying in Congressman Hall versus our normal motel. Meals will be at the Center. Lodging is also available at local motels.

For additional information or if you have questions, contact Conference Chair William E. Thomas, Northern East Chapter Chief.

4-H All Stars in Service -- July 22 & 23, 2017
Conference Lodging Registration

4-H All Star Summer Conference Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center , Front Royal, VA

Lodging will be available in Congressman J. Kenneth Robinson Hall, commonly called Congressman Hall. Rooms are air conditioned, have a private bath (with shower), two twin and one bunk bed. Minimum two persons per room, maximum of four. Lodging is \$15.25 per person per night)

You must provide your own linens (pillow, sheets, towels, wash cloth, etc.) If you wish, the Center will provide for \$9 per person, sets of linens which include: 1 pillow, 1 blanket, 2 sheets, 1 pillowcase, 1 bath towel, 1 wash cloth, soap and plastic tumbler.

We have a limited number of rooms and they will be assigned in order of registration postmark. See information at the bottom of the page regarding a local motel that was selected to be the conference motel.

Name _____ Home phone _____
 email _____ Cell phone _____

Names of people to be in room and paid for on this form (If you have roommates sending in separate forms, please notes their names at the bottom of this form.)

Name _____ Name _____
 Name _____ Name _____

____ Persons for (+) _____ nights = _____ X \$15.25 = \$ _____ Linen set @ \$9 _____ = \$ _____

Total amount of Check \$ _____

Make checks payable to **Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars** (\$25 service charge for returned checks)

Mail this form and check to (Payment may be combined with your conference registration. Mail by July 7)

Randy & Irene Leech, 4220 North Fork Rd.; Elliston, VA 24087

I have made arrangements to be roommates with those below who will send in a separate registration and payment.

Name _____ Name _____
 Name _____

**Two rooms are handicapped equipped. _____ I would like a handicapped equipped room

If you prefer a local motel, arrangements have been made with

Quality Inn Skyline Drive, 10 S. Commerce Avenue, Front Royal, VA 22630

Call the motel at 540- 635-3161

They are offering a rate of \$76 per night. With a 11.5% tax the cost is \$84.59

They have mixed reviews, however, they are currently doing a renovation of the motel.

If you call to reserve a room at the Quality Inn Skyline Drive, the group is **Virginia 4-H All Stars**. This rate is good through July 5th.



“Raise Your Hand” if you are a 4-H alum!

4-H, the largest youth development program in the nation, is calling on all 4-H alumni to raise their hands to help bring 4-H to 10 million youth by 2025. Currently 4-H empowers nearly 6 million young people in every county across America, including more than 240,800 young people ages 5 to 19 in Virginia.

As part of the “Raise Your Hand” call to action, which will take place through June 30, 4-H is asking the millions of 4-H alumni across the nation, including 4-H alums in Virginia, to raise their hands to help pay it forward so 4-H can continue to provide the hands-on learning that empowers kids across America.

Raising a hand is easy. Alumni can go online to www.4-h.org/raiseyourhand to fill in their information and see how their state is faring. Each alumni sign-up is a vote toward a \$20,000, \$10,000, or \$5,000 prize that will be awarded to the three states with the most alumni hands raised. Alumni can then support the campaign by tweeting, posting, and sharing their #4HGrown experience, and they can support and tag fellow alumni by asking them to raise their hands for their state.

For more than 100 years, the 4-H impact on young people has been immeasurable. “Having experienced our programs first-hand, our alumni know best what a positive impact 4-H had on them growing up, which is why we’re reaching out to them to support the next generation of true leaders,” said Cathy Sutphin, associate director of 4-H Youth Development for Virginia Cooperative Extension.

“Whether they’re running Fortune 100 companies, performing for sold-out crowds, leading community programs, or volunteering to empower local youth, 4-H alumni are the epitome of true leadership,” said Jennifer Sirangelo, president and CEO of the National 4-H Council. “Our remarkable alumni now have the perfect opportunity to pay it forward, ensuring that the next generation has the opportunity to benefit from the 4-H experience.”

For information about 4-H programs in your area, contact your local [Virginia Cooperative Extension Office](http://www.vce.vt.edu). Virginia Cooperative Extension is an educational outreach program of Virginia’s land-grant universities, Virginia Tech and Virginia State University, and a part of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Don’t forget - We’re on the web:



View the Virginia 4-H All Star Group:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Virginia_4-H_AllStars

To Subscribe to the Group listserv:

Virginia_4-H_AllStars-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

To Post a message to the group:

Virginia_4-H_AllStars@yahoogroups.com

For more information visit

http://www.4-h.ext.vt.edu/groups/allstars/4h_allstars.html



Congratulations to the Virginia 4-H All Stars Awards Recipients

The Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars presented awards at their Midwinter Conference in Virginia Beach on February 4-5, 2017.

The **C. Dean Allen Award for Excellence** recognizes Extension faculty who have been supportive of the All Star mission of Service, involves All Stars in the local unit, and/or provides 4-H international opportunities for youth and host families. **Kathy Alstat, Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development** for Green County is the **2017 C. Dean Allen Award for Excellence recipient**. Kathy has recruited several host families for 4-H International delegates providing opportunities for 4-H families to share and learn about other cultures. Last summer, she assisted the IFYE (International 4-H Youth Exchange) Coordinator by recruiting a host family in an emergency for the IFYE from Holland. Thanks to Kathy Alstat for creating cultural learning experiences and great memories.

The **Dottie Nelson Award for Excellence in 4-H International Programs** recognizes initiative, growth, leadership and accomplishments in 4-H International Programs by volunteer adult leaders. 4-H International Programs broaden the horizons of the participants – not only those who travel abroad, but also host families who open up their homes to inbound delegates and share their lifestyle, customs, culture and local history with them. **Connie Rideout** of Radford, Virginia is the **2017 Dottie Nelson Award for Excellence in 4-H International Programs recipient**. Connie has over 40 years of service and dedication to 4-H international programs from either serving as a Youth Development Program Coordinator in Mexico organizing 4-H clubs to hosting and assisting with the National IFYE Orientation.

The **Wayne Keffer Memorial Scholarship** is awarded annually to two worthy 4-H All Stars who exhibit outstanding past 4-H involvement and community service. Current college freshmen through seniors as well as graduate students may apply.

The Wayne Keffer Memorial Scholarship for 2017 was awarded to **Alyssa Harris**, a Bland County 4-H Alumna who is a junior at Radford University majoring in Art Education. Alyssa was an active 4-H member completing many 4-H projects, competing in public speaking and presentations and participating in 4-H camps. She has extensive community service both as a 4-Her and a college student. She proudly mentioned that in the CHARACTER COUNTS! program at her school, she was selected as the “Heart H” one month. By teaching art, she hopes to help students to express their feelings positively.

Aleia Warren, a Washington County 4-H Alumna and a sophomore at the Virginia Highlands Community College, was the second recipient of the Wayne Keffer Memorial Scholarship. During her 4-H years, she served on the Virginia 4-H Cabinet and was Virginia’s representative to the Tennessee 4-H Roundup and to the 2015 Southern Region Leadership conference. Her community service is extensive and includes the “Cents for Senegal” fundraising project last year. She participated in State 4-H Congress each year and was a National 4-H Congress delegate. She loves math, science, problem solving, and understanding how and why things are built. She will transfer to Virginia Tech next fall. She says that her 4-H leadership and public speaking experiences have given her the confidence to become a female engineer.

4-H All Stars in Service -- July 22 & 23, 2017
Virginia 4-H All Star Summer Conference Registration (Separate lodging registration)
 Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center Front Royal, Virginia

Name _____ M / F Name for name tag _____

Name _____ M / F Name for name tag _____

Address _____

NUMBER AND STREET CITY STATE ZIP

Telephone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

E-mail _____ Unit _____ Year Tapped _____

Guest(s) _____ M / F _____ M / F

Full conference	Number of Persons	Total
Full Conference registration, Sat. lunch and banquet	\$31 X _____	= \$ _____
___ Saturday breakfast	\$7 X _____	= \$ _____
___ Sunday breakfast	\$7 X _____	= \$ _____
Not attending the full conference? *****		
Saturday including lunch and registration	\$14 X _____	= \$ _____
Banquet only (includes registration fee)	\$23 x _____	= \$ _____
Late Fee – (if postmarked after July 7th)	add \$5 +	\$ _____
Conference registration total \$ _____		

Contributions:

New Star Fund (Supports new member recognition and participation) \$ _____
 Wayne M. Keffer Endowment Fund (Provides scholarships) \$ _____
DUES: Virginia 4-H All Star dues (Annual \$10 / Life \$75) \$ _____

Amount from lodging registration \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Which service project to you plan to assist with? ___outside physical work ___Inside hand work ___none

Any conferences guests, other than spouses, parents and / or children, must be approved by the Big Chief and / or 4-H Department Liaison.
No alcoholic beverages permitted at All Star functions

Special Needs – Dietary, Handicapped, or Other: _____

Have you attended 4-H camp at NOVA as a ___ camper; ___ teen leader; ___ Staff; ___ Other

Code of Conduct All Conference registrants need to read and sign the following Code of Conduct:

As a Virginia 4-H All Star event participant, I will conduct myself during the course of this conference in a manner which reflects the qualities of a 4-H All Star.

All Star Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____ (If All Star is under age 18)

Make checks payable to: Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars (\$25 service charge for returned checks)

Send registration and check to: Randy & Irene Leech, 4220 North Fork Rd.; Elliston, VA 24087

Registration questions: Phone 540-268-5373 – Home; 540 268-1018 – Fax; Email: ileech@vt.edu;

Conference questions: Phone 540-825-1873; Email: thomasvtcc64@verizon.net or wetsbt@gmail.com

In Honor and Memory of Our Fellow All Stars:

Virgie M. Binford - (City of Richmond 2003) died March 19, 2017. She received her BS and MS from Virginia State University and a PhD from Virginia Tech. She received an additional Doctorate in ministry from New Hope Bible Crusade College and Seminary in Baltimore. A lifelong learner she did post graduate studies around the world. Dr. Binford has a 38 career in Richmond City Public School, including 16 as a kindergarten teacher. She led the pre-school Head Start Program in addition to other leadership roles. Her career also included serving as adjunct faculty at Virginia Union University and J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College. She received numerous awards for her work in many community organizations.

The Honorable William "Bill" James Collins Jr. passed away on March 15, 2017 in Homeville, Virginia. He was born on July 28, 1941 in Gaffney, South Carolina and attended school in Waverly, Virginia where he began an epic love affair with social interaction and civic engagement. He enjoyed 4-H summer camps and, thus supported 4-H throughout his life. He lived a life of service serving on the Airfield 4-H Conference Center Board for several years.

Marie Webb Layman, 103, Roanoke County, passed away in Lewis-Gale Hospital on April 11, 2017. She was born October 1, 1913 and was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Glenver Nininger Layman. Marie was a homemaker for many years and remained active in the 4-H Club from an early age, having been inducted into the Honor All-Star Organization in 1932. She graduated from Vinton High School in 1934. She was employed by Miller & Rhoads Department Store and Woolco Stores for many years in the Advertising Department and, upon retirement, founded and operated Layman Engraving for more than twenty years.

C. Ned Lester (Washington 1952) died February 22, 2017. He received his BS and MS from Virginia Tech and his PhD from Florida State. He spent his career at Virginia Tech as part of Virginia Cooperative Extension. He was an elder in the Blacksburg Presbyterian Church, past District Governor of Rotary International and past President of the New River Valley Friends of the Roanoke Symphony.

Ruth Smith Paulette (Lynchburg 1937) died September 9, 2016. She taught school for 42 years. She graduated from State Teachers College (now JMU) at age 19. Ruth was known for her creative teaching of art and was a pioneer in the fine art of recycling odds and ends for classroom use. She had a M.ED from UVA. She traveled to 48 states and 18 countries. She was an active member of over a dozen civic and professional organizations, serving as President of three. She truly lived the All Star motto of Service!

Martha G. Valentine (Carroll 1962), 70, of Martinsville, VA passed away on April 7, 2017. Martha was a Virginia Tech alumni and graduate of the University of Wisconsin. Her daughter, Lili Michelle Valentine is a 1991 All Star from Carroll County.

"The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves" - Helen Keller



Smoke Signals from our Chapters

Holiday Lake Chapter of 4-H All Stars - Submitted by Kayla Blincoe

Our last meeting was held at the Midwinter Conference in Virginia Beach. Our chapter was responsible for the Midwinter Conference service project, and we want to thank all of those who assisted with the service project which included collecting and sorting school supplies and canned foods, as well as tracing and cutting out stars for the doors of All Stars at Congress. We are looking forward to the summer conference and are in the process of planning a summer chapter meeting.

Northern Virginia Chapter (East) – Submitted by William Thomas

You are invited to our 10th annual Chapter picnic to welcome new All Stars on Sunday afternoon, August 27th at Graves Mt. Lodge. Graves Mountain Lodge is located in Madison county and operated by two 4-H All Stars. In addition to recognition of new All Stars and reports of Chapter activities, a silent auction fundraiser will be conducted. The meal is free for our Chapter's new All Stars, who are presented with a choice of a special designed t-shirt or All Star jewelry as a welcome gift. Plan to join your fellow 4-H All Stars at the annual Summer Conference, July 22 & 23. With the weekend at the Northern Virginia 4-H Center near Front Royal, it will be close to many of us and a great chance to visit and support a place with memories for many of us. See details and registration in this issue. Attending conferences is a great way to become involved in your 4-H All Star organization. Scholarship assistance is always available to those attending conferences from our Chapter.

Southwest Chapter of 4-H All Stars – Submitted by Deb Nester

Southwest Chapter 4-H All Stars met in November to review new member applications. At the Virginia 4-H All Star Midwinter Conference in Virginia Beach, nine 4-H members from Southwest were approved and will be invited to join the All Stars. On March 18, the Southwest Chapter gave a 20-minute presentation on All Stars to 180 teen leaders during their camp training. The All Stars also provided snacks at the end of their training session. The Southwest Chapter will host the 2018 Midwinter Conference. Plans are underway for the weekend of February 2 - 4, 2018 at Southwest 4-H Educational Center in Abingdon. Any help and participation is appreciated.

Contact Deb Nester (debvester@yahoo.com) or Robyn Raines at the 4-H Center for more information.

The Virginia Star

Calling all 4-H All Stars: Join us in this year's All Star Tapping Ceremony!

The 2017 All Star Tapping Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 21st at 2:30 pm at Virginia Tech on the Drillfield in front of War Memorial Chapel (in case of inclement weather the location will be War Memorial Gym). Practice will be from 9-10:30 am for anyone wanting to be a scout or stand in the circle to welcome new All Stars. There will be a second walkthrough from 11-11:45 am for anyone arriving later and wanting to stand in the circle. The 2017 tappees will sign in from 1:45-2:15. We will need Scouts to lead 6-8 tappees to the Big Chief and announce their names and counties.

If you want to scout a specific 2017 tappee please contact **State Scout Mary Gee at (276) 970-0539 or jmstgeespot4@yahoo.com** by June 18th and be aware that it is important that you attend the 9:00 practice. Please note that you may still tap a new All Star without being a scout as long as the tappee is aware that they want you to tap them and tells their scout. There will be a 4-H All Star orientation for new tappees immediately following the tapping ceremony. Please contact Barbara Spangler, Big Chief with questions about the ceremony.

Visitor parking permits will be available to pick up in the Cassell Coliseum parking lot beginning at noon. Please read the parking pass to determine where you may park. Vehicles are subject to ticketing if parked in unauthorized locations. A van will be available to shuttle people to and from the Tapping Ceremony starting at 12:30pm and continuing through 5pm.

Please note there are two gender neutral options for the tapping attire: professional white apparel, including white shoes, or white dress shirt, navy dress pants, solid navy tie, and dark dress shoes. Active military personnel may wear their dress uniform. You will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony if you are not dressed in proper attire.

By participating in the tapping ceremony, you will be a part of a new All Star's unforgettable memory!

Contact Information

The Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars is working on updating our contact information for current members in the chapter. If you are a current member, please take a few minutes to fill out this online form at <https://goo.gl/forms/KwYM4QQ9391C4fKO2> so we can update our records. If you are unable to fill out the form online, you may also email or call Spencer Gee at sng42@gmail.com or (276)970-2254 to fill out the form in person.

Younger Member Involvement

The Virginia chapter of 4-H All Stars is looking for interested members to join the Younger Member involvement committee. This committee works on increasing the interest in chapter events for younger All Star members, and finding individuals interested in working as a committee chair or executive board member in the future. Recently the committee created a public Instagram account for members to follow @va4hallstars for All Stars and all 4-Hers to stay informed about upcoming All-Star events.

Currently the committee is taking potential ideas for the upcoming summer conference, and getting in touch with members interested in working on the executive board in the future. If interested in either of these opportunities, please contact Spencer Gee at sng42@gmail.com.

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