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Smoke Signals from the Big Chief

Spring Greetings from Your Big Chief

As I have opportunities to travel representing Virginia 4-H All Stars, I try to remember to wear my white ALL STAR nametag. Often complete strangers come to me and comment about their associations, memories and activities in 4-H as well as All Stars. I cannot help but smile and feel the joy as they share their connection.

During State 4-H Congress, we will tap over 80 youth and adults who have completed the nomination process. These candidates were on a ballot that passed at the February Mid-Winters meeting, and our final step for membership is the tapping of these candidates at our ceremony. The prestigious ceremony will be held on the VA Tech Drillfield the afternoon of Wednesday, June 26. We invite all 4-H All Stars to return to the Virginia Tech Campus and join us for this event.

4-H All Stars will be active throughout the week, so if you are planning on coming for tapping, feel free to help support the other activities. We will have a 4-H All Star information table during the Monday night activities for Congress delegates who are active, incoming and potential 4-H All Stars. 4-H All Stars assisted in the competition area by securing judges for the three public speaking categories. A huge 4-H All Star contribution is the ice cream/refreshment table during the Tuesday night activities. Wednesday morning during the 4-H All Star tapping practice two younger members of our 4-H All Star group will be conducting a workshop for Congress delegates informing them of the opportunities related to 4-H All Stars.

Wednesday afternoon will be a little different. We will be host a 4-H All Star Open House from 1-2 PM in the War Memorial Chapel to better educate those being tapped and their families regarding 4-H All Stars. Then immediately after tapping, the new members will receive their 4-H All Star Certificates, membership cards and meet fellow 4-H All Stars from their Chapter. We are excited to include many new and experienced 4-H All Stars in this almost “day long” experience. We will have many “behind the scenes” jobs for those not planning on being in the tapping ceremony. This will be an exciting day and a memorable one for those new members!

Please also do not forget that last summer the membership voted to forego our summer conference in order that we can attend the 100th Anniversary Celebrations of 4-H All Stars in West Virginia. We will hold our summer business meeting there on Sunday, July 21, immediately following the memorial service. Look for the conference registration form and tips in another section of the STAR.

Lastly and certainly not least, we are continuing to move forward with our Strategic Planning process. The six chapters are finding time to engage their chapter membership to address the issues that were brought to light. Many of these issues allow us as an organization to look, evaluate and move forward for what is the best for Virginia 4-H All Stars. As Big Chief, I am proud of the progress and diligence of the Chapter Chiefs to keep items moving.

Best wishes for a delightful summer and I hope to see many of you at the summer tapping and/or summer conference.

Billie Jean Elmer

Big Chief, Virginia 4-H All Stars



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West Virginia 4-H ALL STAR INTERSTATE, JULY 18-21, 2019, THE COURTYARD MARRIOTT, MORGANTOWN, WV

REGISTRATION FORM

Please list all names as you would like them to appear on the nametags.

Name_____ State _____ Year Tapped _____ Guest Y __ N __

Mailing Address_____

(____)_____

Primary Telephone Number (home/work/cell) Primary Email Address

Please list all names as you would like them to appear on the nametags.

Name_____ State _____ Year Tapped _____ Guest Y __ N __

Mailing Address_____

(____)_____

Primary Telephone Number (home/work/cell) Primary Email Address

Conference hotel: The Courtyard Marriott, 460 Courtyard St., Morgantown, WV 26501

Room rates are \$99.00 + taxes/per night if reserved by June 30, 2019 and is not included in registration fee below.

Phone: 304-599-1080. Ask for Interstate Conference 4-H All Stars

Discount code is INTO.

Cancel by July 12.

Full-Time Registration # of All Stars and guest Subtotal Cost

Post marked by June 10th -- **\$200.00** _____

Post marked after June 10th -- **\$220.00** _____

Discount for Youth (12 and under): **\$150.00** _____

\$85.00 Discount for High School & College students:

Total: _____

Part-Time Registration (No Discounts Available) # of All Stars and guest Subtotal Cost

Thursday Only - **\$20.00** _____

Friday Only - **\$95.00** _____

Saturday Only -- **\$95.00** _____

Total: _____

Mail to: West Virginia 4-H All Stars, Attention: Joan Toler, 710 Ridgeview Drive, Ripley, WV 25271

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**Virginia 4-H All Stars Summer Conference
and
2019 Interstate 4-H All Star Conference
The Courtyard Marriott
Morgantown, West Virginia
July 18-21, 2019**

The Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars will be holding their summer conference in conjunction with the West Virginia Chapter's Centennial Celebration of All Stars at Interstate July 18-21, 2019 in Morgantown, WV. A registration form and tentative agenda of the conference is in this newsletter. This form also provides conference and lodging logistics and accommodations.

The 4-H All-Stars were founded in 1919 by West Virginia's beloved State 4-H Leader, William "Teepi" Kendrick. The very first meeting of the All-Stars took place in Morgantown, so to celebrate our centennial we are returning to our roots.

Below are important reminders or additional details/tips regarding the Virginia Chapter meeting as well as the conference:

- * The Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars will meet **Sunday, July 21, 2019** immediately following the Memorial Service (approximately 10:00 am). This will be our summer business meeting.
- * Make registration checks payable to *West Virginia 4-H All Stars Interstate Conference* and mail to: Joan Toler, 710 Ridgeview Drive, Ripley, WV 25271.
- * The Courtyard Marriott does not provide a complimentary breakfast. We will be going by bus from the hotel to breakfast as we go out the first day and the second day the Marriott will cater that breakfast.
- * Per motion from the business meeting at the 2017 4-H All Star Interstate in Maryland, there will be no auction at this conference. There is no need to "tote items" to Morgantown.
- * Please bring a lawn chair for evening gatherings at the fire pit overlooking Monongahela River and WVU Colosseum.
- * Should you wish to visit the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, PA, the drive is two hours by car up the Laurel Highlands from Morgantown. Some participants might want to include this additional stop before or after the conference.
- * In order to make sure you receive timely updates between now and the conference, **please email Billie Jean Elmer (bjelmer@live.com) if you have registered and plan to attend.** This will allow you to receive updates as they are sent to the Big Chief.



4-H All Stars Needed! Please join us for the 4-H All Star Tapping Ceremony!

The 2019 All Star Tapping Ceremony will be held on **Wednesday, June 26th at 2:30 at Virginia Tech on the Drillfield in front of War Memorial Chapel** (in case of inclement weather the location will be War Memorial Gym). We have set-up time scheduled from 9:30 to 10:30 am and practice time scheduled from 10:30 to 11:30 am. A 4-H All Star Open House is planned for tappees and their families from 1:00—2:00 p.m. in the War Memorial Chapel. The 2019 tappees will check in from 1:00 to 2:15 pm. There will be an orientation for new tappees immediately following the ceremony. Please contact Billie Jean Elmer, Big Chief, with any questions about the ceremony.

We need current All Stars to serve in two roles:

Scout: Scouts are needed to tap 6-8 tappees and lead them to the Big Chief from the circle and announce their names and counties. Then, the scouts will lead the tappees back to the circle to the person who will be welcome them into the 4-H All Stars. Please only serve as a scout if you have participated in the ceremony at least twice. **Please contact Aleia Warren at kweppard@gmail.com or 434-466-7775 by June 20th if you are interested in serving as a scout.**

All Stars in the Circle: All Stars are needed inside the circle to pin on the flower and offer a hand of welcome to new All Stars. These current All Stars may also serve as Scouts but it is not necessary as we need many more people to stand in the circle than serve as scouts. If you would like to "tap in" someone in particular, you do not need to contact us. Simply make sure that the tappee is aware and that they tell their scout to place them in front of you after their names have been announced. If you do not want to "tap in" someone in particular, we will place one or two tappees in front of you.

Visitor Parking Permits for Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Visitor parking permits will be available to pick up in the Cassell Coliseum parking lot beginning at noon. Please read the parking pass to determine where you may park. Vehicles are subject to ticketing if parked in unauthorized locations. If you need a parking pass prior to noon, please stop by Parking Services and say that you are visiting campus for the day for a free pass. If you say that you are coming for a 4-H event, you may be sent to Congress Headquarters on campus to pick up a parking permit or charged a small fee for a one-day parking pass. A van will be available to shuttle people to and from the Tapping Ceremony starting at 12:30 p.m. and continuing through 5 p.m.

Tapping Ceremony Attire

Please note that there are two gender-neutral options for the tapping attire: professional white apparel, including white shoes, or white dress shirt, navy dress pants, solid navy tie, and dark dress shoes. Active military personnel may wear their dress uniform. You will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony if you are not dressed in proper attire but you can assist with some of the behind the scenes responsibilities.

We hope you will help us make this tapping ceremony a wonderful memory for our 2019 4-H All Stars.

2019 4-H ALL STAR

MIDWINTER CONFERENCE PHOTOS



Midwinter Conference 2019 “Experiencing the World through 4-H”

Midwinter Conference 2019 “Experience the World through 4-H” was hosted by the Holiday Lake Chapter of 4-H All Stars February 2 and 3 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Charlottesville, Virginia.

In the afternoon, some 4-H All Stars visited Monticello to tour the first floor of the house, visit the gardens, a Guided tour of the slave quarters, the State of the Art Visitor Center, the Griffin Discovery Room and more. Other options include JUMP Cville, which is a 20,000 sq. ft. indoor trampoline park in Charlottesville, VA. It has over 8,000 sq. ft. of connected trampolines as well as angled trampoline walls, a dodgeball court and foam pit. Jumping on a trampoline provides participants with an excellent opportunity for active, family fun. They could also visit the Kluge-Ruhe Aboriginal Art Museum, which was free, or go shopping or visit the University of Virginia.

The Food Challenge was conducted for several team of 4-H All Stars, 4-H members and adults. It was fun to see the teams prepare the food and learn more about the contest. Several 4-H All Stars indicated that they would take the Food Challenge to their units.

During the banquet, Preston Willson spoke about the Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Conference Center where he serves on the Board and has served in various roles. Preston is currently the President and CEO of the Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Conference Center. He shared about the facility updates as well as programming efforts and personnel. He has been a longtime volunteer at the 4-H Center and continues to volunteer on an almost daily basis.

Katherine Knight, a 2018 IFYE presented about her IFYE experiences with everyone. It was a good way to promote our 4-H international programs and opportunities.

During the banquet, awards and recognition for outstanding service, leadership and contributions to the 4-H All Stars and/or 4-H were presented by Dottie Nelson in her IFYE attire. The Hall of Fame Award was presented to Preston Willson. Billie Jean Elmer, Bedford County, is the recipient of the Bradshaw Award. The Dottie Nelson Award for Excellence in 4-H International Programs was awarded to Nancy Moga of Alleghany County, Virginia. Brandon McDonald of Frederick County and Jasper Mellinger of Smyth County were presented the Wayne Keffer College Scholarships. The Frederick County 4-H All Stars were recognized for their re-chartering of their 4-H All Star Chapter.

During the banquet, 4-H All Stars and guests participated in a Silent Auction with international desserts to benefit the IFYE and Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars. After the banquet, the conference attendees enjoyed the hospitality and social time to visit.

New 4-H All Star applicants were voted on during the Sunday morning Business meeting. Chapters met to discuss the Strategic Plan and other chapter business. There was a memorial service and then the All Stars dispersed to travel to their homes. Until next time!

Smoke Signals from our Chapters

Airfield Chapter – Jean Powers, Big Chief

The Airfield Chapter of Virginia 4-H All Stars met on November 15, 2018 at the Virginia Beach Cooperative Extension Office to review 4-H All Stars Nomination Applications. Virginia Beach and Chesapeake 4-H All Stars conducted a meeting and social event with icebreakers and snacks. Teens and young adult members were encouraged to participate. We planned future chapter meetings and community service projects. Chapter members continue to volunteer within their respective extension units.

Holiday Lake Chapter – Kayla Blinco

The Holiday Lake 4-H All Star Chapter hosted the Midwinter Conference in Charlottesville, Virginia February 2-3, 2019. Members worked to plan the weekend offering Tours, Food Challenge, Service Learning, Recognition and fun. The Holiday Lake Chapter reviewed the unit 4-H All Star nominations and submitted them for state review.

Jamestown Chapter – Sarah Gregory, Big Chief

At the Jamestown Chapter meeting, Sarah Gregory suggested that the 4-H ambassadors be taught to complete the 4-H All Star forms so they can be a resource to assist agents and 4-H’ers in their units. Cynthia Rowles volunteered to work to develop an agent checklist for applications. Unit 4-H All Star applications were reviewed on November 19, 2018 at the Henrico Extension Office. The State 4-H All Star review was on Tuesday, December 17 at the Powhatan Extension office. Strategic plan strategies were discussed. It was suggested to use the All Star emblem and/or key on thank you notes for expression of appreciation/ acknowledgement, and as a Chapter fundraiser. The logo would be on the front, motto on the inside, and blank for customized message. 4-H All Stars will volunteer with the Jamestown 4-H Educational Center Open House on June 2, 2019 from 1-4 pm and have a district meeting. The Jamestown Chapter will not host the Summer 4-H All Star Conference as it will be held in conjunction with the Interstate Conference in Morgantown, WV on July 18-21, 2019. Thank you to Virginia 4-H All Stars for the cards and kind words of comfort and support from both Diaz Tomkins and Ruffin S. Gregory, Jr.

NOVA Chapter East – William Thomas, Big Chief

Fifteen 4-H All Stars and non All Stars from the NOVA Chapter East met at Peppers Grill at the Culpeper Best Western on November 15 to review the 2018 4-H All Star forms from eight units under the guidance of our chapter contact Kim Monroe. The participants were treated to the lunch buffet from the Chapter account. Preparations were made for table decorations and favors for the Midwinter Conference. As part of the Strategic Plan Action plan, members are exploring alternative options for a 4-H All Star web page. Our 12th annual Chapter Welcome picnic for new 4-H All Stars is at Graves Mt. Lodge on August 11, 2019. It serves as our main fundraiser. Let’s work to get new 4-H All Stars to attend in 2019. The meal is free for new 4-H All Stars, who are presented with a choice of a special designed t-shirt or 4-H All Star jewelry. 4-H All Stars from other Chapters and our Western Section are invited and encouraged to attend.

NOVA Chapter West– Geraldine Cabbage

The NOVA Chapter West met November 26, 2018 in Woodstock, Virginia to review the membership applications. Everyone signed a sympathy card for the family of Margaret Douglas(Frederick County 4-H All Star) who passed away. Margaret was a 4-H All Star and 4-H Volunteer Leader and will be greatly missed. Officers were elected – Geraldine Cabbage – Big Chief, Elwanda Luttle – Lesser Chief, Steve Wood and Carolyn Boyer – Co- Treasurers, Susan St. Amand – Scribe, and Carol Nansel, Advisor. Each The NOVA East and West Chapters are working on a plan of action for Social Media, etc. for the Strategic Plan. The chapter met on January 16, 2019 in Woodstock. Everyone was reminded of the Interstate 4-H All Star Conference to be held in Morgantown, WV July 18-20, 2019.

Skelton Chapter - Pam Levinson, Big Chief

The Skelton Chapter met at the Mid-Winter Conference in Charlottesville on Sunday, February 3, 2019. The major focus of the meeting was the Skelton Chapter’s Response to the Strategic Plan. Discussion included combining the 4-H Volunteer and Extension forms with revisions as needed and adding 4-H Agents phone number and email address to the 4-H Member Nomination form and a check box on front of the form for the Chapter and State Review committee signatures. Storage and retention of forms, appeals of chapter decisions, and consistency in approving forms was discussed. The group discussed the need for an application flowchart, the Chapter review of forms, Intake and Initiation of newly tapped 4-H All Stars. Kate Turner volunteered to serve on the state Orientation Committee to give a younger member perspective. The committee met at the conference and has a plan for the upcoming tapping. The plan includes a short orientation on Tuesday, posters set up before tapping showing different opportunities after being tapped, short “What to Expect” meeting with new tappees before walking out to be tapped, and a short orientation meeting by Chapters will meet after Tapping where New All Stars will receive their certificates. Many chapter members volunteered at the Rockbridge and Bedford County Fairs as 4-H All Star representatives. The next meeting will be held online or over conference call.

In Honor and Memory of Our
Fellow 4-H All Stars:



Tamarlane “Tammy” Louise Jarvis Hamilton of Natural Bridge, the wife of James C. Hamilton, died Feb. 28, 2019. She was born Sept. 8, 1968, in Nassawadox, the daughter of Mary M. Jarvis of Lexington and the late Leon Bradford Jarvis. Tammy was a member of Collierstown Presbyterian Church and had served as moderator of its Presbyterian Women as well as historian. She also served the church as an edler and Sunday school teacher. She was a 4-H All Star. Tammy retired from Botetourt County as secretary to The Honorable Malfourd W. Trumbo in February 2012. Her first career was a reporter for The New-Gazette from 1990-1999. She was a 1990 graduate of Virginia Tech and 1986 graduate of Lexington High School.

Janice Emelie Woodard, August 31, 1929 - March 24, 2019 Janice Emelie Woodard, 89, of Blacksburg, Va., died Sunday, March 24, 2019 in Blacksburg, Va. She was born in Oxford, N.Y. and was the daughter of the late DeWitt S. and Alice M. Woodard. She was a graduate of Union-Endicott High School, Endicott, N.Y. and the State University College, Buffalo, N.Y. She received a M.S. degree at Cornell University and a PhD degree at The Ohio State University. She was a home economics teacher in public schools in Caledonia and Canandaigua, N.Y. and was on the faculty of the University of Vermont, the University of Illinois and Cornell University before joining the faculty at Virginia Tech in 1969. She was named Associate Professor Emeritus of Home Management and Equipment, Extension when she retired in 1992. She was an elder in the Blacksburg Presbyterian Church, and a life member of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Epsilon Sigma Phi and Virginia Chapter, 4-H All-Stars. She was active in the Association of Home Equipment Educators, the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association and the American Association of University Women.

2019 Interstate Conference Hotel Rates & Registration Information
Register by June 20, 2019 and Reserve Your Room by June 30, 2019

Courtyard Marriott Information

Group Room Rates: \$99.00 per night, plus taxes
Phone: 304-599-1080 – Ask for Interstate Conference 4-H All Stars
Room Rate Code: INTO
Amenities: Free high-speed internet, indoor pool, fitness center, and a GREAT view!
Room Rate Deadline: June 30, 2019
Cancellation Deadline: July 12, 2019

Registration

- Full-time registration (if postmarked by June 10): \$200.00
- Full-time registration (if postmarked after June 10): \$220.00
- Full-time registration (youth 12 and under): \$85.00
- Full-time registration (college students): \$150.00
- Part-time registration (Thursday only): \$20.00
- Part-time registration (Friday only): \$95.00
- Part-time registration (Saturday only): \$95.00

Reserve Your Room by June 30, 2019

2019 Shining Stars! Congratulations to All!



The Virginia 4-H All Star Midwinter conference was held February 2-3, 2019 in Charlottesville, Virginia. Several members were recognized for their outstanding service, leadership and contributions with awards during the conference. Congratulations to all of the award recipients!

Hall of Fame Award was presented to **Preston Willson**. He has volunteered at the Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Conference Center for years. He has served as a Director of the Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Conference Center Board. Preston volunteers almost daily to assist with the 4-H Center operations and programming. His life embodies the 4-H All Star mission —“service.”

Bradshaw Award (for a member with 15 or less years as an All Star)

Billie Jean Elmer, Bedford County, is the recipient of the Bradshaw Award for her exemplary service to the Virginia 4-H All Stars. She has served in chapter officer positions as well as state officer roles and is currently the Big Chief.

Dottie Nelson Award for Excellence in 4-H International Programs.

The Dottie Nelson Award for Excellence in 4-H International Programs was awarded to **Nancy Moga** of Alleghany County, Virginia. She has supported the Virginia 4-H International programs for years and continues to assist.

Wayne Keffer College Scholarships

Brandon McDonald of Frederick County and **Jasper Mellinger** of Smyth County were presented the Wayne Keffer College Scholarships.

Frederick County 4-H All Stars were recognized for their Re-chartering of their 4-H All Star Chapter.



**Preston Willson (L), Hall of Fame recipient;
Dottie Nelson (Right—dressed in international
attire) Awards Chair**



**Dottie Nelson presents the Bradshaw
Award to Billie Jean Elmer (R)**



Don't forget - We're on the web:

View the Virginia 4-H All Star Group:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Virginia_4-H_AllStars

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

Look for us on Facebook—Virginia 4-H All Stars

For more information visit

http://www.4-h.ext.vt.edu/groups/allstars/4h_allstars.html



**Wayne Keffer College Scholarships
Brandon McDonald, Frederick County**



**Frederick County 4-H All Star Chapter Re-
Chartering— Geraldine Cubbage**

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