



Virginia 4-H All Star Chapter

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Smoke Signals from the Big Chief

Another very busy year is coming to an end and as 4-H'ers we definitely understand the word "busy!" Whether it includes our involvement with 4-H, school, work, church, respective volunteer experiences, organizations/clubs, spending time with our friends and family or any other aspect of our lives, we usually have quite a lot to do.

On the note of being busy, I would personally like to thank everyone who has helped make this past year of the Virginia 4-H All Stars so wonderful! Without your assistance at conferences, Congress and other statewide competitions, district contests, club/county events and many more 4-H activities, all of these things would not be possible. I would specifically like to thank everyone who was involved with the new All Star application process and the tapping ceremony. Thanks to your work, we tapped in over 100 new All Stars!

I would like say a HUGE thank you to the amazing members of the Executive Committee over the past year. With graduate school, student teaching, and wedding planning, I have been incredibly grateful for everything that you have done to help me out! Thank you all for taking the time out of your very busy schedules to make a difference in Virginia 4-H!

If you are a newly tapped All Star, we are thrilled to have you as a part of our organization! We appreciate all you have accomplished within Virginia 4-H and hope that you will join us at our upcoming statewide conferences and events! Whether you are able to attend our upcoming **Midwinter Conference** in Woodstock **January 31- February 1**, our **Interstate Conference** in Roanoke **July 30- August 2**, **Congress** for the tapping ceremony in **June** or are able to simply stay involved with the 4-H program, No matter what you can or cannot attend, we are so excited to call you a part of our Virginia 4-H All Star family! Keep in mind that many of our districts offer scholarships to conferences for first time attendees and for or those of you in college, check out our Wayne M. Keffer college scholarship opportunities!

Yours in service,
Kayla Eppard

Big Chief, Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars

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"It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself." – Ralph Waldo Emerson



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View the Virginia 4-H All Star Group:
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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

Daughter of the "All" Stars

January 31st - February 1, 2015—Woodstock, VA
 Virginia 4-H All Stars Midwinter Conference Registration Form

Name: _____ (Male/Female) Name Preferred on Nametag: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

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

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

	Number of Persons	Cost	Subtotal
Full Conference (includes: Lunch, Registration, Free Tours & Banquet)		x \$40.00	
1st Time Attendee Discount (1st time attending Midwinter Conference)		- \$10.00	
Not attending Full Conference?			
Registration Fee		x \$5.00	
Lunch		x \$10.00	=
BANQUET ONLY Saturday Business Meeting, Registration & Meal (Discounts do not apply!)		x \$35.00	=
Your Conference Subtotal:			\$
Late Fee (If postmarked after January 16)		x \$5.00	=
Tours: (How many? - If you want to use provided transportation, otherwise please leave blank!)			
Tour 1 - Route 11 Chips, Meems Bottom Covered Bridge, Caverns or Float Museum (Prices for Caverns/Museum)		x \$8.00 (Adults) x \$5.00 (School Age)	=
Tour 2 - Disc Golf at Shenandoah County Park		FREE	=
Tour 3 - Civil War Tour of Local Sites with Dr. Bob Meadows		FREE	=
All Star Dues:			
• Annual (\$10.00).....			_____
• Life (\$60.00).....			_____
Contributions:			
• New Star Fund (supports new member recognition and participation.....			_____
• Keffer Scholarship Fund.....			_____
TOTAL DUE:			

Inactive members may become active by two years annual dues or life membership. 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).**

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. **PARENTS: Young All Star members will be supervised during conference proceedings.**

All Star Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Make checks payable to: **Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars (\$25 service charge for returned checks)**
 Send registration and check to: **Attention: Randy and Irene Leech, 4220 N. Fork Rd., Elliston, VA 24087**
 Registration Questions: **Randy & Irene Leech-540-268-5373-Home, 540-268-1018-Fax, ileech@vt.edu**
 Questions: **Phone: 847-897-8566 after 6:00 PM E-mail: va_4h_allstar@hotmail.com**

Daughter of the "All" Stars!!!

2015 4-H All Star Midwinter Conference

Woodstock, VA - Holiday Inn Express

January 31– February 1, 2015

Full Conference Fee is only \$40.00!

Lodging arrangements for the 2015 Midwinter Conference should be made directly with the Holiday Inn Express using the code ASC.
Room rates are \$77.00/room plus tax!!
BOOK EARLY!!!

Holiday Inn Express—Woodstock
1130 Motel Dr.
Woodstock, VA 22664
Phone: 540-459-5000

Cut-off (last) date to make reservation at a special rate: December 31, 2014 Cancellation policy without penalty: 6pm January 16, 2015 (Two weeks prior to arrival) - All reservations will be charged for the entire stay on the night of January 16, 2015. Please advise your group. Cancellation Penalty after 6pm January 16, 2015: Entire Stay Rate per room, per night: \$77.00 + tax (10.3%)

Schedule of Midwinter Conference Events

Friday, January 30, 2015

7:00-10 PM Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, January 31, 2015

6:00 - 9:00 AM Free Hot Breakfast, Holiday Inn Express (Hotel Guests Only)
8:00 – 9:00 AM Executive Committee Meeting (If needed)
10:00 – Noon Conference Registration, IFYE Meeting & 4-H Service Project
Noon - 1:00 PM Lunch Catered by Local 4-H Club (Soup and Sandwiches)
1:15 - 4:00 PM Depart for Tours (Transportation provided for Tours 1-3)
Tour 1—Route 11 Chips, Meems Bottom Covered Bridge and either Shenandoah Caverns or American Celebration on Parade Float Museum.
Tour 2—Disc Golf at Shenandoah County Park. Discs provided or bring your own.
Tour 3—Civil War Tour of local sites with Dr. Bob Meadows
Tour 4—On your own: Antiquing, Shopping, Woodstock Museum.
4:00 - 5:15 PM Business Meeting at The Yellow Barn at Shenandoah Caverns (Casual Dress)
5:30 - 9:00 PM Banquet at The Yellow Barn with Steak Dinner (Catered by Shenandoah Co. 4-H Exchange Club) Awards, IFYE Presentations, IFYE Auction, Jennifer and 4-H Friends Entertainment
9:30 - 11:00 PM Hospitality at the Holiday Inn Express

Sunday, February 1, 2015

6:00 - 9:00 AM Free Hot Breakfast, Hampton Inn (Hotel Guests Only)
9:15 - 9:45 AM Devotional & Memorial Service
9:45 - 10:15 AM District Meetings
10:15 AM Hotel Check-out
10:45 - Noon Business Meeting

Smoke Signals from our Districts

By the time you receive this, your fellow district All Stars and interested Agents will have completed reviews of forms for our 2015 All Stars. This year and again next year, our district is responsible for reviewing forms at the state level and preparing information for voting at Midwinter Conference 2015. If you missed out being involved this year, plan to become involved next year. Your involvement is needed!

A recognition picnic for 2014 Northern District-East All Stars was held Sunday afternoon, August 10^h at Graves Mt. Lodge in Syria. The meal was free for 2014 All Stars who were presented with a choice of a special designed t-shirt or All Star jewelry. We had 34 All Stars and 27 guests for a total of 61 in attendance. This included seven 2014 All Stars. Eight counties were represented. We had one or more All Stars representing each decade from the '50's to the present for a total of 12 decades! This was our first picnic in a number of years with no one tapped in the 40's. Our silent auction was a success once again both in terms of funds raised and the interest in the activity. As a result of donations and the auction, the District Treasury netted over \$800. That money is used to support district activities.

We are responsible for door prizes at Midwinter Conference 2015 and we have a good supply of items for those plus the silent auction. If you are in this district and attending Midwinter Conference, let me know what items you could bring. Scholarship assistance is available to anyone attending from our district.

Officers elected to serve for 2014 – 2015 are as follows:

<i>Chief</i>	<i>William Thomas</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>1976</i>
<i>Lesser Chief</i>	<i>Judy Ann Fray</i>	<i>Madison,</i>	<i>1997</i>
<i>Scribe</i>	<i>Grace Kaiser</i>	<i>Louisa</i>	<i>2013</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Roger Suder</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>1964</i>

William E. Thomas
District Chief

The SWVA 4-H All Stars met on November 13, 2014 at the Smyth County Extension Office in Marion, VA . Present were District Chief Deb Nester, Lesser Chief Mary Gee, Scribe Michelle Cock, District Extension Contact Robyn Raines, Laurinda Sturgill, Farrell Jones, Annetta Stanley, Cissy Killen, Jennifer Shortridge, and Ranelle Dulaney. The meeting was opened by reviewing new member forms. The District reviewed 15 4-Her membership applications and four (4) adult volunteer nominations. The District also discussed two Extension staff nominations. Deb Nester presented the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Rogene Nester. Deb noted that a donation came as a reply from an All Star who could not attend the district barbecue. She sent 389 letters based on the addresses provided by William Thomas (keeper of The Virginia Star mailing list). Around 25 letters were returned for bad addresses. Those have been passed along to William to help reduce newsletter printing costs. Deb will continue to update the district list. Michelle Cock presented the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were corrected as follows: 10th paragraph: corrected from '123' to '130' points are possible and 11th paragraph: corrected from '6 p.m.' to '6:30 p.m.' and from second 'Tuesday' to 'Thursday.'

Mary Gee and Robyn Raines reported that the Pumpkin Walk at the SWVA 4-H Educational Center went well. About as many people attended as last year. Teen Weekend was canceled, but Mary brought teens and decorations for the public pumpkin carving. August 7-9, 2015 has been reserved for Teen Weekend next year. The committee might lower the age limit to be open to more CITs. The teen camp will be promoted at counselor training and summer camps.

Midwinter conference will be January 31 and February 1, 2015. Southwest District is responsible for providing hospitality (food and drinks). Anyone willing to provide hospitality items should coordinate with Deb (whether attending the conference or not). Michelle Cock presented a preliminary itinerary for Interstate Conference. Potential costs were discussed. Volunteers were requested, as well as donations for welcome bags, hospitality, door prizes, and silent auction items. The District will continue meeting quarterly on the second Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be February 12, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Cock, Recording Scribe

2014 4-H Congress—Ceremonial Committee Report

On Wednesday, June 18th, 2014, the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars initiated 114 new members with 40 of those being honorary members.

We would like to thank:

- *Randy and Irene Leech for the use of their sound system, for helping with the ceremony set up, for ordering flowers, and for all the rest of the background work they do.*
- *Geraldine Cabbage and Carol Nansel for working the registration table before and during the ceremony.*
- *Kate Elmer and Brandon Turner (non-All-Star volunteer) for putting together the star nametags presented at the ceremony.*
- *Joan Proctor, Kayla Eppard, Billie Jean Elmer, Kate Elmer, and Carol Nansel for putting All-Star certificates together.*
- *Steve Wood for serving as Scout Eagle, both at practices and during the ceremony.*
- *Steve Wood and Ray Daubenspeck for leading in the Congress Participant tappee orientation.*
- *Ray Daubenspeck for leading practices for the ceremony and for keeping us organized before and during the ceremony.*
- *Dr. Bob Meadows, Sarah Gregory for being the Song Leaders for the ceremony.*
- *Kayla Eppard and Susan Thomas for leading the ceremony.*
- *The scouts in addition to Kate Elmer (State Scout), and Steve Wood: Jim Hepner, Dennis Bagnell, Daniel Collins, Morgan Alexander, Monica Wisecarver, Cassidy Vanderpool, Mary Gee, Anna Rij, Samantha Brown, Joan Proctor, Melissa Lloyd, and Richard Lahey.*
- *Due to weather forecast for the day of tapping, 14 scouts were used instead of the suggested 7-9. Even though more scouts were used 2 people still had trouble with the heat.*
- *Mike Martin, Melissa Breen, Kathleen Jamison, and Cathy Sutphin for all the Congress logistics in coordination with the All Star tapping ceremony.*
- *Everyone who helped to set up for and clean up after the ceremony.*
- *Everyone who participated in the circle during the ceremony.*
- *Sarah Gregory and Southeast North District for putting Stars*
- *Anyone I have forgotten to mention!*

**Respectfully Submitted,
Kate Elmer, Scout 2013-2014**

In Honor and Memory of our fellow 4-H All Stars...

Hunter Wilson Greenlaw, (Stafford - 1958) an IFYE to England and Wales died May 9th, 2014. He owned and operated Park Farm and Greenlaw's Beef butcher shop in Fredericksburg. He was a realtor and founding partner in For Sale By Owner magazine. He was a 1964 graduate of Virginia Tech. He most recently attended the IFYE meeting and part of the 2014 All Star Midwinter Conference. His mother Matilda Garner Greenlaw (deceased) was a 1924 All Star from Stafford. His bother Robert "Bobby" is a 1963 All Star. He owned and operated Park Farm and Greenlaw's Beef butcher shop in Fredericksburg. He was a realtor and founding partner in For Sale By Owner Magazine. Wilson was a 4-H All-Star and went on to be an ambassador in the International Farm Youth Exchange living with farming families in England and Wales.

Rosanne S. Berkenstock Rosanne S. Berkenstock, (Prince William - 1970) 62, of Culpeper, Virginia, passed away on Tuesday, May 13, 2014.. She grew up on Green Hill Farm where her family raised Angus cattle and she always had several horses. In 1971, she attended the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, where she was named one of six National winners in the 4-H Horse Project. While she worked for community newspapers, Ms. Berkenstock won more than 70 journalism and photography awards from the Virginia Press Association, the Virginia Press Women, and the National Federation of Press Women. She also received a Virginia Horse Council Media Award.

Part 1 of 3: The HISTORY of the 4-H All Stars

The Virginia Star

The Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars was launched on Friday evening, August 4, 1922 with the initiation of 12 members by a delegation of three West Virginia All Stars. West Virginia had established the first All Star Chapter in 1919 and also had assisted Maryland with its chapter in 1921. Those 12 charter members met immediately after the initiation and organized, with Russell Bailey of Buckingham elected as the first Big Chief. Twenty-three members were accepted the following year, establishing the All Star concept.

Expanding the organization was a major focus in the early years. Virginia All Stars assisted in the installation of chapters in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Efforts were put forth to organize chapters in each county in Virginia. Twenty-four counties made reports at the 1933 Summer Conference. All Star conferences were held the three days preceding the week long State Short Course. The 10th anniversary in 1932 opened with the singing of "Follow the Gleam". The 1935 conference was cancelled due to a polio epidemic. In 1938 the motto of "Service" was adopted with each member expected to make a personal application of the motto.

The Executive Committee met for the first time other than at conferences in February 1939. All Stars were active in local chapters and had survived the "Great Depression". During World War II many All Stars were in military service. Those inducted into the military and not able to attend the tapping were accepted into membership and notified immediately after the conference. Due to military activities on campus the conferences were held at Jamestown in 1942 and Holiday Lake in 1943. The first Hall of Fame Award was presented in 1947 to C. A. Montgomery who helped to establish the Virginia Chapter. An \$800 scholarship loan fund was initiated in 1948. The next year the banner design was created. In 1949 the All Stars also contributed to the International Farm Youth Exchange program, establishing a long time relationship between the two organizations.

Honorary membership for Extension staff was adopted in 1950. Two men and two women could be accepted. Minutes from the 1951 – 1954 period indicated unrest and frustration with the lack of forward movement and service to the 4-H program. This will be a recurring theme through the years to follow. In 1954 a structure was set up to work with the districts. This provided for the election of lesser chiefs and lesser scribes for the four districts. All Stars got a big boost in 1955 when the Cities Service Oil Company became a sponsor for Key Award pins, certificates, district banquets and, by 1960, a state banquet honoring new members. The real proof of the value of this sponsorship was that in 1955 and 1956 over 1,000 All Stars, parents and leaders attended the six district banquets. This sponsorship was discontinued in 1972 as a result of changes at the corporate level of Cities Service.

The sixties brought two significant additions to the organization, the Midwinter Conference and sponsorship of the public speaking program. In 1961 the first Midwinter Conference was held at Natural Bridge. It would continue to be held at the location through 1969. Saturday night dances provided a social element. In 1962 the 40th anniversary was celebrated during the Summer Conference. The end of 40 years found the organization with 3,338 members. In 1964 All Stars began sponsoring the public speaking contest at the district level. The Bylaws were amended to allow for four Extension agents to be selected as honorary members each year, regardless of gender. In 1967, the college scholarship was named for Gordon A. Elcan. Elcan was the first State 4-H Leader and the scholarship assumed his name following his death.

At the Midwinter Conference in 1969 the Executive Committee discussed the need for better communication. They felt a need to "develop guidelines by All Stars and Extension Agents that will get All Stars to become more active." For the first time All Stars conducted the State Public Speaking Contest and provided innovative activities that were well received. The first Midwinter Conference outside of Natural Bridge was held in Lynchburg in February 1970. In 1970 the need for member involvement continued as a concern of the leadership. At the 1970 Summer Conference the organization agreed to start moving the Midwinter Conference to different locations and stressed the need to involve more All Stars in the event planning. They also encouraged expanding All Star involvement in county public speaking programs. These two steps were taken to encourage greater involvement. Participation in and support of the public speaking program still continues. A major change in the nomination process was initiated in 1971 with the adoption of a point system based on a 4-H member's participation in projects, activities, leadership and service. County quotas were eliminated so that all eligible 4-Hers could be accepted. A record 238 new members were tapped in 1972.

The 50th Anniversary was celebrated in 1972 with 474 registered for the banquet on the Virginia Tech campus. The 89 page Memory Book included a history, a list (by county) of all those tapped from 1922 to 1972, a list of all the Big Chiefs and award winners as well as several pages of photos. During the 1960's and '70's a number of 4-H groups met concurrently in early February. Groups including the State 4-H Congress Cabinet, College 4-H Alumni, State Leadership Camp Officers, Virginia Association of Adult Volunteer 4-H Leaders, Virginia IFYE Association, and Virginia Association of Extension 4-H Agents generally all met on Friday evening and Saturday morning of the Midwinter Conference. Joint meetings were held over lunch and in the early afternoon and the All Stars invited participants in the other meetings who were not All Stars to stay for the conference.

The Bradshaw Award in memory of A. Gilliam Bradshaw of James City County was established in 1977 to honor outstanding contributions of those with less than 15 years of service. This allowed recognition of newer members since the Hall of Fame Award is only given to those who have more than 15 years of service. Plastic red and green star shaped permanent nametags were introduced at the Midwinter Conference in 1975. Due to increased cost and lack of sponsorship no banquet was held following tapping in 1975. A Memorial Fund was established as an umbrella fund for those who wished to make memorial contributions.

March 15, 2015 The Virginia Star Deadline

All Star Award Deadlines

Don't forget to send in your nominations for the following awards by January 1:

...the C. Dean Allen Award for Excellence, recognizing a Unit Extension Faculty member with three (3) or more years of service to All Stars and/or 4-H International opportunities for youth.

...the Bradshaw Service Award for a 4-H All Star of 15 years or less membership who has rendered outstanding service to the All Star organization and other community service exemplifying our motto of service.

...the Dottie Nelson Service Award for Excellence in 4-H International Programs, recognizing a 4-H All Star or Volunteer with three (3) years of more of service in providing 4-H International opportunities for youth and families.

...the Wayne Keffer Memorial College Scholarships (two of \$600 each) for Virginia 4-H All Stars who are currently college freshman, sophomores, juniors, seniors, or graduate students.

Forms may be obtained on the website at http://www.4-h.ext.vt.edu/groups/allstars/4h_allstars.html or by contacting our Awards Chairman, Dottie Nelson, at 276-617-1065 or dottieifye@yahoo.com.

Completed forms should be sent to: Dottie Nelson, Awards Chairman, P.O. Box 144, Bland, VA 24315...postmarked by January 1st!

Joyce Dix-Pettit	Accomack	Erin Small	Fluvanna	Elizabeth Rhodes	Shenandoah
Julia Hartman	Albemarle	Olivia Athey	Frederick	Kimery Ryman	Shenandoah
Louis Goldman	Amherst	Tyler Larrick	Frederick	Kristin Carter	Smyth
Sandy Goldman	Amherst	Bridget Mullins	Frederick	Roger "Phil"	Smyth
Kevin Irvin	Amherst	Courtney Walls	Frederick	Collins	
Jeanne Morcom	Amherst	Janine Wilson	Gloucester	Zack Jones	Smyth
Cecilia Murphey	Amherst	Felicia Anderson	Greene	William Duncan	Surry
Trevor Gannicott	Appomattox	Teresa Maldonado	Greene	Glenn Slade	Surry
Mark Persinger	Augusta	Wendy Martin	Greene	Kaitlyn Bennett	Tazewell
Meredith Persinger	Augusta	Kathleen Cantwell	Henrico	Carolyn Killen	Tazewell
Lindsey Faulkner	Bland	Reginald Morris	Henrico	Jennifer	Tazewell
Jonathan Goins	Bland	Robert Panten	Henrico	Shortridge	
Thomas Litton	Bland	Susan Kanode	Henry/	Kristy Collins	VA Tech
Erica Muncy	Bland		Martinsville	Robbin Lloyd	Warren
Cody Radford	Bland	Rachel Courtney	King George	Haylee Barker	Washington
Derek Richards	Bland	Taylor Courtney	King George	Crystla Peak	Washington
Dakoda Sarver	Bland	Shirley Peyton	King George	Elijah Worth-	Washington
Benjamin Burgess	Carroll	Sheila Belcher	Lee	Jones	
Claire Gleason	Carroll	Sterns Lott IV	Loudoun	Wendy Herdman	Westmoreland
Tammy Vass	Carroll	Francesa Reilly	Loudoun		
Kay Williams	Carroll	Megan Zywicki	Loudoun		
Ryan Hamlet	Charlotte	Linda Brown	Madison		
Preston Hamlet III	Charlotte	Rebekah Broyles	Madison		
Cassandra Long	Charlotte	William Wise Jr.	Madison		
Dorothy Long	Charlotte	Lukas Coffey	Montgomery		
Darla Marks	Charlotte	Kelly Shifflett	Orange		
James Pridgen	Charlotte	Robert Swope	Orange		
Sylvia Hofmann-Cole	Chesapeake	Jason Woolfey	Orange		
Emma Lampert	Chesapeake	Jennifer Bowen	Prince Edward		
Susan Lampert	Chesapeake	Elizabeth Arnold	Prince William		
Morgan Faber	Chesterfield	Jenna Fees	Prince William		
Lauren Gains	Chesterfield	Kayla Fyock	Prince William		
Mark Alexander	Clarke	Dayana Obeldobel	Prince William		
Melissa Denson	Clarke	Anya Owsenek	Prince William		
Kayla Gilley	Clarke	Lillian Poole	Prince William		
Sarah Miller	Clarke	Jason Thies	Prince William		
Ann Compton	Culpeper	Cynthia Hurst	Pulaski		
Cristy Mosley	Culpeper	Mary Smith	Pulaski		
Brenda Shaver	Fairfax	Shane Williams	Pulaski		
George Shields	Fairfax	Cory Zander	Pulaski		
Jamie Soucie	Fairfax	Kathleen Coffman	Rockingham		
Esther Wisdom	Fairfax	Benjamin Nuckolls	Rockingham		
Kelly Cody	Fauquier	Joy Showalter	Rockingham		
Michael Granche	Fauquier	Kaitlynn Torkelson	Rockingham		
Brittany Linton	Fauquier	Katherine Torkelson	Rockingham		
Lia Peach	Fauquier	Kirk Torkelson	Rockingham		
Autumn Diggs	Fluvanna	Taylor Cooper	Shenandoah		
		Dakota Funkhouser	Shenandoah		

On behalf of the Virginia 4-H All Stars, we would like to share a great big welcome to our 2014 All Star Initiates! May you go forth and serve under the name of 4-H and as a fellow Virginia 4-H All Star!!!

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Virginia Star

2015 Interstate Conference Information



For sixty-five years, the world's largest freestanding, illuminated man-made star has been glowing above Roanoke. Why? To welcome the 4-H All Stars, of course!

Our conference hotel will be the Holiday Inn Tanglewood 4468 Starkey Rd., SW, Roanoke, VA 24018. Room rates are \$109 per night if reserved by June 30, 2015. (540) 774-4400 Ask for the 2015 Interstate Conference/4-H All Stars. www.holidayinn.com/roa-tanglewood

Bring your friends, your camera, and your walking shoes. We'll have our business meeting Friday on Mill Mountain at the base of the Roanoke Star after visiting Mill Mountain Zoo. Saturday, we'll explore the downtown area including several museums.

More information is available at <http://www.ext.vt.edu/topics/4h-youth/all-stars/index.html> under the "Conferences" tab. For the latest updates and to connect with other conference attendees, join our Facebook event "4-H All Stars Interstate Conference" <https://www.facebook.com/events/931889386825431/>

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Cock, Interstate Conference Coordinator

Reflections on Membership

With the addition of our 2014 All Stars, the roll shows 9,504 members. At our current rate of adding new members (averaging over 100 per year), total membership will go over 10,000 by the time we celebrate our 100th Anniversary in 2022. Our list of life members who receive a mailed copy of The Star is now at 1,524. Many of that number represents households with multiple names, as All Star membership is often a family; the most is five. In addition, there are several hundred that receive the newsletter in electronic format. It is estimated that we are in contact with close to 3,000 of you through the newsletter.

Lets take a look at how we have grown over the years! The roll shows 160 tapped in the 1920s. Only one of those is still on the mailing list to date. In the 1930s, there was an addition of 435 members, with 69 of those in 1939. The 1940s started strong with 130 and then added in 1940 and 1941, but with the start of World War II, All Stars was impacted along with the nation. Only 46 were added in 1942 and 1943, but the numbers were back up by the end of that decade. In the end, 518 were taken in during that time.

Our membership really took off in the 1950s. After adding 98 in both 1950 and 1951, 106 were added in 1953, going over 100 for the first time! The 1950s ended with 2,249 total members. Look for more reflections in future issues.

If you are one of those tapped in the first two decades, we would love to hear from you!

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