



Virginia 4-H All Star Chapter

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Smoke Signals from the Big Chief

As I begin to write this, Virginia is enjoying much needed rain and the temperature has dropped enough for me to believe that it really is fall. No doubt most of you enjoyed very busy summers with trips ranging from Congress and 4-H camps and conferences to service oriented mission trips and those wonderful reprieves when family, rest and relaxation are the only matters on the horizon. I extend my thanks to those of you who attended Summer Conference, and re-elected me as your Big Chief. Let me urge all Virginia 4-H All Stars to actively serve others through the All Star organization. Virginia Cooperative Extension needs the backing of those of us who have benefited from its programs and believe in its mission.

Most of you are aware that Virginia Cooperative Extension has not been relaxing, but rather engaged in ardent work to design a strategic plan that will result in the support of the Virginia Legislature. I hope most of you have taken the opportunity to add your voice of approval or reproof to the input sought regarding the plan. No doubt as time unfolds our voices will be needed again to attempt to prevail on the Virginia Legislature to fund Cooperative Extension. It is most important that all of us take every opportunity to voice our support for Cooperative Extension, especially in regard to the core curricular areas that support the 4-H Program. Stay informed, speak up personally and write your elected officials. Without Cooperative Extension and the 4-H Program, the All Stars have no mission.

Barbara Board is representing 4-H All Stars on the VESA Advocacy Committee. One of the strategies of this committee is to establish a statewide "Friends of Virginia Cooperative Extension" coalition. The coalition will allow supporters of VCE, including volunteers, retirees, partners, and other "friends" to stay as up-to-date as possible on current Extension issues and to receive information about advocacy efforts in a timely manner. The coalition will be informal, with no officers, bylaws, or dues. **To join the "Friends of Virginia Cooperative Extension," supporters can simply send an e-mail message to friendsofvce@gmail.com with the following information: Name, Home E-mail, Address, City/County, and Primary Program Affiliation:(ANR, 4-H, FCS, or CV). Encourage other Extension supporters to register individually. This group needs the strength of numbers.**

Seventy-five new initiates were tapped into the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars Tuesday evening, June 15, 2010. **The All Stars welcome the 2010 All Stars into the ranks. As Big Chief, let me encourage all of you to become active All Stars by participating in All Star Conferences in 2011.**

Thirty-two All Stars enjoyed all or some part of the Summer Conference held in Lynchburg, Virginia. Many thanks to Central District for doing an excellent job of hosting! **Midwinter Conference is being held in Historic Petersburg, Virginia, February 4-6, 2011. Details and registration material are found in this newsletter. Make your plans to join the All Stars for this important time for fellowship and planning.**

Northern District 4-H All Stars are hosting the 2011 Interstate Conference at Graves Mountain Lodge in Madison County, Virginia from July 28-31, 2011. All Stars in the other districts in the state are involved in helping with plans for this conference. Are you assisting your district with Interstate plans? If not, it is time to get involved! **Contact your District Chief! Perhaps, you can make a donation, supply a door prize, or contribute an item for the hospitality room even if you cannot attend. Check out detailed information on Interstate in this newsletter. Make your plans to attend! Lend your support in 2011!**

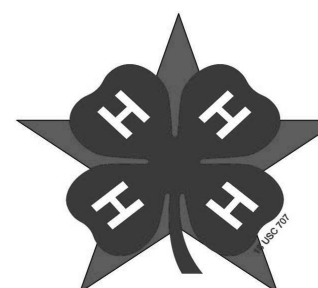
**Yours in service,
Susan B. Thomas**

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View the Virginia 4-H All Star Group:
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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

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As our organization is still being affected by the struggling economy, we must find ways to be a resourceful as possible. By having your copy of the Virginia Star distributed electronically to you, you help us SAVE! It's fast, easy and the fun thing is you will get the Star much earlier than if you get it mailed to you!!! If you would prefer to receive your "Virginia Star" by e-mail please send an e-mail to Daniel Collins at collindp@vt.edu. Your name will be submitted to William Thomas to be left off of the Star snail mailing list. Thank you for supporting the Virginia 4-H All Stars!!!



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Proposed Changes to Bylaws Wording

The following matters were presented at Summer Conference and are now being distributed through the newsletter. Voting on these matters will take place at Midwinter Conference in Petersburg.

Article IV, Section 2 Membership Committee, letter B

The District Membership Committee shall be composed of the district officers and the **District Program Director**. The duties of this committee shall be to receive, review, organize and submit the qualified nominees to the State Membership Committee.

In view of the fact that what is stated above is not the case, a change is proposed to reflect how this is currently handled. Each district has an Extension contact, but in no instance is it the District Program Leader.

District Extension Contacts as of 2010 are as follows:

Northern-West – Carol Nansel
Northern-East—Kaci Daniel
Central—Bonnie Tillotson
Southwest—Daniel Collins
Eastern-North—Kendra Kyle Young
Eastern-South—Billie Jean Elmer

The Executive Committee proposes that the wording be changed accordingly as follows:
The District Membership Committee shall be composed of the district officers and the District Extension contact. The duties of this committee shall be to receive, review, organize and submit the qualified nominees to the State Membership Committee.

Dues Increase Proposal

Membership dues are currently \$50.00 for Life Membership. The Executive Committee has proposed that the membership increase life dues to \$60 effective January 1, 2012, a second increase to \$70 effective January 1, 2014, and a final increase to \$75 effective January 1, 2015. It has been discussed during Summer Conference 2010, and the vote will take place at the 2011 Midwinter Conference. The proposal to increase membership dues is now being announced in the winter issue of the *Virginia Star*.

Please direct questions to Susan Thomas, Big Chief.

Smoke Signals from our Districts

The Northeast District 4-H All Stars have been working with the Southeast District, planning the Midwinter Conference. We are also working as judges for public speaking contests in local units and the district contest. Our annual 4-H All Star meeting will be held at the Henrico Extension Office on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 7:00pm. We will review applications for the 2011 All Star nominees. The Northeast District 4-H Adult Leaders wish to thank all Southeast District Adult Leaders for their support during the Fall Adult 4-H Leaders Conference.

Northeast District Chief
Sarah J. Gregory

A recognition picnic for 2010 Northern District All Stars was held August 15th at Graves Mt. Lodge in Syria. The meal was free for 2010 All Stars who were presented with a special designed t-shirt. Shirts were also presented to several '08 and '09 All Stars attending their first event.

Forty two All Stars and 28 guests attended for a total of 70. This included eight 2010 All Stars. Nine counties were represented. Guests included a LABO chaperone and student. They presented a short program. Judy Ann Fray ('97 Madison) spoke about the LABO program.

The most represented era was the 18 tapped from 2002 to 2010 with other eras well represented. Maria Hurt, a 1942 All Star was the longest serving All Star in attendance. We had three former Big Chiefs and the current Big Chief attending.

Through donations and the silent auction, the chapter raised \$408 toward supporting chapter activities. Chapter activities include scholarships to members who attended conferences for the first time; scholarships to 4-H'ers who participated in the public speaking contest at state; t-shirts; cost of picnic meal for new All Stars, supplies and postage. We voted to donate \$995 to support the 2011 Interstate Conference.

Northern District Chief
William Thomas

The Southwest District All Stars met on Sunday, August 22nd at the Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center. The SWD All Stars elected officers for the 2010-2011 year. The officer slate was kept from the previous year. Plans were to be made for the 2011 Sr. District Activity Day that the SW District All Stars were hosting, but were tabled to the December meeting for planning purposes. The December meeting will be in line with the Southwest District Collegiate Weekend that is being piloted at the Southwest 4-H Center for the first time. The Volunteer Leaders Meeting will be held in conjunction with the All Star meeting on December 5th. Plans will be made for the Spring meeting in April!

Southwest District Chief
Shai Cullop



Virginia 4-H All Star Hall of Fame Award & Virginia 4-H All Star Chapter Charter Award are both due May 1!!!
More information about requirements & nominations can be found at:
http://www.4-h.ext.vt.edu/groups/allstars/4h_allstar_awards_recognition.html



“Footprints in TIME”

“Celebrating 70 years of 4-H All Star Interstate!!!”

July 28-31, 2011

Interstate All Star Conference Registration Form

Committee Appointments for 2010-2011

Audit	Awards	Budget
Jim Christianson, Chair Margaret Douglas Geraldine Cabbage Irene Leech Randy Leech	Dottie Nelson, Chair Ethel Showman (Northwest) Cynthia Rowles (Northeast) Mary Anne Barlow (Northern) Mary Lou Toms (Central) Jennifer Riddle (Southeast)	Randy Leech, Chair James Christianson Margaret Douglas Irene Leech Geraldine Cabbage
Ceremonial	Future Plans	Nominating
Ray Dubenspeck, Chair Lauren Hartburt, Scout Randy Leech Michelle Cock James Christianson Connie Bryant Jim Hepner Kate Elmer Carissa Culbert Irene Leech Steve Wood Julie Weddle Zack Wakeman Sarah Mullins William Thomas	Carol Nansel, Chair Pam Levinson (Central) Sarah Gregory (Northeast) Billie Jean Elmer (Southeast) Donna Hamm (Southwest) Taylor Fee (Northeast) Elwanda Luttrell (Northwest) Shawnda Gregory (Northeast) Norma Sides (Northern) Robert Tillotson (Past Big Chief) Susan Thomas (Big Chief) Reid Mackey (Advisor) Jocelyn Dailey (Advisor)	Steve Wood, Chair (Past Big Chief) Audrey Lee (Central) Kendra Kyle Young (Northeast) Roger Suder (Northern) Rory Nansel (Northwest) Diane Horsley (Southeast) Danielle Bluestone Nixon (Southwest) Bob Meadows (Advisor)
Membership	Interstate Conference 2011	Resolutions
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Keeping in touch with our fellow All Stars

One of the great needs of the All Star organization is to have accurate, up-to-date addresses. I recently received an updated list of Madison county All Stars thanks to Judy Ann Fray, Madison 1997. She worked on getting corrected addresses for over 160 All Stars tapped from the county in order to promote participation in the Northern District annual picnic. A number of life members were added to the Star list and others will now received their Star with the correct address. If you're willing to work on getting a corrected list of those in your county this would be appreciated. It is difficult and takes time but is a great service to the organization and to those of us who have lost touch with the organization. If you know of All Stars who have changed names or addresses, please let us know. Send information on changes to wetsbt@gmail.com

—William Thomas, Culpeper '76

Name: _____ Male/Female

Please print your preferred name for your nametag: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____ State & Year Tapped: _____

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

Name(s) for Nametag(s): _____

My planned arrival: (Date) _____ (Time) _____

Special Needs/Requests: _____

Full Conference for 4-H All Stars & Guests <i>(Registration does not include lodging)</i>	Price	Number of People	Subtotals
Full Conference (July 28-31) *includes eight meals and all tours*	\$180.00 x		\$
Full Conference *includes 5 meals (not breakfast) & all tours*	\$150.00 x		\$
4-H All Star College or High School Discount	- \$15.00 x		\$
Children (Middle School & Under) Discount	- \$25.00 x		\$
<i>Discounts are only deductible on FULL TIME Conference Registrations.</i>			Subtotal: \$
Early Bird Discount (if postmarked by June 1)	- \$10.00 x		\$
Interstate 1st Timer Discount (Members Only)	- \$20.00 x		\$
<i>You may use ALL discounts that apply to you!</i>			TOTAL DUE: \$

Part Time Registration — No Discounts Apply! <i>(Registration does not include lodging)</i>	Price	Number of People	Subtotals
Thursday Only *includes registration, tours and dinner*	\$57.00 x		\$
Friday Only *includes registration, tours, lunch and picnic dinner*	\$86.00 x		\$
Saturday Only *includes registration, tours, lunch and banquet*	\$98.00 x		\$
Banquet Only	\$36.00 x		\$
			TOTAL: \$

Make checks payable to: **INTERSTATE 4-H ALL STAR CONFERENCE** Due by: **JULY 1**
 Send registrations and payment to: **William & Susan Thomas, 1012 Hendrick St., Culpeper, VA 22701**
 Registration & Conference Questions: Phone — (540) 825-1873 E-mail — wetsbt@gmail.com

2011 4-H All Star Interstate Conference Tentative Schedule

Thursday, July 28, 2011

- 10:00** Registration Opens (*Lunch: please eat prior to arrival or sign up for lunch at Graves — will not be included in the conference pricing.*)
- 2:00** Welcome
- 2:30** Depart for Culpeper
- 3:15 - 6:00** Museum of Culpeper History & Burgandine House (c. 1750)
Graffiti House (1858) on Brandy Station Battlefield
- 6:15** Dinner by Culpeper 4-H Clubs and Planning District 9 4-H All Stars (Reva Fire Hall)
Program on Culpeper area Civil War
Presentation by Virginia Morton, author of "Marching Through Culpeper"

Friday, July 29, 2011

- 7:15 - 8:15** Breakfast at Graves Mountain Lodge
- 8:30** Depart Lodge
- 9:20** Tour Chancellorsville: Bus Tour of Battlefield, Walking Tour, Film and Museum
- 11:45** Tour of Fredericksburg Civil War Battlefield, Sunken Road, Film and Museum
- 1:00** Lunch and Free Time to Explore Fredericksburg
- 2:15** Colonial Fredericksburg: Tour Kenmore and Rising Sun Tavern
- 7:45** Hayride, Campfire and Marshmallow Roast

Saturday, July 30, 2011

- 7:15 - 8:15** Breakfast at Graves Mountain Lodge
- 8:30 - 9:30** Committee Meetings
- 9:45** Depart Lodge
- 10:45** New Market Battlefield Tour
- 1:15** Lunch: Hosted by Northern District (West) All Stars
- 1:45 - 2:45** Business Meetings
- 3:15 - 5:15** Luray Caverns
- 7:00** Dinner at Graves Mountain Lodge (*Speaker: Jack Tyree, former VA 4-H Director & WV All Star; Entertainment and Auction*)

Sunday, July 31, 2011

- 8:00 - 9:00** Breakfast at Graves Mountain Lodge
- 9:15** Memorial Service and Inspirational Service
- 10:00** Adjourn Interstate Conference
- 10:15** Virginia Chapter Business Meeting
- 11:30** Virginia Adjournment

Lodging at Graves Mountain Lodge

Graves Mountain Lodge offers a wide range on lodging accommodations at reasonable prices. In addition to traditional motel rooms for two to four persons groups of friends or family can utilize one of the varied cabins and houses on the property. Rooms in the Ridgecrest Motel (two queen beds) are \$89 plus tax per night. This facility offers some unique housing options that could serve to make this a great interstate. Visit their web page at www.gravesmountain.com or call them at 540-923-4231. Early reservations are advised to get your choice!!!

*All times & activities are tentative at this time.
A final schedule will be available in the spring.*

New All Star District Divisions

Central	Southeast/Eastern North	Southwest
Amelia	Caroline	Alleghany
Amherst	Charles City	Bland
Appomattox	Chesterfield	Botetourt
Bedford	Essex	Buchanan
Brunswick	Gloucester	Carroll
Buckingham	Hanover	Craig
Campbell	Henrico	Dickenson
Charlotte	King & Queen	Floyd
Cumberland	King George	Giles
Danville	King William	Grayson
Dinwiddie	Lancaster	Lee
Franklin	Mathews	Montgomery
Goochland	Middlesex	Pulaski
Greensville	New Kent	Roanoke
Halifax	Northumberland	Russell
Henry	Richmond City	Scott
Lunenburg	Richmond County	Smyth
Lynchburg	Westmoreland	Tazewell
Mecklenburg		Washington
Nelson		Wise
Nottoway		Wythe
Patrick		
Pittsylvania		
Powhatan		
Prince Edward		
Northern — East	Southeast/Eastern South	Northern — West
Albemarle	Accomack	Augusta
Alexandria	Chesapeake	Bath
Arlington	Hampton	Clarke
Culpeper	Isle of Wight	Frederick
Fairfax	James City	Highland
Fauquier	Newport News	Page
Fluvanna	Norfolk	Rockbridge
Greene	Northampton	Rockingham
Loudoun	Petersburg	Shenandoah
Louisa	Portsmouth	Warren
Madison	Prince George	
Orange	Southampton	
Prince William	Suffolk	
Rappahannock	Surry	
Spotsylvania	Sussex	
Stafford	Virginia Beach	
	York	

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2010 Summer Conference Report

Summer Conference was held July 10-11, 2010 at the Holiday Inn Select in Lynchburg, VA. Attendees gathered for lunch prepared by Raynelle Ankney (4-H All Star, Giddy Up Go Concessions) prior to the Saturday afternoon tours. From the three tours for which group transportation was offered, Most everyone was toured Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest. A few people chose to explore downtown Lynchburg on their own. The Saturday business meeting was followed by dinner and entertainment in the ballroom of the hotel. The speaker was the Honorable Gino Williams, chief judge of the 27th Judicial District of VA and a Floyd County 4-H All Star. Afterward, the 2010-2011 officer installation was performed by Past Big Chief, Steve Wood. Pam Levinson was presented with the Hall of Fame award. The banquet was topped off by a lively singing performance by Jennifer Wright Carson, a Bedford County 4-H All Star and Volunteer. The majority of our small group resumed their conversations in the hospitality room where they shared stories, pictures, videos, and good food well into the night.

Sunday breakfast was provided in the hospitality room. (The hotel did not include a continental breakfast.) This was followed by Vespers, district meetings, and business meeting per the usual format. Twenty people completed evaluations. In short, people enjoyed the conference, especially Poplar Forest and the evening entertainment. People raved about Gino and Jennifer! The hospitality also got super high remarks.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Cock



2011 Interstate Conference

You're invited to attend!!!

July 28-31, 2011

“Footprints in TIME!”



Conference Lodging and Headquarters: Graves Mountain Lodge — Syria, VA

Nestled deep in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Syria, Virginia the lodge has hosted travelers for the last 135 years. It is a family-owned and operated rustic, mountain retreat, well known for its down home hospitality, not to mention all the home cooked food you can eat. The Lodge owners are Virginia 4-H All Stars Jimmy ('52) and Rachel ('59) Graves. They are looking forward to hosting this exciting event. Jimmy is a past Virginia Big Chief. In April 2009 Graves Mountain Lodge was voted one of the top 129 places to visit by National Geographic Traveler Magazine!

Graves Mountain Lodge offers comfortable lodging in their Ridgecrest Motel at \$89 per room plus tax (currently 5% but could go to 7%) for a room with two queen beds. Additional housing options are available in some of the many houses and cottages at the facility. Contact Graves directly for options & cost <http://www.gravesmountain.com> 540-923-4231

Tours: Join us in Virginia as the nation celebrates the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War. Tours will include the Chancellorsville, Fredericksburg, Brandy Station and New Market Battlefields. www.CivilWar.org/chancellorsville www.nps.gov/frsp
<http://www2.vmi.edu/museum/nm/index.html> www.brandystationfoundation.com

Other tours include Luray Caverns and historic colonial Fredericksburg
Four hundred million years in the making, Luray Caverns is one of the most spectacular sights in the eastern United States. Underground chambers, ranging from 30 to 140 feet high, display natural formations of columns, and draperies, www.luraycaverns.com

Founded in 1728, Fredericksburg is said to be one of America's most historic cities. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and James Monroe are among the luminaries who called Fredericksburg home. The historical district has over 350 original buildings built before 1870. Fredericksburg was the boyhood home of young George Washington. James Monroe practiced law in the city. www.visitfred.com

Activities: Program on Civil War in the Culpeper area; Culpeper Museum with dinosaur tracks; picnic, hayride, marshmallow roast and campfire; Interstate committees and business meeting; silent auction (please bring an item); fellowshipping with friends. Author of *Marching Through Culpeper*, Virginia Morton, will be our Thursday evening speaker. Former Virginia 4-H State Director Jack Tyree, '37, is schedule to be our banquet speaker. Jack started his 4-H journey in West Virginia. www.culpepermuseum.com <http://marchingthroughculpeper.com>

We have made several innovations in our registration form this year to encourage attendance!!!

Offering a discount for All Stars currently in college or high school!!!

Offering a discount for an All Star attending their first Interstate !!!

Offering a discount for children!!!

The scenic beauty, the hospitality, the food and ambiance will make this an Interstate to be remembered. Several things participants should be aware of include the fact that the Lodge grounds are hilly. In addition cell phone service is usually not available. Wireless broadband is available in the Ridgecrest Motel.

Tour transportation provided by Dave Messick of Blue Ridge Coach Lines

For information contact Interstate Conference Co-Chairs William and Susan Thomas wetsbt@gmail.com 540-825-1873

The Virginia Star Deadline



MARCH 2011

All Stars Continue the Legacy

2011 4-H All Star Midwinter Conference
Held at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites in Petersburg!

**Full Conference
 Fee is only \$40.00!**

February 4-6, 2011

You won't forget your visit to Historic Petersburg!!!

Join us in a guided tour of Blandford Church and Cemetery, Centre Hill Museum and Siege Museum.

Participate in Service!!!

Explore own your own many other attractions including:

Petersburg Sports Complex

Farmers Market

Southside Depot

Sycamore Rouge

Southpark Mall

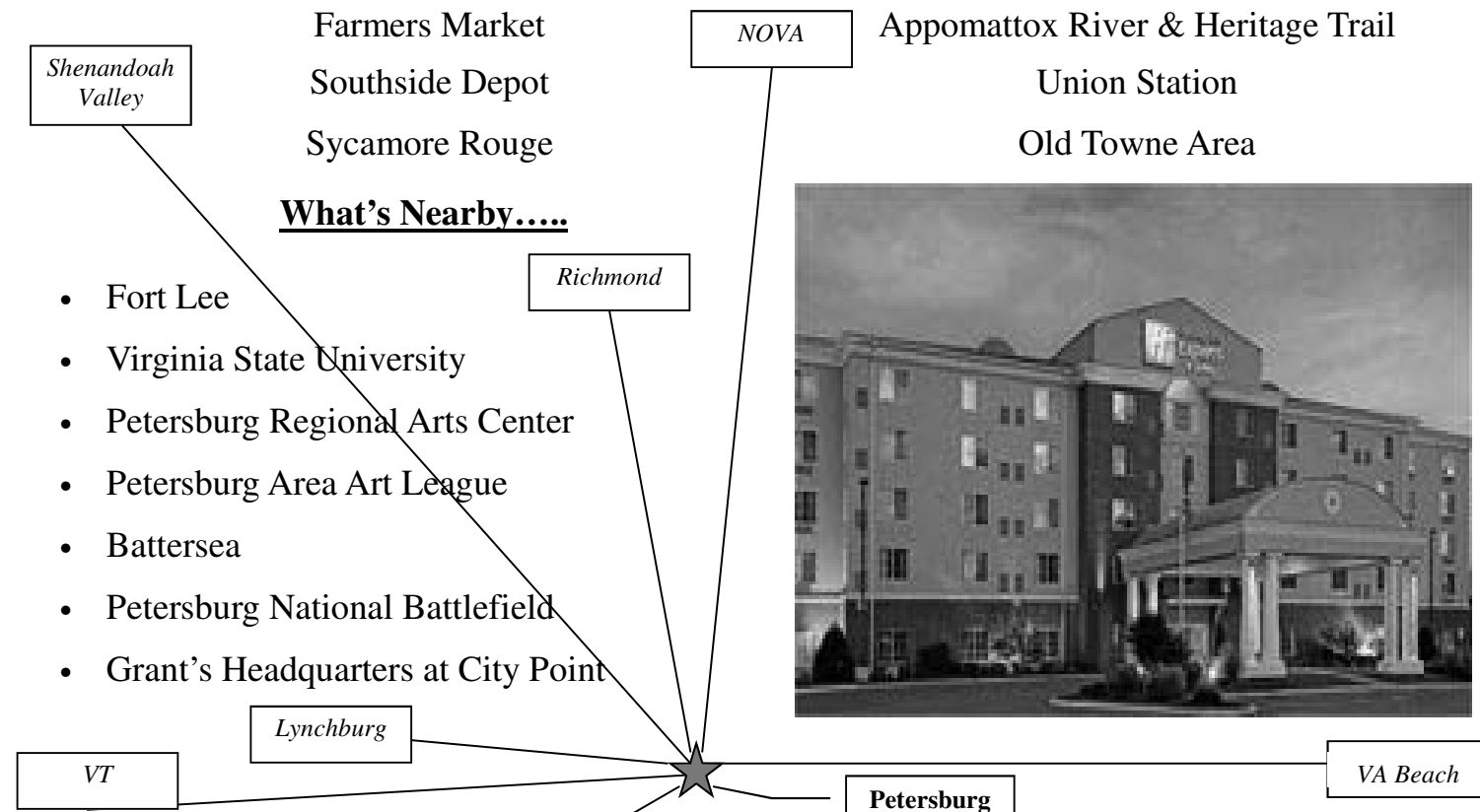
Appomattox River & Heritage Trail

Union Station

Old Towne Area

What's Nearby.....

- Fort Lee
- Virginia State University
- Petersburg Regional Arts Center
- Petersburg Area Art League
- Battersea
- Petersburg National Battlefield
- Grant's Headquarters at City Point



Lodging		
Holiday Inn & Suites	(804) 518-1800	\$79.00 plus tax
Hampton Inn	(804) 732-1400	\$69.99 plus tax
Comfort Inn	(804) 732-2000	\$59.99 plus tax
(Continental Breakfast in Each Hotel)		

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2011 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, February 4, 2011

7:30 PM - 10:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting Part 1 (Hampton Inn Board Room)

Saturday, February 5, 2011

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Continental Breakfast *Friday night Hotel Guests Only*
 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Executive Committee Meeting Part 2 (Holiday Inn — Hospitality Room)
 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Conference Registration (if you arrive after 1:00, please come to Randolph Farm)
 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM All Star Service Project (Holiday Inn — Hospitality Room)
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM Lunch
 12:45 PM - 2:45 PM Depart for Tours
 (Blandford Church & Cemetery/Siege Museum/Centre Hill Museum/Shopping)
 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM Tour Virginia State University's Randolph Farm
 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Business Meeting (VSU — L. Douglas Wilder Building)
 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Dinner & Entertainment (VSU — L. Douglas Wilder Building)
 9:00 PM - 9:20 PM District Meetings (VSU — L. Douglas Wilder Building)

Sunday, February 6, 2011

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Continental Breakfast
 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM Vespers
 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Business Meeting and IFYE Presentation
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM IFYE Meeting
 12:00 Noon Safe Travels — See you this summer!!!



2011 Midwinter Service Project

The Southwest District is coordinating the service project at the 2011 Mid-Winters Conference in Petersburg. 4-H All Stars are asked to contribute to the ongoing service project. Suggested items for donation include canned food, toiletries such as shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, band-aids, lotions, etc. These items will be donated to area shelters. Operation: Military Kids (OMK) is the U.S. Army's collaborative effort with America's communities to support children and youth impacted by deployment. OMK's goal is to connect military children and youth with local resources in order to achieve a sense of community support and enhance their well-being. Youth with deployed parents are eligible to receive a Hero Pack. Hero Packs serve as a tangible expression of support for Military Families from their communities and OMK Partners. A Hero Pack project involves local non-military youth groups and/or community organizations in a valuable community service effort that demonstrates thanks and support from their peers in the community. Hero Packs are filled by non-military youth and community organizations (like All Stars) with mementos and items designed to help keep military kids connected with their deployed parent. OMK Hero Packs are a way to hand-deliver a salute to military children and youth for their strength and sacrifices while parents are deployed. All Stars will be packing these hero packs (back packs) with an assortment of items. Suggested donated items for the OMK Hero Packs include school supplies, small picture frames, small stuffed animals, card games, small puzzles, small toys or similar items.

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Midwinter Conference Registration Form

Name: _____ M/F

Address: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

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

	Number of Persons		Subtotal
Full Conference (Saturday - Sunday) <small>(includes Saturday Lunch, Banquet, & meeting facilities)</small>		x \$40.00	
Saturday Lunch Only		x \$6.00	
Saturday Banquet Only		x \$28.00	
Choose Your Exploration:			
Optional Tour (Blandford Church/Cemetery, Siege Museum, Centre Hill)		x \$9.00	
Virginia State University Farm Tour (3:00 PM)		FREE	
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, 2011		x \$5.00	
		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