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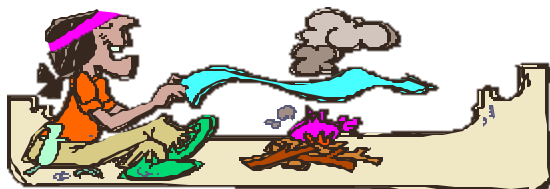
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Smoke Signals from the Big Chief's Teepee

It's finally May and summer is not far behind. As I write this article, the thermometer is steadily rising towards the expected 80 degree high and I can only think of two things: Tapping 2000 and Summer Conference 2000!

Tentative plans have this year's Tapping Ceremony taking place on June 21, 2000 on the Eggleston Quad near Owens Dining Hall with the Drill Field as the back-up location. Eggleston Quad carries historical significance as a previous ceremony location many years ago and will eliminate lots of walking for the Congress delegates. We will be initiating approximately 85 new members so we need as many All Stars as possible to take part in the Ceremony.

Summer Conference begins June 22 immediately following State Congress. Carrie Kipps has lots of fun planned including a possible trip to the New River for tubing and picnicking, and, weather permitting, another rock climbing adventure. Get yourselves ready and show up with an adventurous spirit and lots of energy!



I will finish, as always, with a reminder to keep those addresses updated. We want to stay in touch! You may forward any changes to Marjorie Wright at 540-231-6373 or e-mail her at mawright@vt.edu. The Extension website also has a 4-H/All Star page that will enable you to make any changes. The website is: (www.ext.vt.edu/resources/4h/allstars.html)

Have a great May and we will see everyone in June!

Yours in Service,
Brian Jarvis

From the Editor:

It is my pleasure and privilege to take over the position as the new editor of the *Virginia Star*. In this first issue, I am just getting my feet wet and I hope you will have patience with me as I learn the ropes. I have already changed things just a little to give it my own touch. If you have any suggestions or comments, I would love to hear from you. The deadline for the next *Star* is **August 15, 2000**. However, please send me any information as soon as it becomes available. I promise to hold on to it and include it in our next issue. Please contact me by telephone (804)385-7907; 100 Townson Court, Lynchburg, VA 24502; or e-mail (pamelalevinson@aol.com).

Summer Fun, Friendship, and Service **Summer Conference-2000**

I hope everyone has marked their calendars for June 22-23, 2000, to attend summer conference. 4-H Congress has graciously invited the All Stars to once again include the Tapping Ceremony as a part of Congress Week. Tapping will be held on Wednesday, June 21 at 2:45 p.m. on the Eggleston Quad. Feel free to bring a lawn chair or blanket on which to sit. The All Star banquet will take place on Thursday evening rather than right after tapping.

For those attending the Tapping Ceremony, who are not attending Congress, on-campus lodging and meals will be available. The cost for lodging and dinner Wednesday night and breakfast Thursday morning will be \$30.25. Congress Cabinet has also extended an invitation for All Stars and their families to attend Wednesday evening's Congress activities, which include the Share Fair, Share-the-Fun Show, and a Dance/Movie.

Thursday's check-out for Congress is tentatively set for 11:30 a.m. The official check-in for the All Star Conference will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday. Activities for Thursday afternoon will include one of three options: stimulating the mind by learning about adventurous animals of the wild, feeling the exhilarating thrill and experiencing breathtaking views while rock climbing, or spending a relaxing afternoon floating down the New River at New River Junction. (Alternative activities are planned in the event of rain.)

For those interested in rock climbing, sign up is limited to 15 people and will be done on a first-come, first-serve basis. Comfortable clothes that will allow freedom of movement and tennis shoes are highly recommended for climbing. Thick heavy boots make climbing difficult. For those tubing on the New River, a life jacket will be provided and required to be worn at all times around water no matter your swimming ability. A swimsuit, towel, a change of clothes, and Tevia sandals, old tennis shoes, or some type of shoes that can get soaked in water are recommended for tubing.

Thursday evening's activities will include our banquet at which time All Star Certificates and Stars for new initiates will be given out. The banquet will include Share-the-Fun acts, some special entertainment and awards presentations followed by Casino Night.

All this fun and excitement will come to an end on Friday with checkout approximately 12:00 noon to 12:30 p.m. At this time, you will depart Blacksburg for home while taking the wonderful memories and new friendships of an exciting, action-packed two days.

I hope everyone can find something that interests him or her and plans to attend summer conference. We encourage experienced and new All Stars, as well as families, to take part in the Tapping Ceremony. I look forward to seeing you in June!

Yours In Service,
Carrie Kipps, Lesser Chief

The deadline for the next issue of *The Virginia Star* is August 15, 2000. Please send any items by e-mail (pamelalevinson@aol.com) or snail mail (100 Townson Ct., Lynchburg, VA 24502).

Summer Fun, Friendship, and Service
Summer Conference-2000 Schedule
June 22-23, 2000

Thursday, June 22, 2000

11:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Registration
 In Lobby of Payne Hall -- Lunch provided



12:30 p.m.

Depart for Afternoon Activities
 In Lobby of Payne Hall

1:00 p.m.

Depart for Afternoon Activities
 ☆ Tubing at McCoy
 ☆ Outdoor Rock Climbing
 ☆ Project Wild

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Return to Campus -- Get Ready for the Banquet



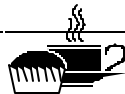
6:30 - 11:00 p.m.

Banquet
 Speaker
 Share-the-Fun/Entertainment/Casino Night/Movie

11:30 - 12:00 midnight Lights Out

Friday, June 23, 2000

7:00 - 8:30 a.m.



Breakfast
 Dietrick Dining Hall

9:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Vespers

9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

District Meetings



10:15 a.m. - 12:00 noon

General Business Meeting

12:00 noon - 12:30 p.m.

Checkout

More Summer Conference Information

Lodging

We encourage participants to stay on campus for proximity to activities. If you aren't staying on campus in Payne Hall, **it is your responsibility to make your lodging reservations**. As an alternative, we recommend Donaldson Brown Hotel & Conference Center, which can be reached at (540) 231-8000. Other lodging options include, but are not limited to:

- ★ Four Points (540) 552-7001,
- ★ Best Western (540) 552-7770,
- ★ Ramada Limited (540) 951-1330,
- ★ Hampton Inn (540) 381-5874, and
- ★ Comfort Inn (540) 951-1500.

Service

Being that the All Star Motto is "Service," there are several ways for you to assist with summer conference. If you were once in the Share-the-Fun or know someone that participated and would like to perform at the banquet, contact Carrie Kipps at (804) 975-1203 or ckhokie@earthlink.net. In

addition, your help is needed collecting door prizes for casino night. We would like everyone to have a prize to take home. Also if you have experience as a dealer or an interest in being a dealer for casino night, please contact Chad Barnett at (540) 948-6881 (W) or cbarnett@vt.edu. Lastly, if you are interested in assisting with summer conference and the previously mentioned activities are not for you, contact Carrie Kipps. Your assistance is welcomed.

Directions

From Interstate 81, Exit 118, Christiansburg: go towards Christiansburg on Rt. 11 for approximately 1 mile. Turn right just before the light, follow 460 West for 5½ miles. Take the 460 Bypass for 2.3 miles, turn right at the stop light onto Southgate Drive/Rt. 314. There's a large campus directory with a pull off area to the right. Continue on Southgate Drive to the visitor's office, a little white house on the right, to get your visitor's parking pass. Parking is recommended either on the drill field near War Memorial or on Washington Street near Lee Hall. The visitor's office will have campus maps or visit www.vt.edu.

Scout's Report

The 2000 4-H All Star Tapping Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 21 during 4-H Congress at 2:45 - 4:00 p.m. on Eggleston Quad near Owens Hall. All Star tapping practice will be held Tuesday evening, June 20, at 7:15 - 7:45 p.m. and on Wednesday morning, June 21, at 11:00 a.m. **All Scouts must be available for at least one practice.** All Stars that are not otherwise involved in Congress should plan to attend Wednesday morning's practice. All Stars should meet at Payne Hall for both practices and the ceremony.

The Dress Code for the ceremony is as follows:

- ★ **Women:** White Dress/Slacks, White Shoes
- ★ **Men:** Dark Blue or Black Pants, White Shirt, Solid Dark Tie, Solid Black Shoes
- ★ **Jewelry:** Only All-Star jewelry and/or wedding bands

Contact Jim Dooley at (804)799-4783/jdooley@pcs.k12.va.us, or Steve Wood at (540)984-4249/sdwood@shentel.net if you would like to serve as a Scout for the Tapping Ceremony.

All Star News

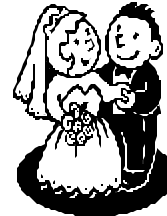
Anne "Nancy" Dick Cockerill, a 1936 Northumberland County 4-H All Star, passed away on February 29, 2000. She was a former Extension Agent in Loudoun County. Her three children are also 4-H All Stars from Loudoun. They are Anne C. Kendig ('65), Charles O. Cockerill ('68) and William H. Cockerill ('75). The family stated that memorial contributions could be made to the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, 600 4-H Center Drive, Front Royal, VA 22630-1101.

Jo Ann Smith Trail, Augusta 1954, was selected as one of 32 to receive the *Millennium International Volunteer Award* recognizing outstanding achievements in international volunteerism. This award is designed to celebrate contributions to international educational and cultural exchange by Americans and U.S. permanent residents throughout the United States. The criteria for selection was based on: commitment to promoting global understanding, capacity for leadership and self-direction, outstanding ability to attract support and motivate volunteerism in the field of international education, and long-term impact of individual's volunteer activities. Another recipient of this award was President and Mrs. Jimmy and Roslyn Carter. Jo Ann graduated from Va. Tech. in 1956 with a degree in Home Economics and worked in extension in Madison, Henry, and Botetourt counties before marrying another IFYE.

Christie McNerney, Prince George 1992, graduated from Virginia State University in May with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. She is a Life Member and still resides in Prince George, VA.



Tammy Nichols, Campbell 1980, and Robert Shanklin were married on May 29, 1999. They live in Bedford County. Tammy is the organizational leader of the 4-H Horse Lovers Club of Roanoke County.



Julie Anna Steinbach, Suffolk 1986, was married to Robert Carter Blake, III on January 30, 1999 at Bethlehem Christian Church in Suffolk, Virginia. They reside in Carrollton, Virginia.

Karen Steinbach Eades, Suffolk 1985, and her husband, Bert Eades



announce the birth of their third child, Davis Alexander on March 28, 2000. He is the proud brother of Anne Madison, age four, and Cabell Bennett, age two. The proud grandparents are Roger and Ann Clark Steinbach (Isle of Wight '60).

Reminder

Don't forget to visit the All Star web page at www.ext.vt.edu/resources/4h/allstars.html. You might be surprised what you will find.

District News

There is no Distinct News for this issue of *The Virginia Star*. The editor hopes that there will be plenty for the next issue.

Registration Form
Summer Fun, Friendship, and Service
June 22-23, 2000

Name: _____ M / F

Address: _____

Telephone: () _____ Fax: () _____ Email: _____

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

Thursday Afternoon: Please rank the following choices from one to three with one being the highest.

_____ Rock Climbing _____ Tubing on the New River _____ Project Wild (Educational)

Lodging:

On campus: There are a limited number of single rooms and will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. If you do not sign up for a roommate one will be assigned to you. Roommate: _____

Conference Fees:

of Persons

Full Conference Registration- & Meals	\$40.00	X	_____	=	_____
Includes 3 Meals-Lunch & Dinner-Thursdays & Breakfast-Friday					
Banquet Only-Thursdays night	\$22.00	X	_____	=	_____
Dorm Lodging-Double (sleeps two single beds)	\$19.00	X	_____	=	_____
Dorm Lodging-Single Room	\$26.00	X	_____	=	_____
Lodging Wednesday night, dinner & Breakfast-Thursdays	\$30.25	X	_____	=	_____
Early Bird Registration (<i>before June 10</i>)	(\$5.00)	X	_____	=	_____
Life Dues	\$50.00	X	_____	=	_____
Annual Dues	\$10.00	X	_____	=	_____
New Member fund			_____	=	_____
Keffer Scholarship			_____	=	_____

TOTAL **Registration Deadline is June 15!** = _____

- Inactive members may become active by paying two years annual dues of \$10 per year or life membership of \$50.
- Conference guest, other than spouses and/or children, shall be approved by the Big Chief and/or 4-H Department Liaison (Policy 107). Guest(s) WILL NOT receive discounted rates.
- No alcohol beverages are permitted at All Star functions (Policy 110).

Special Needs -Dietary, Handicapped, or Other: _____

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 in which reflects the qualities of an All Star.

All Star Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____
 (If All Star is under age 18)

Make checks payable to: Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars (\$10 service charge for returned checks)
Send registration and check to: Carrie Kipps, 139 Green Turtle Lane, Apt. #8, Charlottesville, VA 22901
 Questions: Phone (804) 975-1203 H; Fax (804) 974-7363; Email: ckhokie@earthlink.net

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