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Smoke Signals from the Big Chief

I want to thank you for the confidence you have placed in me by electing me as your Big Chief. I pledge to honor your confidence by carrying out my duties to the best of my ability. As I write this, fall and football are in the air, leaves are beginning to fall, and the events of the summer of 2009 seem long past. It was a busy summer, nevertheless, and you will see in the "Memorandum of Thanks" the names of those to whom we owe gratitude for their service to the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars.

The Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars continues to sponsor the Public Speaking Contest and provide a room chair and judges for the state contest. All Stars were busy across the state serving as District Contest judges, 4-H Club leaders, host families to IFYE and Exchange students, and much more at the local, district, and state levels. Are you in that "family" of active All Stars who serve the 4-H Program, participate in conferences, and enjoy the friendship of other All Stars, not only from Virginia but other states as well? If not, what better time than 2010 to join the "family" and get involved! 2010 All Star opportunities are listed in this newsletter. In addition, take the initiative to keep in touch by visiting the website and by joining the yahoo group. Rise to the challenge and help Virginia All Stars carry out our motto of "Service."

The 4-H All Star Consecration Ceremony took place Wednesday, June 17, as part of State 4-H Congress held at Virginia Tech. At this time, Virginia 4-H All Stars inducted 61 new members. Welcome 2009 newly tapped All Stars! I urge each of you to take full advantage of your membership by attending our next state event, the 2010 Midwinter Conference which will be held in Richmond on February 5-7, 2010. Northeast District is hosting the conference, but every district has conference responsibilities. Veteran All Stars, please help these new recruits to become involved. Perhaps, you could even offer transportation to the conference to another All Star as well.

Southwest District hosted the 2009 Summer Conference, July 17-19, with the other five districts fulfilling their assigned responsibilities. The thirty-five participants who attended the conference enjoyed staying at the Southwest 4-H Educational Center, a behind the scenes tour of the historic Barter Theater in Abingdon, followed by a showing of "The Wizard of Oz." An analysis of the characters from the play reminded me that those of us who achieved the distinction of becoming an All Star owe a large part of our development and character to our experiences in the 4-H Program. I certainly do!

**"SERVICE"
is our
MOTTO**



It is with that thought that I leave you. Life has many ages and stages, but in light of what you owe to the 4-H Program, look for opportunities to give of your time, talents and financial resources to see that those opportunities are available to as many of today's youth as possible. Make it a point to offer your service whenever possible!!!

Yours in service,
Susan B. Thomas
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Smoke Signals from our Districts

The Central District All Stars met on Sunday, November 15 to discuss plans to host the Hospitality Room at the 2010 Midwinter Conference in Richmond and to make preliminary plans to host the Summer Conference in Lynchburg on July 10-11. A follow-up Summer Conference meeting was held on Sunday, December 6. 2010 Midwinter Conference Hospitality Room – if you are interested in helping or providing refreshments for the Midwinter Conference please contact Pamela Levinson at 434-385-7907 or shlevinson@aol.com. 2010 Summer Conference – if you are interested in offering support in any way for the conference please contact Amy Daubenspeck at aldspeck@gmail.com. On Friday, December 11 the All Stars met in Appomattox to review the Central District 2009 nomination forms. The Central District All Stars will meet on Sunday, April 11 at 1:30 p.m. for a potluck lunch at the Cooperative Extension Office, 177 Morton Lane, in Appomattox. Come and meet old and new friends. For more information contact Pamela Levinson at 434-385-7907 or shlevinson@aol.com.

Four of our All Stars served as judges at the District Contest and two assisted with the contest. Partial scholarships were offered to senior members who competed in the Public Speaking Contest at State 4-H Congress. Two \$40 scholarships were presented to Prince William 4-H'ers. Susan Thomas served as a judge at the contest. If you are willing to judge 4-H contest (at any level) let you local Extension office know of your availability. Partial scholarships are offered to any Northern District All Star who attends an All Star conference for the first time. This is for both the Midwinter and the Summer Conferences. A 2009 All Star took advantage of the offer this summer. Why not take us up on the offer? A recognition picnic for 2009 Northern District All Stars was held August 16th at Graves Mt. Lodge in Syria. The meal was free for 2009 All Stars who were presented with a special designed t-shirt. Forty-one All Stars and guests attended. A silent auction was held to support our programs. The auction and donations raised \$385 to support future projects. Plans are moving forward for our hosting of the 2011 Interstate Conference. Mark your calendar now for Interstate 2011 to be held July 28 – 31 at Graves Mountain Lodge in Madison County. The Lodge is owned and operated by 4-H All Stars Jimmy and Rachel Graves. Help is needed for planning and conducting this event.

The Southeast District All Stars met at Tucker's Pond on March 28, 2009 during our Spring Conference in Emporia, VA. We discussed our All Star responsibilities for Congress and the Summer Conference. Service projects were discussed for Midwinter Conference and plans to continue the project at each conference. For our service project, we will stuff backpacks for Operation Military Kids. We had 14 to attend the meeting. On July 19th, we had 4 to attend Summer Conference held at the Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center in Abingdon. We all had a marvelous time! We discussed the State All Star school supplies and toiletry items project and how to get those items to the state conferences. We also talk about hosting the 2011 Midwinter Conference that will be held in Petersburg. We will have our next meeting for the Southeast District immediately following our Fall District Volunteer Leaders meeting in Northampton County.

The Southwest District All Star met on November 8, 2009 at the Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center in Abingdon. The All Star meeting followed Teen Weekend which was co-sponsored by the Southwest District Teen Council and the Southwest District All Stars. Dates we set for next year's All Star Teen Weekend which will be held August 20-22, 2010 at the SW 4-H Center. There were many things that were discussed during this meeting including fundraising opportunities and promotional options for SWD All Stars. The SWD All Stars are now on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ The SWD All Stars will be hosting a Senior Level Contest for the Southwest District in April for Presentations, Public Speaking, Share the Fun and Hippology. The next meeting will be held December 13, 2009 in Wytheville. For more information please contact Shai Cullop at scullop@radford.edu or Daniel Collins at collindp@vt.edu.



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Get Out the Calendar...

2010 All Star Tapping

The 2010 All Star Tapping will take place once again during Virginia 4-H State Congress. The dates for Congress are June 14-17 with Tapping taking place on June 16th.

2010 Summer Conference

The 2010 Midwinter Conference is set for the Lynchburg area and will be July 10th and 11th. Central District will be hosting. For more information, please contact Michelle Cock, Audrey Lee or Pam Levinson.

2010 Interstate Conference

The 2010 Interstate Conference is set for the Jackson, Mississippi area and will be August 5th - 8th. More information will be provided in the May edition of the Star.

2011 Midwinter Conference

The 2011 Midwinter Conference is tentatively set for the Petersburg area and will be February 5 & 6. Southeast will be hosting in 2011.

2011 Interstate and Summer Conference

Virginia will host the 2011 Interstate Conference at Graves Mountain Lodge in Madison County. Interstate 2011 will be held July 28 - 31 under the theme of "Footprints in Time." We will build on 2011 being the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War with visits to battlefields and museums in Chancellorsville, Fredericksburg, and New Market. Additional tours to Luray Caverns and colonial Fredericksburg and Culpeper are planned.

2009 Interstate Conference Report

home to Marshall University, subject of "We Are Marshall" from 2006. (At least one All Star from the conference was an extra in the movie.) Nearby Point Pleasant, WV is the origin of the Mothman sightings and the Silver Bridge featured in the 2002 movie "The Mothman Prophecies". The four states represented at the conference were Maryland, Mississippi, Virginia and West Virginia. There were fourteen Virginia All Stars pre-registered for the event, not including those who registered late or part-time. Virginia was the only state that did not have any first-time attendees. However, we once-again took the travel plaque for having the most collective miles traveled by our members. Virginia All Stars also shined in their donations to the live auction. In addition to individually-auctioned items, two large gift baskets were assembled containing a wide variety of items fitting the theme "Made in Virginia". Past Big Chief, Steve Wood, provided his services as auctioneer. The money raised was donated toward the purchase of furniture for the Dorsey Center at WVU Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp. Highlights of the many tours and points-of-interest included Heritage Farm Museum, the River Museum, the Riverfront Park Murals, the State Farm Museum, Fort Randolph, the Museum of Radio and Technology, Huntington Museum of Art, and the conference hotel itself (Pullman Plaza). Also noteworthy was the wonderful food and hospitality provided for every segment of the conference! The Mississippi 4-H All Stars invited us to the 2010 Interstate Conference, August 5-8, which will include tours of the historic cities of Jackson, Vicksburg, and Natchez. The Virginia 4-H All Stars extended an invitation to Graves Mountain Lodge on July 28-31, 2011. I hope to see many of you at each of these gatherings of fellow 4-Hers and their families.

Respectfully Submitted, Michelle Cock, Lesser Chief



2009 State 4-H Congress



"The happiest people are those who think the most interesting thoughts. Those who decide to use leisure as a means of mental development, who love good music, good books, good pictures, good company, good conversation, are the happiest people in the world. And they are not only happy in themselves, they are the cause of happiness in others."

-William Lyon Phelps



The Virginia Star

2009 Summer Conference

The Virginia 4-H All Star Summer Conference was held July 17-19, 2009 at the Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center in Abingdon, VA. The conference began on Friday with a Pizza Feast sponsored by Grayson County 4-H and the Executive Committee meeting. All Stars were then treated to an evening of fun and friends with games, s'mores and storytelling by the fire.

On Saturday morning, All Star participated in a variety of service projects such as helping out the 4-H Center staff by turning over cabins and cleaning for the next group, sorting and packing boxes of items to be given to the Women's Crisis Center in Abingdon/Bristol, and trimming back trails around the woods on the 4-H Center property. As we closed out the service projects, registration was taken care of and we departed in car pools to the Barter Theater in Abingdon. Along with the theme, "There's No Place Like Southwest," All Stars took part in a behind the scenes tour of the Barter Theater guided by a resident Barter player. At the conclusion of the tour, All Stars had lunch at the Barter Café and then made their way to Barter's Main Stage to see an amazing rendition of *The Wizard of Oz!* Some All Stars took advantage of the Historical Downtown area of Abingdon and toured the area instead of the play, but still had an excellent time in town.

All Stars then took part in the "Emerald City Dinner," where a few All Stars dressed as their favorite Wizard of Oz character for the evening. Our evening entertainment fell through, but our food was amazing and we had fun with door prizes and making new friends during dinner. The night was capped off with an ice cream social provided by the 4-H Center.

The following Districts were responsible for parts of the Conference:

- Host—Southwest District
- Hospitality—Northern District
- Registration/Door Prizes—Northeast District
- Vespers—Southeast District
- Table Decorations—Central District
- Service Project—Northern District

A special thanks to all who attended and to each of the Districts who helped lessen the responsibilities to our district. The Southwest District took pride in hosting the summer conference at the Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center in Abingdon and we look forward to seeing everyone at the Midwinter Conference in February in Richmond!!

Respectfully Submitted,
Shai Cullop, Daniel Collins and Sam Fisher
 Conference Committee



Don't forget that we're on the web:
View the Virginia 4-H All Star Group:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Virginia_4-H_AllStars

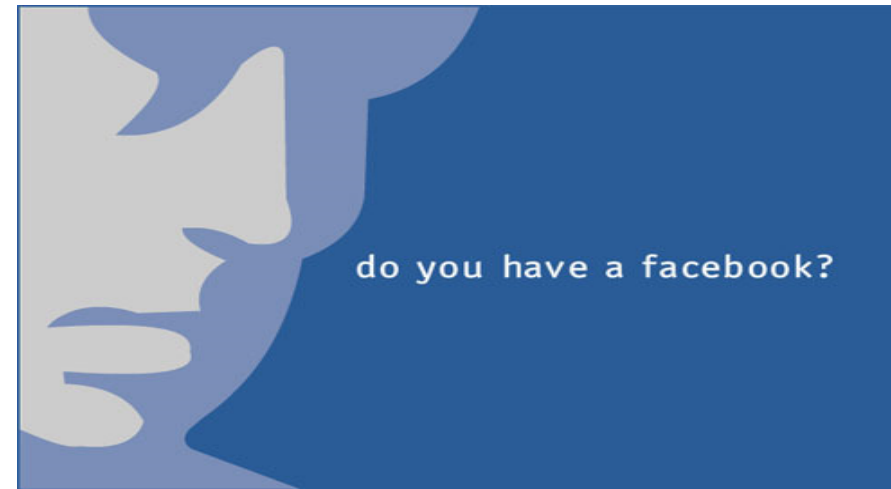
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For more information visit <http://www.ext.vt.edu/resources/4h/allstars.html>

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We Do!!!

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MERRY CHRISTMAS and a CLOVER NEW YEAR!!!

The Virginia Star



Claims of Honor

UNITED ALL STAR CHAPTER CHARTER AWARDS PRESENTED

In order to encourage active unit chapters, several years ago a form of recognition was implemented to showcase those chapters for their ongoing excellence. In order to receive the recognition, chapters must meet minimum requirements, such as having elected officers, at least one annual meeting, conduct a service project, and hopefully sponsor a 4-H event and have individuals who are active at district and state All Star functions, too. The unit chapter initially received a certificate and then a seal is added on it for subsequent years of qualification. The recipients for the awards presented at the Summer Conference were the All Stars Chapters in **Bland, Carroll, Frederick and Shenandoah**. Congratulations to them for their continuing service.

HALL OF FAME AWARD

The Hall of Fame Award is presented annually to recognize an individual All Star with more than 15 years of service to the All Stars, the 4-H Program, and other civic and community organizations. This year's recipient was **Susan Blake Thomas of Culpeper County**. She was tapped in 1963 from the Central (then West Central) District. IN 197-72 she was the State Recording Scribe. For the next three decades being a mother and Latin teacher consumed much of her time, although she often served as a judge in local and district contests and inspired to children to become All Stars. She is also a Sunday School teacher and choir member, is active in the American Classical League, is a fundraiser for the March of Dimes, and has been Teacher of the Year at Culpeper High School. She became much more involved with All Stars again after her retirement. She served a two-year term as Recording Scribe from 2005-2007 and Corresponding Scribe from 2007-2009. She is a true organizer and has put that skill to use in helping this organization to focus on several needs, including conference planning and operation, better communications, and taking on maintenance of the state All Star membership mailing list. Her service also includes being married to an Extension Agent for 26 years! Now we know where William Thomas gets his inspiration.

CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to **Billie Jean Elmer** for being named Conservationist of the Year by the Virginia Chapter Soil and Water Conservation Society. She was recognized for, among other things, her work with Envirothon and educating 4-Hers about the importance of our soil and water resources.

Interstate 4-H All Star Conference 2011

Virginia is hosting the 2011 4-H All Star Interstate Conference July 28 – 31. Your help is needed. Contributions are being sought to help reduce the overall cost of the event in order to have a larger than usual attendance. Contributions can be mailed to Jan Palmer, Treasure Northern District 4-H All Stars, P.O. Box 119, Washington, VA 22747. Help is also needed as we make preparations so if interested contact Co-Chairs William and Susan Thomas, wetsbt@gmail.com to volunteer. Under the theme "Footprints in Time" we tie in the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War with visits to battlefields at Chancellorsville, Fredericksburg, Brandy Station, and New Market with Colonial Fredericksburg, Luray Caverns, and the ambiance of Graves Mountain Lodge. The Lodge is owned and operated by Virginia 4-H All Stars Jimmy and Rachel Graves. Speakers include former State 4-H Director Jack Tyree and Culpeper resident Virginia Morton, author of the popular book, *Marching Through Culpeper*. Plan to join All Stars from Maryland, West Virginia and Mississippi. If you have never been to an Interstate Conference this will be a great first experience. If you have been in the past this will be a great time to reconnect.

Memorandum of Thanks for Summer Conference

By Susan Thomas, Corresponding Scribe

The Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars extends a hearty, "THANK YOU!" to everyone who served the organization in the 2008-2009 year. Persons serving as state officers, advisors, liaisons, representatives, newsletter editor, district officers or contacts, and committee chairs and members were printed in the May 2009 issue of The Virginia Star. Add your personal thanks to those of the chapter when you see these persons. Our organization could not exist without the willingness of its members to accept responsibilities as officers, committee chairs, committee members, liaisons, and representatives to various groups. A special thanks goes to Daniel Collins for keeping everyone informed and connected through the newsletter, yahoo group, and the newly established Facebook page.

The Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars wishes to thank those persons who helped to make the organization look good at State 4-H Congress and the Tapping Ceremony that was held on June 17, 2009 in the Bowman Room at Virginia Tech. The following are commended for their contributions:

- Ray Daubenspeck, Ceremonial Committee, Chair, for organizing and conducting the ceremony successfully in the Bowman Room, the designated rain location.
- Connie Bryant, Jamie Christiansen, and Derrick Spangler for their assistance with ceremony preparations.
- Irene and Randy Leech for providing and setting up the sound system, storing and transporting all of our paraphernalia, collecting lunch and initiation fees, receiving pictures and acceptance forms from new initiates, assisting in the lunch wagon and ferrying food to the Bowman Room, ordering frames and certificates, printing certificates, assisting in welcoming new Stars, serving as treasurers and keeping our financial records in good order, and whatever else that they have done for which they have not been acknowledged and thanked.
- Michelle Cock for preparing the new Star's name tags, assisting with ceremony preparations, securing and directing scouts, preparing lists for scouts, securing persons to keep accurate records of those present for tapping and those that were tapped, and whatever else she covered and caused to happen in our behalf.
- Raynelle Ankney and her husband for catering the lunch and donating \$1.00 for each lunch sold to the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars.
- Bob Meadows, Sarah Gregory, Judy Ingle, and Kathy Nies-Hepner for singing on the tapping microphones.
- Donna Hamm and Geraldine Cabbage for checking in new initiates and checking off tapes.
- Cathy Sutphin, Associate Director 4-H and Tonya Taylor, Associate Specialist 4-H for supporting the All Stars by providing a rain location for the ceremony, facilitating printing new initiates names in the Congress program, and promoting the visibility of All Stars with highlights at the evening programs and through the inclusion of new initiates in the Recognition Reception.
- Deb Nester for promoting the lunch and assisting with records and money collection for the lunch.
- Audrey Lee and Lauren Hartburg for making preparations for taking the Congress photo in the shape of a clover. Unfortunately, the weather dictated an indoor photo instead. Are we ready for next year?
- William Thomas for instructing 4-H youth about All Stars in the Teen Opportunities Workshop at Congress: and Lauren Hartburg for the assistance she provided for him.
- Mary Tabor and Susan Thomas for judging the Public Speaking Contest.
- Connie Bryant for obtaining judges and serving as the Room Chair for the Public Speaking Contest.
- Every All Star in attendance at the Tapping Ceremony for taking the initiative, making the plans and preparations, and expending the cost so that you could be a part of making the All Star Tapping Ceremony a special experience for the 2009 All Star Initiates. They are our future!

The Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars extends a big "THANK YOU" to Southwest District for hosting the 2009 Summer Conference. The All Stars especially thank:

- Shai Cullop, Southwest District Chief, Sam Fisher, Southwest 4-H Educational Center Director, and Daniel Collins for their leadership in planning a fine conference with warm hospitality, excellent food, an interesting tour or the Barter Theater, and a great performance of the "Wizard of Oz".
- All the other districts for their contributions: Robert Tillotson and Central District for table decorations; William Thomas and Northern for coordination of the service projects (School supplies and hygiene items were collected for the shelters in Abingdon and Bristol, cabins were cleaned at the Southwest Center, and bushes were trimmed along the trails at the Center.); Elwanda Luttrell and Northwest District for providing an abundance of hospitality items; Jean Powers and Southeast District for adding to the enthusiasm by providing name tags and door prizes; and Sarah Gregory and Northeast District for the inspiring devotions and memorial service.
- ALL who participated in the service projects. Working together so much more can be accomplished! Elwanda Luttrell for chairing the Nominating Committee and installing the 2009-2010 officers.

"All Stars Shine in the River City"

Come and visit Virginia's Capital City!!!

2010 4-H All Star Midwinter Conference

Held at the Comfort Inn Conference Center on West Broad St.

February 5-7, 2010

Enjoy an exciting weekend in Virginia's Capital city with history and amazing places to visit, shop and see throughout Richmond.

Conference Registration is ONLY \$35.00!!!!

(This price does not include hotel room.)



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Comfort Inn Conference Center
3200 West Broad Street
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To make reservations, please contact the hotel by calling:

804-359-4061

Rooms are listed under Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars.

Room rates are \$52.00/night plus tax.

Deadline for reservation at Comfort Inn is January 22, 2010.

Directions to the Comfort Inn Conference Center:

From I-95 take Exit #78 to Broad Street — approximately 1/2 mile. Right onto Broad Street at 7-11. Drive 3 blocks and the Comfort Inn is on the right across from the WTVR Channel 6 station.



Extension's Barbara A. Board honored with emeritus status

Barbara A. Board, of Midlothian, VA, Northeast District Extension director for Virginia Cooperative Extension, has been conferred the "district director emerita" title by the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors. The title of emeritus may be conferred on retired professors and associate professors, administrative officers, librarians, and exceptional staff members who are specially recommended to the board of visitors by Virginia Tech President Charles W. Steger. Nominated individuals who are approved by the board of visitors receive an emeritus certificate from the university. A member of the Virginia Tech and Virginia Cooperative Extension community since 1978, Board began her Extension career serving core program areas family and consumer sciences, community resource development, and 4-H youth development. She served three years as the unit coordinator for the Amelia County Extension Office. As the Northeast District Extension director for the past seven years, Board has provided leadership for 22 counties and cities in Northeastern Virginia including direct supervision of 40 district and field Extension faculty and staff, fiscal administration, local and state government relations and support, and district program and volunteer development. She has served both Virginia Tech and Virginia Cooperative Extension by leading important administrative efforts such as EEO/AA/ Program Compliance, 4-H youth development, and program and leadership development. She also served as a member of the university's Task Force on Race and the Institution, the Multicultural Academic Opportunities Program, and served in leadership roles for Epsilon Sigma Phi, the Extension/Outreach Faculty Association, and the Virginia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. She received her bachelor's degree from Virginia State University; and a master's degree and Ph.D. from Virginia Tech.

In Memoriam July 2008-July 2009 Virginia 4-H All Stars

- **Maxine L. Olinger, 1947 Albemarle**, died August 4, 2008 at age 80.
- **Frank C. Ott, 1944 Fauquier**, died August 16, 2008 at age 83. Mr. Ott was active in 4-H and showed cattle.
- **William E. Skelton, 1935 Dinwiddie**, died August 30, 2008 at age 89. Dr. Skelton was known worldwide for his exceptional lifetime of outstanding service to others. He lived by three mottos: "To Make The Best Better", "That I May Serve", and "Service Above Self". These three mottos for 4-H, Virginia Tech, and Rotary International, respectively, summarize Bill's selfless commitment to serving others.
- **Herbert Shirley Lipscomb Jr., 1958 King William**, of Hanover, VA, died October 7, 2008.
- **James Irving Yates, 1963 Floyd**, of Christiansburg, VA, died October 22, 2008. He was a 4-H volunteer for over 50 years and very active in the 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association.
- **Alice Evelyn Forrest, 1976 Culpeper**, of Culpeper, VA, died November 15th, 2008 at age 85. She was a 4-H Dairy Club leader for over 30 years.
- **Joseph Foster Bane, 1981 Bland**, died December 16, 2008 at age 45.
- **Monroe Drewry Grizzard Jr., 1940 Bedford**, of Bedford, VA, died on Monday, January 5, 2009 at age 87.
- **Wyatt Henry Walton Jr., 1942 Bedford**, of Huddleston, VA, died February 19, 2009 at age 83.
- **Justin Paul Dunn, 2004 Bland**, died February 22, 2009 at the age of 21.
- **Patrick Mason Smith, 2002 Loudoun**, of Purcellville, VA died in June 2009.
- **Brenda Friend Briggs, 2007 Chesterfield**, of Chester, VA died June 10, 2009 at age 64. She was an IFYE and a 4-H volunteer for over 30 years.
- **Jesse Sheppard, 2008 Patrick**, died June 13, 2009.



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"All Stars Shine in the River City"

2010 MIDWINTER 4-H ALL STAR CONFERENCE

Come visit Richmond and experience a 4-H All Star Conference like none other!!!

- Join a guided tour of *The American Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar*.
- Participate in Service!
- Enjoy a Share-the-Fun and Fashion Show! (Sign up will be during Registration!!)
- Explore on your own many attractions including:

The Virginia Historical Society
Maggie Walker House
Edgar Allan Poe Museum

Science Museum of Virginia
Valentine Richmond History Center
Shops at Willow Lawn, Shockoe Bottom and CaryTown

Visit the following websites:

The American Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar
<http://www.tredegar.org>

Edgar Allan Poe Museum
<http://www.poemuseum.org>

Maggie Walker House
<http://www.nps.gov/malw/index.htm>

Science Museum of Virginia
<http://www.smv.org/>

The Virginia Historical Society
<http://www.vahistorical.org/>

What's Nearby...

- Maymount Gardens
- Richmond Children's Museum
- Science Museum
- The Baseball Diamond
- VA Museum of Fine Arts
- Willow Lawn Mall
- Richmond Symphony
- Elegba Folklore Society
- On the Ave Libbie & Grove
- Canal Walk
- Concert Ballet of Virginia
- Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens
- Richmond Raceway
- Three Lakes Nature Center
- Short Pump Mall



Comfort Inn Conference Center

SERVICE PROJECT

The Southwest District All Stars will be in charge of the Service Project at the 2010 Midwinter Conference. The SWD All Stars ask that you please bring with you items to be donated to the local shelter such as toiletry items, canned foods, etc. We also would like to ask that you please bring old books, text books, etc. that you are no longer using for the Southwest District Book Drive.



2010 MIDWINTERS CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday—February 5, 2010

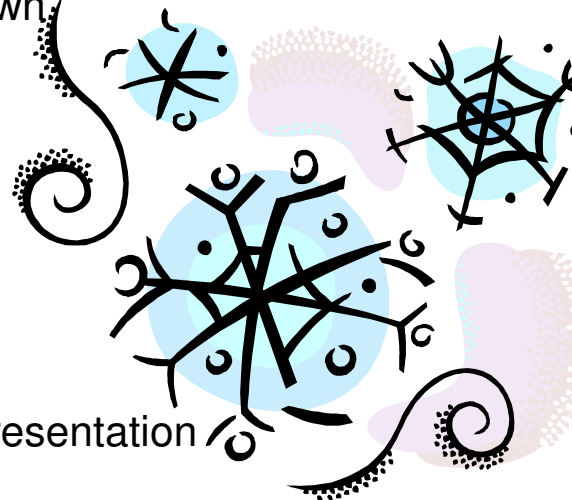
7:30 - 10:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday—February 6, 2010

8:00 - 9:00 AM Continental Breakfast (only for Friday night hotel guests)
 8:30 - 10:00 AM Executive Committee Meeting
 9:00 - 12:30 PM Conference Registration
 9:00 - 11:00 AM All Star Service Project
 12:30 - 1:30 PM Lunch (provided by Giddy Up & Go Concession)
 1:30 - 4:30 PM Depart for the American Civil War Museum at Tredegar or Shopping/Touring on your own
 5:00 - 6:00 PM Business Meeting
 6:30 - 9:00 PM Dinner and Entertainment

Sunday—February 7, 2010

8:00 - 9:00 AM Continental Breakfast
 9:00 - 9:30 AM Vespers
 9:30 - 10:00 AM District Meetings
 10:00 - 11:00 AM Business Meeting and IFYE Presentation
 11:30 - 12:00 PM IFYE Meeting
 12:00 PM Safe Travel!! — See You This Summer!!



*Can't wait to see you
in RICHMOND!!!*



"All Stars Shine in the River City"

February 5-7, 2010

Midwinter Conference Registration Form

Name: _____ M/F

Address: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

Unit & Year Tapped: _____ Guest(s) _____ M/F

	Number of Persons		Subtotal
Extended Conference (Saturday - Sunday) (Covers meeting facilities and banquet.)		x \$35.00	
Saturday Lunch	(Optional)	x \$5.00	
American Civil War Museum (Saturday 1:30-4:30 PM)	(Optional)	x \$4.00	
Saturday Banquet Only		x \$25.00	
Virginia 4-H All Star Dues:			
• Annual		x \$10.00	
• Life		x \$50.00	
Contributions:			
• New Member Fund			
• Keffer Scholarship Fund			
Add \$5.00 late fee if mailed after January 22, 2010			
Total:			

Inactive members may become active by paying two years annual dues (\$10 per year) or life membership (\$50).
 Conferences guests, other than spouses and / or children, must be approved by the Big Chief and/ or 4-H Department Liaison (Policy 107).

Guest(s) **WILL NOT** receive discounted rates.

No alcoholic beverages are permitted at All Star functions (Policy 110).

Special Needs - (dietary restrictions, disabilities, etc.) : _____

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 an All Star.

All Star Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Make checks payable to: Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars (\$10 service charge for returned checks)

Send registration and check to: Attention: Randy and Irene Leech, 4220 N. Fork Rd., Elliston, VA 24087

Questions: Phone: 804-275-5806 Sarah J. Gregory, NE District Chief E-mail: sngreg@msn.com

