Celebrating 100 Years of Virginia 4-H All Stars

Plan now to join your Virginia 4-H All Stars July 22 - 24, 2022 to celebrate our 100th Anniversary at The Inn and Skelton Conference Center on the Virginia Tech campus. Make this the largest gathering of Virginia 4-H All Stars in decades! Our Chapter was formed on the campus in 1922.

Thanks to generous donations of 4-H All Stars, several of our six Chapters, local unit 4-H All Stars Chapters, Farm Credit, Virginia Farm Bureau, and support from the State Chapter, you can attend the full conference for the very low registration of $110 per person if you register by June 1. After that registration is $150. The registration fee covers five meals, memorabilia, the 100th Anniversary history, service projects, tours, workshops, a dance, and use of the facilities. The option to attend only selected meals is available. Complete registration information can be found in this mailing and on the 4-H All Star website. Click here to register for the conference: https://aimsbbis.vt.edu/VA4HAllStarsCentennial The conference registration will open on April 15th or soon after. Check often!

Lodging at The Inn is $123 per room per night for single or double occupancy plus applicable tax. $10 for each additional person. Click below to reserve your room for the 4-H All Star Centennial, July 22-24, 2022. You may call The Inn at 540-231-8000 to make your reservation. Use this code: 4HA0722 Or you may make your reservation online at this website: https://be.synxis.com/?adult=1&arrive=2022-07-22&chain=21123&child=0&currency=USD&depart=2022-07-24&group=1&hotel=32532&locale=en-US&rooms=1

While the main part of the celebration begins at 6:00 Friday evening with a picnic on the lawn (weather permitting), pre-conference activities will begin earlier on Friday. Picnics were a part of past summer conferences, often held at the Duck Pond. They ended with watermelon which we plan to have available. After the picnic we will enjoy a 4-H campfire. Come on Friday to enjoy catching up with friends!

Saturday begins with a buffet breakfast at 8:00 in the Skelton Conference Center ballroom. We will have greetings from university administration and a look at the history of 4-H All Stars. Seating is planned by decades tapped. Following the program you will choose from hands on service projects, tours, or workshops. Details are in the mailing. You will also have time to view displays highlighting our history.

We return to the ballroom for a buffet lunch at noon. The program will recognize past Big Chiefs, Hall of Fame recipients, and others who have served to lead, as well as those honored with awards and scholarships over the years. The afternoon will offer more options of service projects, tours, workshops, and a tapping ceremony if there are 10 or more to be tapped. Staying in the conference center to relax and visit with friends, is an option.

The highlight of our celebration will be the banquet dinner in the ballroom at 6:30 pm. This will be our “dress up” event of the weekend. For all other activities, dress is casual dress. At this event we will have greetings from West Virginia (1919) and Maryland (1921) All Star Chapters. These chapters helped Virginia organize in 1922! There will be speakers along with entertainment. We will party in honor of the Virginia Chapter's 100 years! The evening will end with a dance, bringing back a tradition from past conferences.

A breakfast buffet Sunday morning will be followed by a program and memorial service honoring deceased 4-H All Stars during this past year, and over many years. Following the Memorial Service, there will be our summer business meeting to elect and install officers to lead us into our second century! Chapters will meet after the business meeting.

Register today for the conference! Do this before June 1 to get the lower rate. Call or go on line to reserve your room at The Inn. We look forward to seeing you at the Celebration!
Virginia 4-H All Stars Centennial Conference Schedule
July 22-24, 2022
The Inn at Virginia Tech and Skelton Conference Center

Friday, July 22, 2022
1:00  Registration open
1:00-3:45  Pre Conference Service Project: New River Valley Red Cross Blood and Platelet Donation Center
3:30-5:00  Pre Conference Workshop: Oris Glisson Historic Costume and Textile Collection
3:30-4:30  Pre Conference Tour: Virginia Tech Athletic Facilities
6:00-7:30  Conference Kick-Off Picnic Dinner – The Inn (Sponsored by Farm Credit)
8:30

Saturday, July 23, 2022
8:00  Registration open
8:00-10:00  Breakfast “Our 100 Years: 1922-2022”
8:00-3:45pm  Service Project: New River Valley Red Cross Blood and Platelet Donation Center
8:00 am-8:00pm  Historical Room
10:15-11:45  Service Project: Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center
10:15-11:45  Service Project: The AGAPE Center of the New River Valley
10:15-11:45  Workshop: Drone the Unknown
10:15-11:45  Workshop: Supporting 4-H Through Planned Giving
10:15-11:45  Tour: Walking Tour of the VA Tech Campus
10:15-11:45  Tour: Dairy Science Complex – Kentland Farm
Noon-2:00  Luncheon “Reflections of Leadership Over the Years” (Sponsored by the Past Big Chiefs)
2:15-3:30  i4YE Meeting
2:15-3:30  Service Project: Celebrating our 4-H All Star 100th Birthday Party with English Meadows Senior Living Community
2:15-3:30  Workshop: Center for Real Life Design at VA Tech
4:00-5:00  All Star Tapping Ceremony and Orientation
6:30-9:30  Celebration Banquet
9:30  Dance and Entertainment

Sunday, July 24, 2022
8:00-9:30  Breakfast “Remembering but Not Forgotten” Memorial Service (Sponsored by Susan Blake Thomas, Albemarle ’63 and William E. Thomas, Culpeper ’76)
9:30-11:00  Business Meeting and Officer Installation
11:00-Noon  Chapter Meetings

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If you would like to support the Virginia 4-H All Star Centennial Celebration July 22-24, 2022, please send your donation today. Make check payable to: Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars.
Mail check to Randy and Irene Leech, 4220 North Fork Rd.; Elliston, VA 24087

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Pre-Conference Workshop: The Oris Glisson Historic Costume and Textile Collection preserves and documents fashionable dress items worn in southwestern Virginia to illustrate to students, faculty, alumni, and the Virginia Tech community, the changing val-
ues in apparel design and clothing use from the 18th century to present. This collection contains more than 5,000 pieces of day and evening wear, undergarments, outerwear, and accessories, as well as textiles (lace, coverlets, quilts, and other household items).
The collection was founded by Miss Oris Glisson, Associate Professor of Home Economics from 1948 – 1955 and Professor and
Department Head of the Department of Clothing, Textiles, and Related Art (now the Department of Apparel, Housing, and Re-
source Management). Named in her honor in 1978, she developed the collection in 1958 and donated and helped document over 600 fashionable dress items from the 1950s through the 1970s, which serve as the hallmark of the collection, some of which are
designer garments. She also established the collection's storage facilities and significantly grew its holdings. Specifics: Time – 3:45-
5:00 pm, 40 participant maximum size, Wallace Hall

Pre-Conference Tour: The Virginia Tech Athletic Facilities tour will allow participants to see the changes in the football facilities following the Drive 25 Program success and rise of VA Tech athletics in the last 20 years. Facilities consist of weight room, practice areas, equipment, training and therapy rooms. Virginia Tech’s athletics facilities have grown and are contenders for the best in the country. Specifics: Time - 3:30 -4:35 pm, limited to 40 participants, Merrymans Center

Saturday, July 22, 2022 Service Projects:

Service Project: The Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center operates year-round. Participants in this service proj-
ect will help with cleaning and animal care duties at the center. Potential duties to be performed can include, kennel mainte-
nance, dog walking, grooming, general facilities maintenance and overall center cleaning. Donations of used towels and sheets will support this center. Specifics: Time - 10:15-11:45 am, limit-20 participants, provide own transportation or car pool from The Inn

Service Project: The AGAPE Center of the New River Valley is a multi-church mentorship outreach program serving residents of four neighboring counties and the city of Radford. The participants will help with general needs of the center. Anticipated work includes non-stru by resource packets or food packages and restocking storage areas. The AGAPE Center of the NRV provides opportunities and resources to the less fortunate. Donations of non-perishable goods will be collected for this group. Specifics: Time – 10:15-11:45 am, limit-20 participants, provide own transportation or car pool from The Inn

Service Project: Celebrating an All Star 100th Birthday Party with English Meadows Senior Living Community in Blacksburg will allow participants to spend time facilitating a fun Saturday afternoon activity with the residents of English Meadows. We will in-
clude residents as we host a “100 Year Birthday Party” to celebrate our Centennial. All Stars can make donations of stuffed animals for the residents in the memory care unit. Specifics: Time – 2:15-3:30 pm, limit-40 participants, provide own transportation or car pool from The Inn

Virginia 4-H All Star Centennial: Workshops and Tours

Saturday, July 22, 2022 Workshops:

Workshop: Drone the Unknown was developed since within the past ten years, there has been an increase in the demand for more 4-
H STEM-based programs as is evident by the increase in STEM related careers and opportunities. To keep up with these career oppor-
tunities and continue to encourage youth to engage in developing technology, it is critical to expose members to programs highlighting
STEM topics. While there is no official 4-H curriculum using drones as the main component for the instruction, the inspiration of “Drone the Unknown” emerged. This workshop shares the basis of that 4-H curriculum as well as allows participants to learn drone basics and
operate a drone in the Cage area of campus. Specifics: Time – 10:15-11:45 am, limit-20 participants, provide own transportation or car pool from The Inn

Workshop: Supporting 4-H Through Planned Giving will help you know how to give to Virginia 4-H without writing a check. Did you know that you can support your favorite charities without writing a check? Please join us to learn how you can make non-cash gifts and estate gifts to invest in the future of Virginia 4-H youth. Specifics: Time – 10:15-11:45 am, limit-40 participants, workshop at The Inn

Workshop: The Center for Real Life Design at VA Tech began in the mid-1990s with the start of a National Kitchen and Bath Associa-
tion-accredited program and the need to remodel a household equipment laboratory. When it opened in 1998, it included five kitch-
ens, a laundry area, a home office, and a classroom. The space was used in a major research project for a time-motion study of diverse users cooking in the various kitchens. A further study examined kitchen storage needs of households with small, medium, and large kitchens. Appliances were updated regularly throughout the years. In 2007, the Gourmet Kitchen was remodeled and a new Outpost Kitchen was created. During the most recent renovations, in 2017, the kitchen was redesigned as a Loft Kitchen. These designs continue to reflect the latest in technologies and design for today's consumers. Specifics: Time – 2:15-3:30 pm, limit-20 participants, provide own transportation or car pool from The Inn to Wallace Hall

Saturday, July 22, 2022 Tours:

Tour: The Walking Tour of the VA Tech Campus shows why VA Tech is known for its “beautiful campus, amazing community feel, top-notch engineering field,” and as a “good value” – not to mention its renowned athletics—Virginia Tech offers “a perfect blend of chal-
ling and fun, encompassed in an unparalleled community feel.” That community feel is a big part of the attraction to this university, this tour will mirror the official student/parent tours. This session will be of interest to potential students and their parents as well as Alumni who have not been to campus recently. Specifics: Time – 10:15-11:45 am, limit-40 participants, walking tour beginning at The Inn

Tour: Dairy Science Complex – Kentland Farm known as the “new” diary science complex, built on a 35 acres site in 2016 is a state-of-the-art dairy science technology program. The complex includes an 11,900-square-foot milking parlor with a computerized milk-
monitoring system, a 46,000-square-foot freestall barn for the 232 milking cows, a modern waste management system, a special needs heifer barn, and a pre-weaned calf facility. The facilities provide great opportunities for students desiring a hands-on experiential edu-
cation, as well as faculty to conduct innovative research important to the dairy industry. Specifics: Time – 10:15-11:45 am, limit-30 participants, provide own transportation or car/van pool from The Inn

On Going Throughout the Conference: Virginia 4-H All Star Historical Room and Display will be open and available throughout the conference for members to enjoy newsletters, memorabilia, and artifacts from the first 100 years of Virginia 4-H All Stars. This display will be informative, engaging and trace the changes of traditions and policies.

Service by donation of items: Three of the service projects welcome donation items to support their programming. Even if you cannot attend that service project, All Stars will collect items at registration to take to these groups:

AGAPE Center of the NRV- nonperishable food and household cleaning items

Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center- old towels and/or sheets

English Meadows – small stuffed animals for residents in the memory care unit
In addition to recognitions during programs, event name tags will have ribbon strips indicating past offices and awards! Those who have received recognitions over the years will be more meaningful if those recipients attend the Centennial. Recognizing our leadership at all levels from over the years is an important part of the Centennial. Honoring once again those who have received recognitions over the years will be more meaningful if those recipients attend the Centennial.

The smallest (in terms of number of persons who held the role.) group in leadership is that of editor of The Virginia Star. Only 12 persons have held the position of editor since the first, our current Big Chief Nancy Massie Moga, started the newsletter in 1976.

The newest recognition is The Dottie Nelson Award for Excellence in 4-H International Programs by adult 4-H volunteers. This was created in her honor, and first presented to Dottie in 2012. To date, seven persons have received the award. Dottie has been the face of Virginia’s international program for many years.

The C. Dean Allen Award for Excellence is for Extension staff in service to All Stars and or international programs. Dr. Allen gave leadership to the All Stars and international programs for many years. First awarded in 1994, 14 Extension staff have received the award.

First given in 1978, The Bradshaw Service award is for All Stars with less than 15 years of membership. It is for outstanding service and named for A. Gilliam Bradshaw III. It has been awarded 32 times. Twelve of these recipients later served as Big Chief.

The Hall of Fame was first given in 1949. It has only been awarded 48 times. Three early winners have buildings at Virginia Tech named in their honor!

More All Stars have received the scholarship than any other award. First started in 1959 and given to two All Stars each year, it was named the Keffer Memorial Scholarship in 1991. The scholarships are funded from proceeds of the Keffer Endowment Fund, within the Virginia Tech Foundation. More than 100 have been awarded.

While we encourage all Virginia 4-H All Stars to attend, those of you represented above as award winners, or those involved in leadership roles, will be some of the “stars” of the weekend! See you there.

Information needed for the Centennial Memorial Service

The Sunday morning program at the 100th Anniversary weekend will be a Memorial Service to remember and honor our deceased members conducted by the Jamestown Chapter. Your assistance is needed to help us collect the names of our deceased members. Annual Memorial Services are conducted so the names honored and remembered then are available but some names are never shared with us. If you know of any 4-H All Star who is deceased, please share their information with us. Please include the name, county/city tapped, year tapped, and date of birth, date of death and a photo. If married, for the ladies, include the maiden name if known. Please share any information that you have. Pictures of them such as the obituary photo or a photo from a 4-H or similar event would add to the service during the Centennial celebration. Please send to Kendra Kyle at kekyle@vt.edu or call her office number is 804-501-5160 or complete the survey at this link:

https://forms.gle/N5z2u94xJ5m8T6pH7

We have lots of 4-H All Stars to Recognize - are you one!

Have you served in leadership positions in Virginia 4-H All Stars? Have you received one of the Chapter’s awards? Were you a unit Chapter Chief? Have you served on the Executive Committee? Many of you have given much time in service to Virginia 4-H, and 4-H All Stars. This is the time to celebrate that service!

Bring Your Virginia 4-H All Star Treasures to Display at the 4-H All Star Centennial

Do you have any historic (including from the last few years!) items that represent some part of Virginia 4-H All Star history? Do you have a story about or photos of an All Star experience? We’re interested! We’re developing several history items for the Centennial. If you have anything, especially pictures, news articles, stories, that you can share by June 15, we may be able to use them in those history documents.

Send them to: Irene Leech, 4220 North Fork Rd., Elliston, VA 24087 or email them to ileech@vt.edu or talk about how they can be picked up by someone by calling 540-230-5373.

We hope you’ll also bring things to show and share to the conference!