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Notes From Nancy

Dear 4-H All Stars,

I just got my booster vaccine for the Covid 19! I hope you will receive all your vaccines as soon as you're eligible! As soon we are all vaccinated the sooner we can all be safe together!

Please save **the date July 22-24, 2022 for our Centennial Celebration at the Inn at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg**. It's going to be a wonderful program with planning being led by William Thomas and Billie Jean Elmer. We are looking for ideas to make it festive, for your involvement, and your ideas.

We need song leaders for each meal. If you can help please get in contact with William Thomas or Billie Jean Elmer. The Midwinter Conference will be at Jamestown 4-H Educational Center. Please see all the tours and activities located elsewhere in this newsletter. Be sure to register soon!

Please continue to provide service to your community and to 4-H. I pick up trash three or four times a week as I ride my bike on the Jackson River Trail. Hopefully, I am saving the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean one piece of trash at a time.

Enjoy the holiday season!

Yours in Service,

Nancy Massie Moga

Big Chief, Louisa 1970

Dates to remember:

December 15, 2021 State review of 4-H All Star applications

February 5-6 Midwinter conference

April 15, 2022 Articles due for the spring Star

June 23, 2022 - Tapping ceremony for 2022 4-H All Stars during State 4-H Congress

July 22-24, 2022 Centennial celebration at The Inn at Virginia Tech

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"4-H All Stars Today: History in the Making"

2022 4-H All Star Midwinter Conference

We are excited to have the opportunity to see you where history was made and our nation was born! Virginia 4-H All Stars are still making history! All of our meetings and the banquet (casual attire) will be held at the Jamestown 4-H Center. Our lodging will be at the Jamestown 4-H Center (3751 4-H Club Rd) or at the Days Inn by Wyndham Williamsburg Historic Area hotel (706 Bypass Road). We will hold a Silent Auction Saturday to benefit the Jamestown 4-H Center so bring things to sell and money to buy! Select a Saturday afternoon tour and, if you want, the Williamsburg Ghost Tour Saturday evening. Register by January 21. See you soon!

Friday—February 4, 2022

7:30 - 10:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting @ Jamestown 4-H Center
(3751 4-H Club Rd, Williamsburg, VA 23185)

Saturday—February 5, 2022

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Conference Registration (Jamestown 4-H Center)
9:00 - 10:00 AM Service Project/Silent Auction
10:00 - 12:30 PM IFYE meeting and 4-H All Star Committee Meetings
12:30 - 1:30 PM Lunch (nearby restaurants)
1:30 - 4:00 PM Group Tours
3:00 PM Check in to the hotel
4:00 - 5:30 PM 4-H All Star Business Meeting
6:00 - 8:30 PM 4-H All Star Banquet, End Silent Auction, Evening Program
9:00 - 10:00 PM Ghost Tour of Williamsburg or Hospitality Time @ Hotel

Sunday—February 7, 2022

7:00 - 9:00 AM Breakfast
9:00 - 9:30 AM Vespers @ Jamestown 4-H Center
9:30 - 10:00 AM District Meetings
10:00 - 11:00 AM 4-H All Star General Meeting
11:00 PM Safe Travel!! — See you at the 100th 4-H All Star Celebration

4-H All Star Meeting Location:
Jamestown 4-H Center
3751 4-H Club Rd, Williamsburg, VA 23185



Housing Options:

<u>Hotel Location:</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>Jamestown 4-H Center</u>
Days Inn by Wyndham		Jamestown 4-H Center
Williamsburg Historic Area		3751 4-H Club Rd
706 Bypass Road		Williamsburg, VA 23185
Williamsburg, VA 23185		Register your Reservation @
(7 miles from camp -15 minute drive)		https://bit.ly/224HAllstars
Call for Reservation : (757) 229-9230		



"4-H All Stars Today: History in the Making" **February 4 - 6, 2022** **4-H All Star Mid-Winter Conference Registration Form**

Name: _____ Name on nametag: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____
E-mail: _____ Unit & Year Tapped: _____
Guest(s): _____
Special Needs/Requests: _____

	Cost	# of People	Subtotal
Full Conference (not including tour choice)	\$30		
TOUR- Jamestown Settlement	\$18 Youth \$9		
TOUR- Colonial Williamsburg	\$45 Youth \$25		
TOUR- Art Museum of Colonial Williamsburg	\$15 Youth \$9		
TOUR- Liberty Ice Pavilion	\$15 Youth \$13 Skates \$5.61		
TOUR- Virginia Musical Museum/Virginia Music Hall of Fame	\$12 Youth \$5		
TOUR- Ghosts of Williamsburg	\$18		
TOUR- o Colonial Parkway o Camp Fun @ Jamestown o Williamsburg Pottery o Williamsburg Premium Outlets o Freedom Park/Botanical Garden Lunch @ 4-H Center	FREE \$12		
Saturday <u>Only</u> (including the Banquet Dinner)	\$25		
Sunday <u>Only</u>	\$8		
Virginia 4-H All Star Dues:	Annual.....\$10 Life.....\$75		
Contributions:	New Membership Fund		
	TOTAL		

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: _____

Make checks payable to: **Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars** (\$10 returned check fee) Mail to Irene Leech, Treasurers, 4220 North Fork Rd., Elliston, VA 24087 Registrations are due by **9:00 am on January 21, 2022** to: Irene Leech @ ileech@vt.edu

A late charge of \$5 is due with all registration postmarked after the deadline.

4-H ALL STAR MIDWINTER CONFERENCE CONTINUED

Silent Auction Service Project

Please bring item(s) to donate to a silent auction. Proceeds will be donated to the Jamestown 4-H Educational Center to assist with the cost of necessary improvements to better serve 4-H youth and clientele of the center.

Register to Join the Saturday, February 5, 2021—4:00 p.m. Business Meeting Virtually

If you can't come to the conference and want to participate in the business meeting, then register at the link below to receive the Zoom link for the Midwinter Conference business meeting on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Copy and past the link below.

<https://forms.gle/wnyubSJBCExnJs4k6>

4-H All Star Financial Decisions

The annual budget for the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars is approved by the membership at Midwinters each year. In September, the Executive Committee voted to recommend that \$10,000 be budgeted from our reserves or investments to make the cost of our celebration more affordable for more members to be able to attend. These funds would be the All Star organization contribution to the event.

While we normally seek to keep the value of our assets at least up with inflation and do not take more than the annual earnings, the Executive Committee voted to recommend this unusual investment to the Budget Committee. This can be seen as an investment in the membership. Those that pay life dues expect the organization to manage the money to support the membership for a lifetime, including realizing the benefits of sound financial decisions from over the years which can allow the organization for this one time budgeting of funds toward the 100 year celebration.

As we know, investments fluctuate and while our earnings have been very good in the last several years, there were years when we did not earn at the rate of inflation. This is ultimately a decision of the membership by voting on the budget at the Mid-Winters Business meeting. It is a question of touching the reserves/endowment or considering a "once in a lifetime" investment for an affordable 100 Year Celebration Conference for members. Your opinion and vote are very important. If you would like more information, review the financial reports and contact the Big Chief, Treasurers or Centennial Committee Chairs.

There are two options for housing: Jamestown 4-H Center and Days Inn by Wyndham Historic Area.

The cost at the **Jamestown 4-H Center** is **\$34 for each person**. There are rooms for "families" (Lodge Room- sleep 8 in bunkbeds). Guest will need to bring their own bed linens, towels, and toiletries. A "grab & go" breakfast will be served.

Please register for a room @ <https://bit.ly/224HAllstars>

The hotel **Days Inn by Wyndham Williamsburg Historic Area** costs **\$70 per night (plus tax)** and is located 7 miles from the 4-H Center (706 Bypass Road). It has an indoor pool & hot tub, free WiFi, and complimentary breakfast. Please make your room reservation directly with hotel at **(757) 229-9230**. Rooms are listed under **4-H All Stars**.

4-H ALL STAR MIDWINTER CONFERENCE TOURS



Jamestown Settlement Adults: \$18; Youth: \$9 Discover the world of 17th-century Virginia, from the arrival of English colonists in Jamestown in 1607 to the cultural encounters and events that planted the seeds of a new nation, through gallery exhibits, films and outdoor living history. Costumed historical interpreters describe and demonstrate daily life in early 17th-century Jamestown. Climb aboard a re-creation of one of the three ships that sailed from England to Virginia in 1607. Explore life-size re-creations of a 1610-14 fort and a Paspahegh town.

Colonial Williamsburg Adults: \$45; Youth: \$25 Experience the largest outdoor educational living museum in the country, through immersive and authentic 18th-century programming for our guests. Tickets price includes: Costume-interpreter-guided tours of the Governor's Palace, Capitol, and Courthouse; trade sites admissions, to see and speak with expert masters, journeymen and apprentices practicing 18th-century trades; daily staged performances on the Charlton Stage and in the Henning Auditorium admission; admission to our two world-class art museums; free parking at the Visitors Center; and complimentary shuttle service.

Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg Adults: \$15; Youth: \$9 Museums house the largest colonial-period archaeological collection in the United States! It includes 70,000 antiques and works of art; 15,000 architectural artifacts; and 16 million archaeological artifacts. You'll learn about 18th-century ceramics, silver, Folk Art, furniture, music, and so much more. Stroll through our galleries and exhibits and be sure to ask about our interactive kids' activities.

Liberty Ice Pavilion by Dominion Energy Adults: \$15; Youth: \$13; Skate Rental: \$5.61 all ages Enjoy a family-friendly activity this holiday season on historic Duke of Gloucester St. Join us at the Liberty Ice Pavilion sponsored by Dominion Energy. Experience the sights, sounds, and smells of holiday with a few turns on the ice.

Virginia Musical Museum/Virginia Music Hall of Fame Adults: \$12; Youth: \$5 Learn historical facts on antique instruments and Virginia's most famous musicians. Collections of antique harpsichords, Amusement Park Attractions, Music Boxes, Phonographs, Organs, pianos and other musical artifacts on display. Experience: famous Virginia music artist; with their letters, pictures, music and memorabilia. Patsy Cline's hand-made scarf, Ralph Stanley's gold-plated banjo, Ella Fitzgerald's performing dress, Wayne Newton's 1978 custom roadster. Bruce Hornsby's key to the City and The Statler Brothers performing outfits are a few of the items on display.

Ghost Tour of Williamsburg \$18 per person; Children 6 and under are free Stroll through the dark streets of Historic Colonial Williamsburg by candlelight. Discover hidden secrets about strange and "otherworldly" experiences. Hear eerie legends of the Ghost that still haunt the city. Performed in a true story telling format, this 90-minute walking tour is great fun for all ages and has something for your entire family to enjoy.

*****Free Tours*****

Camp Fun at Jamestown 4-H Center Enjoy the peaceful sounds and views of the James River as you participate in crafts, fishing, nature walks, archery, s'mores and other activities.

Williamsburg Premium Outlets Find impressive savings at Williamsburg Premium Outlets, an outlet shopping complex with 135 stores.

Colonial Parkway The Colonial Parkway is a twenty-three mile scenic roadway stretching from the York River at Yorktown to the James River at Jamestown. National Park Service successfully met the unique challenge: to build a thoroughfare unifying culturally distinct sites crossing several pristine natural environments while still maintaining the National Park Service's prime directive "to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same."

Williamsburg Pottery It began as a small pottery, where Jimmy Maloney made salt glaze in the authentic 18th-century manner, using clay from the nearby James River. The new Williamsburg Pottery is now made up of 3 extraordinary Marketplaces: Gourmet Kitchen, Home Essentials, and Outdoor Living. Shoppers will still find the Pottery's famous range of artisans and their services. These are joined by merchandise including glassware, china, cookware and kitchen gadgets, gourmet foods, award-winning wine shop, home fashions, lamps, home decor, candles and home fragrances, Virginia gifts and country store, seasonal items and much more.

Freedom Park & Williamsburg Botanical Garden Freedom Park has a rich history dating back to the 1650s. This park is the site of an 18th Century cemetery, the Revolutionary War Battle of Spencer's Ordinary (1781) and a 17th Century domicile which is revealing much archaeological research of the early colonial period (1680-1730). Freedom Park was also home to one of the nation's earliest Free Black Settlements in America from 1803-1850. Three historically accurate recreated furnished cabins are located in the park. The park has 2 miles of multiuse trails, including a 1-mile ADA accessible paved trail. The Botanical Gardens, located at Freedom Park, features more than 800 species of native vegetation. The Garden's mission is to showcase plants that support pollinators and wildlife, to educate visitors on environmental conservation, and to show what can be done in a typical garden in the Virginia Peninsula area.



Virginia 4-H All Star Awards

Due: January 1, 2022

Visit the Virginia 4-H All Star website to learn about Awards, Scholarships and Recognition available to 4-H All Stars at this link: <http://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/all-stars.html>

* Wayne M. Keffer Memorial Scholarship

* C. D. Allen Award for Excellence

* Bradshaw Service Award

* Dottie Nelson Award for Excellence in International Programs

* Virginia 4-H All Star Hall of Fame

Names 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 by completing the online survey. Please include the name, county/city tapped, year tapped and date of birth. If married, for the ladies, include the maiden name if known. Please share any information that you have.

Please complete the survey at this link to share information about deceased 4-H All Stars:

<https://forms.gle/N5z2u94xjSm8T6pH7>

If you would prefer to email the information, please send it to 4hallstarcentennial@gmail.com 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.

Become a Centennial Donor! \$\$\$

Thank you to everyone who has donated to support the 4-H All Star Centennial Celebration! We appreciate your support! More support is still needed. William Thomas and Billie Jean Elmer, the co-chairs and the committees are working to make this a memorable celebration. For more information, contact us via email at 4hallstarcentennial@gmail.com

Help us make the Centennial more affordable for newly tapped 4-H All Stars, younger members and everyone planning to attend. Donations or sponsorships are needed **prior to setting the registration fee, no later than the end of this year**; however, donations will be accepted any time prior to the celebration. The more funding given to support the Centennial Conference, the lower the cost for participants. No gift is too small!

Join us in making our Centennial Celebration special by investing in our membership and organization today. Please ask a business or organization that you are involved with to donate. Together we can offer an affordable event. It's a once in a life time celebration!

Make checks payable to "Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars" with a notation that it is for the "Centennial Celebration". Donations should be sent to: Randy & Irene Leech, 4220 North Fork Road Elliston, VA 24087

These donor levels will be recognized throughout the weekend as part of the program.

Donor Levels:

Star = \$1,000 and above

Clover = \$500 to \$749

Diamond = \$750 to \$999

The 4-H's = \$100 to \$499



100th Anniversary of Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars 1922 - 2022

The Inn at Virginia Tech and Skelton Conference Center

Friday evening July 22 through Sunday morning July 24, 2022

4-H All Star Centennial Chapter Committee Assignments:

If you would like to help with the Centennial and/or help your Chapter Committee, please contact the Chair or email 4hallstarcentennial@gmail.com

NOVA East: (William Thomas) - Plan overall event, work with facility location, set date and location, establish event schedule, prepare registration forms, support committee effort to promote event, maintain contact with all chapters.

Airfield: (Jean Powers) – Nametags, assemble nametag holder and envelope with ribbons to recognize various roles with- in All Stars, staff and maintain registration and information table throughout the conference.

Southwest: (Elle Smith) - Create and provide publicity for event prior to and during conference. Create displays/ visuals (assisting History Chair) of past events and activities, award winners, newsletters, create a "photo booth", procure event photographer(s).

Skelton: (Pam Levinson) - Hands on local effort service projects in community (Kate Turner, service project chair), develop local and campus tours and transportation as needed (assistance from local All Star Agents) as well as campus tours.

NOVA West: (Geraldine Cubbage) – Table decorations, door prize giveaways (perhaps give away a few table decorations or things easy to transport and facilitate the selection of winner, centennial favor/gift, determine how/when to present gift(s).

Holiday Lake: (Kayla Blincoe) – "Sparkling cider" toast and "Birthday cake/cupcake" arrangements for Centennial Banquet. Greet invited guests at conference, facilitate reserving of tables at special meals, organize a "greeting group" for each meal.

Jamestown (Sarah Gregory) - Sunday morning reflections, memorial service and host IFYE involvement (displays, special tables at a meal – ask Barbara Spangler and Glenda Snyder for support).

100 Year History – (Irene Leech) – prepare a written history, perhaps a printed and expanded version created digitally, display memorabilia of the organization.

Revised October 22, 2021

Reserve Your Room for the 4-H All Star Centennial July 22-24, 2022!

You can now reserve your room at The Inn at Virginia Tech for the 4-H All Star Centennial. The room rate is \$123 plus tax. You may call The Inn at 877-200-3360 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¤cy=USD&depart=2022-07-24&group=4HA0722&hotel=32532&level=hotel&locale=en-US&rooms=1>



Embroidered 4-H All Star Polo, sweatshirt, notecards, etc.

To promote and market the Virginia 4-H All Star Program and Brand, the Executive Committee voted to offer an embroidered polo shirt to its members. Please contact Shields Jones (Albemarle 1969) at shields@nichollsauction.com or 540.220.1130 to receive information about this program.



4-H All Star Centennial Celebration Interest Survey Link

We hope you will be able to join us for the 4-H All Star Centennial at The Inn at Virginia Tech on July 22-24, 2022 to celebrate our 100 years! To help us in planning the celebration, please complete the survey to let us know your plans. Copy and paste this address into your browser.

<https://forms.gle/s9n8VvVMJ8WtMADg8>

Milestones in Virginia 4-H All Star History

- 1922 - The **Virginia 4-H All Star** organization was created under the leadership of the West Virginia Chapter with 12 members.
- 1938 - Adopted the motto of "**Service**". *"Each individual member shall be expected to make a personal application of service."*
- 1941 -The first **Interstate conference** was held in Washington, DC with representatives from Maryland, Rhode Island, West Virginia, Massachusetts, and Virginia. Virginia has hosted 13 Interstates.
- 1947 - **Hall of Fame** award established.
- 1951 - **Honorary** membership was established for Extension Staff
- 1954 - 4-H All Star **Key Award** was sponsored by Cities Service. The 4-H All Star keys and a brochure with a list of new All Stars and pictures of All Star leadership were presented at Key Award Banquets held across the state.
- 1959 - The first two \$200 4-H All Star **College Scholarships given by Cities Service** were presented. In 1959, it cost \$1,000 to attend college for a year.
- 1961 - First **Midwinter Conference** was held at Natural Bridge where they were held until 1971 when they moved around the state.
- 1963 – **4-H All Star Pin** - This pin was adopted at the 1963 Interstate Conference at the National 4-H Center. If you attend in July, look for some of the older members to be displaying these.
- 1964 - Began sponsorship of the **4-H Public Speaking** program. It was first a district level program, but later moved to the state level. This is still an important part of our service.
- 1975 - **Plastic red and green star shaped permanent nametags** were introduced at the Midwinter Conference.
- 1976 - **The Virginia Star**, our newsletter, was started.
- 1977 - **Bradshaw Award** established for those with less than 15 years of service.
- 1991 - The **\$200 college scholarship** began in 1959 and was later named in honor of **Wayne Keffer**, was a 1963 All Star who had served as Big Chief, was a Hall of Fame Award Recipient, and served as the State 4-H Program Leader for Virginia 4-H. It increased to \$800.
- 1994 The **C. Dean Allen Award** was given to agents in honor of long-time state staff All Star liaison C. Dean Allen. This was for agents who had given significant service to international programs.
- 2007 - Responsibility for maintaining the **membership, and mailing list**, as well as **printing and mailing the newsletter** was moved from the State 4-H Office and became the sole duty of the Chapter.
- 2009 - **Conference planning** responsibility moved to Districts (now Chapters) with a rotating schedule for hosting and other responsibilities. Prior to this, the Big Chief had planned the Midwinter Conference and the Lesser Chief the Summer Conference.
- 2012 - **Dottie Nelson International Award** for volunteers working with International programs was established with the first award going to Dottie for all of her service in this area.

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Virginia 4-H All Star
Consecration Ceremony
DRAFT
(August 31, 2021)

A special thank you to the Ceremonial Committee for their great work! Please review the draft Consecration Ceremony below and continued on the next page. The draft Virginia 4-H All Star Ceremony will be voted on during the Midwinter Conference, February 4-6, 2022.

Instrumental music while people gather.
Ceremony begins as Song leader(s) lead All Stars singing “I Would Be True.”
All Stars enter, led by Big Chief and officers in the shape of the Circle. Big Chief and Scribe stand behind microphones at the head of the Circle and others form the Circle.

CHIEF: On behalf of the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars, it is my privilege to welcome youto the *(insert year)* Consecration Ceremony. Today we celebrate *(insert years since 1922)* years of inducting All Stars in Virginia. For some of you, it is your first time seeing this ceremony. Perhaps you have questions about who and/or what a 4-H All Star is in Virginia. Membership in 4-H All Stars is the highest recognition that a Virginia 4-H’er, volunteer, or staff member can achieve. It is both an honor and a service organization. Our motto is service. Operated by volunteers, the 4-H All Star organization strives for a cooperative effort with the 4-H program in all areas. The 4-H program becomes the springboard from which an All Star jumps to other areas of service that continue throughout his or her lifetime. The service to which All Stars are committed extends to their schools, churches, communities, and beyond. Our first members were inducted in August of 1922 when three West Virginia All Stars initiated 12 Virginians who met and formed the Virginia All Star organization. The following year 23 more 4-H’ers were inducted during 4-H Short Course on the Virginia Tech campus. Over 10,000 All Stars have been tapped since then and many of the elements of the ceremony have been passed down through the years. Membership in the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars is a privilege and high honor. Congratulations to those who are about to be inducted into the Chapter.

CHIEF: Scout, are all the worthy members assembled?

SCOUT: They stand within the Circle.

CHIEF: Let our Scribe read the message which calls us here.

SCRIBE: The many 4-H teens and adults who are striving to make their lives richer through the development of their head, heart, hands, and health have gathered. Let us find those who by rendering services to others and by their character, merit admission into this Chapter.

CHIEF: Is it then the desire of the Virginia 4-H All Stars assembled here that we send forth the scouts to bring to the Circle any worthy of admission into this organization?

ALL STARS: Send forth the scouts.

CHIEF: 4-H All Stars, we have in our records the names of those before us. Shall they be received into the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars? Think carefully, then answer.

ALL STARS: Let us receive them. Instruct them that they may help us Serve.

(continued)

CHIEF: You have heard this most earnest desire of the 4-H All Stars. Our motto is “service.” You have your mind to continually train, your heart for inspiration and guidance, and your hands and body to serve. Aspire to live to the 4-H motto: “To make the Best Better” and the All Star motto: “Service”, so that the world may be better.

Let these flowers be a token of our congratulations, love and confidence.

(All Stars pin a flower on each new All Star’s left shoulder.)

Let us extend to them the hand of welcome.

(All Stars shake hands with each of the new All Stars standing in front of them.)

CHIEF: Now, we will trade places with the new All Stars to signify that they are now active All Stars who have committed to a life-time of Service.

(Current All Stars take 2 steps into center of Circle and turn to their right so that they face the audience, reforming a Circle behind the new All Stars. Thus the new All Stars are facing the audience and become the focus of the celebration.)

READER: WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE *(Read with expression. Reader may vary.)*

By the width of our smiles, People know we are there
By the depth of our service, We show others we care
For as much as we give, People know we are there
For as long as we live, We show others we care
Not a minute to lose, People know we are there
And the hour has come, To show others we care
When our service multiplies, People know we are there
When we add to their lives, We show others we care
We can make a difference, You and I
We can make a difference if we try.
(Adapted from Holiday Lake 4-H Camp Songbook)

CHIEF: We are proud of these new All Stars and look forward to their contributions to our work. As they prepare to leave our Circle and enter the world with their new lifetime dedication to Service, please join us in congratulating the *(insert year)* All Stars. *(All clap hands.)*

CHIEF: All Stars will now leave the Circle and reconvene in *(insert location)* to greet the newly-tapped All Stars and give them certificates. Family and guests are welcome to join us.
I now declare the *(insert year)* Virginia 4-H All Star Tapping Ceremony closed. Please join us singing, “I Would Be True” as the All Stars leave. The words are in your program.
(All Stars step between 1 or 2 new All Stars standing in front of them, turn and crossing arms in front of their body, take the hands of each of the new All Stars. New All Stars do not cross arms. Song Leader leads all singing “I Would Be True”, repeating the verses until everyone has left the Circle.)

I Would Be True

I would be true, for there are those who trust me;
I would be pure, for there are those who care;
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;
I would be brave, for there is much to dare (2x).

I would be friend of all the foe, the friendless;
I would be giving and forget the gift;
I would be humble, for I know my weakness;
I would look up, and laugh and love, and lift (2x).

Dress Code for Ceremony

Solid white, front button shirt with a collar (Not polo. Long or short sleeve.)
Solid navy full length pants, or knee-length or longer solid navy skirt
Dark shoes or sandals
No ties
Limited jewelry including watches, wedding rings, and simple or All Star earrings, and All Star pins or charms