





## DISTRICT NEWS

### Northwest District

Northwest District 4-H All Stars met during the Virginia 4-H All Star Mid-Winter Conference at the Hampton Inn in Christiansburg, Va. on Sunday, February 5, 2006. The meeting was called to order by the district chief, Kevin Cabbage. The minutes were read by scribe, Elwanda Luttrell. The minutes were approved. A planning meeting will be held in May at the Shenandoah County Office. This meeting will be to plan the fall conference which will be held on October 21.

In December All Star applications were reviewed. Many were done very well. Some will be chosen as samples and a letter will be sent asking for permission to use. These will come from about 5 areas.

April 29 will be the District Presentation Day at Elkton school—Mt. Video in McGaheysville. Judges and room chairs are needed. Janet Frye volunteered as a room chair, and Ethel Showman as a judge.

The summer conference will be July 15 & 16 at Holiday Lake. Leslie Funkhouser is heading this conference. Some options are to take the Civil War Tour, or work in the National Resource Center at Holiday Lake. The Bunk House will be used for sleeping. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

### Southwest District

The Southwest District 4-H All Stars met on Sunday, March 19th following the Leader's Conference in Bristol, Virginia. Items were collected to donate to a local shelter. The next Southwest District meeting will be held at 10 a.m. **June 10th** at the picnic shelter of Bluemont Presbyterian Church, milepost 191 on the Blue Ridge Parkway. All Stars, family, and friends are invited; and a variety of activities are planned to go along with the theme of "Kith and Kin." The cost for lunch is \$5.00. Please contact Ranelle Dulaney for questions, directions, and reservations at (276) 398-4271 or ranelle@swva.net.

The Teen Weekend planning committee meeting was held March 11th at the Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center in Abington, VA. The theme for this year's Teen Weekend was chosen to be "4-H in a Galaxy Far, Far Away". The annual teen camp is scheduled for September 9th and 10th at the SW VA 4-H Center. The Southwest District All Stars will meet **September 10th** following Teen Weekend.

Respectfully Submitted, Michelle Cock, Southwest District Lesser Chief

### Northeast District News

The Northeast District All Stars met on February 5, 2006 at Midwinter Conference in Blacksburg, VA. On December 2, 2005 we had a fundraising dinner and meeting at the Henrico Extension Office. We donated \$100 to the Jamestown 4-H Educational Center Brick Project. Saturday, February 11, 2006, Jamestown 4-H Center hosted a spaghetti dinner fundraiser from 4:00-6:00 PM. Tickets were \$5.00 per person. Northeast District Contests were held on April 1, 2006 at Charles City High School. All Stars assisted with judging public speaking, presentations and Share-the-Fun contests. Upcoming events in the Northeast District:

Open House at Jamestown 4-H Educational Center on June 4, 2006 from 2:00-5:00 PM. Northeast District All Stars will be in charge of registration.

Northeast District All Stars and Volunteer Leaders Association will meet together for a combined fundraiser following the Open House at 5:30 PM on June 4, 2006 at the Jamestown 4-H Educational Center. It will be a Fish Fry - Adults \$8.00; Children \$5.00; Live entertainment will be provided. New All Star nominees will be invited to attend. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to provide 4-H Congress scholarships for Northeast District Public Speaking Contest winners.

2007 All Star Interstate Conference will take place in Williamsburg, Norfolk, and Virginia Beach areas on August 2-5, 2007. The planning committee is looking for volunteers to work on committees for the conference.

Respectfully submitted Sarah J. Gregory, Northeast District Chief



## 4-H ALL STAR TAPPING CEREMONY

The 4-H All Star Tapping Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 28, 2006 at 2:00 pm on the campus of Virginia Tech in the Ag Quad. Mark Kipps is in charge of the tapping ceremony . Any special requests for the tapping ceremony - like if you want the scouts to put a particular person in front of you in the circle or if you want to be a scout to tap someone in particular, then you need to let Mark know either by email [mkipps@vt.edu](mailto:mkipps@vt.edu), or by calling his cell phone at 540-478-3072.

All Stars are needed to complete the circle, as well as serve as Scouts in the Tapping Ceremony.

If you are able to participate in the Tapping Ceremony as a Scout, or have any other questions, please contact Mark Kipps as indicated above.

### Tapping Ceremony Practices:

#### **Monday, June 26**

5:15 - 6 p.m. - All Star meeting (current All Stars only)

#### **Tuesday, June 27**

5:15 - 6 p.m. - All Star tapping orientation (for 4-H members to be tapped)

7:15 - 7:45 p.m. - All Star Practice - Ag Quad (for current All Stars only)

#### **Wednesday, June 28**

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - All Star Practice - Ag Quad (for current All Stars only)

2 - 3 p.m. - All Star Tapping Ceremony - Ag Quad

3:15 - 4:15 p.m. - All Star Orientation (for all new All Stars)

7:15 - 9:00 p.m. - Share-the-Fun Show in Burruss Hall (All Stars and family invited!)

**All current All Stars wishing to participate in the Tapping Ceremony must wear the following attire:** *Women: all white dress, or all white skirt and blouse and white shoes*  
*Men: white dress shirt, navy tie, navy pants and dark shoes*

### **Follow The Gleam**

(Sung during the Tapping Ceremony)

#### 1st Verse:

To the Knights in the days of old —Keeping watch on the mountain height — Came a vision of Holy Grail — And a voice thru the waiting night.

#### Chorus:

Follow, follow, follow the gleam, Banners unfurled o'er all the world, Follow, follow, follow the gleam Of the Chalice that is the Grail

#### 2nd verse

And we who would serve the King — and loyally Him obey— In the consecrate silence know—That the challenge still holds today.

#### Chorus:

Follow, follow, follow the gleam, Standards of worth o'er all the earth, Follow, follow, follow the gleam Of the light that shall bring the dawn.



2007 4-H All Star Interstate  
Conference

The 2007 All Star Interstate Conference will take place in  
Williamsburg, Norfolk, and Virginia Beach  
August 2-5, 2007

We invite all Virginia 4-H All Stars to come and participate in this celebration of  
the All Star Conference and the Jamestown 2007

Celebration commemorating *America's 400th Anniversary*.

Our Banquet and Silent and Live Auctions will take place at the Jamestown 4-H  
Educational Center on Saturday, August 4, 2007.

**We still need members to volunteer to work on the  
following committees:**

**I. REGISTRATION**

- a. Registration
- b. Publications
- c. Notes

**II. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**III. ACCOMMODATIONS**

- a. Hotel and Meals
- b. Transportation

**IV. HOSPITALITY**

- a. Welcome

**V. PROGRAM**

- a. Ceremony
- b. Speaker
- c. Tours

**VI. BANQUET**

- a. Entertainment
- b. Decorations

**VII. FUNDRAISING**

Benefits the Jamestown 4-H Educational Center on its ongoing renovations to the  
Center

- a. Silent Auction
- b. Live Auction

Respectfully submitted by Jean Powers (757-421-3715) and  
Sarah J. Gregory (804-275-5806), Co-Chairs 2007  
4-H All Star Interstate Conference, August 2-5, 2007



Elizabeth Johnson & Dottie Nelson

### **C. Dean Allen Award for Excellence Elizabeth Johnson from Bland County**

She's been an agent for 6 years and in her current job for 5. In the past 3 years her unit has averaged 5 All Stars tapped per year. Nomination says: "Elizabeth makes a wide range of opportunities available for 4-H'ers so that they can have a well rounded resume and work to put in each area of the All Star application form." Bland All Stars conduct the local public speaking contests and judge at the area and district levels. They are involved in a number of district committees. The local chapter meets an average of twice a year and has 15-25 members at each meeting.

### **Wayne Keffer Scholarship Winners**

*Kimberly Anne Sager* - Prince William - 15 years in 4-H; Tapped in 2001; Life Member; VT sophomore majoring in Animal and Poultry Sciences with a minor in Agricultural and Applied Economics. Went to National Conference AND National Congress in 2003. In 2002 won the Prince William Chapter of 4-H All Stars Public Speaking Award. Active in Shooting sports, leadership, rabbits and citizenship. Historian of the VT Collegiate 4-H Club. Scribe of the Prince William All Star Chapter for 3 years. Served as scout at the 2004 Tapping ceremony.

Sarah Ashley Barlow - Louisa - 12 years in 4-H - Tapped in 2005, Life Member; VT Junior majoring in Animal and Poultry Sciences with a minor in crop and soil environmental science. Hopes to be an extension agent. N District Showmanship Champion for 9 years. Has been a cabinet ambassador and president and vice president of local 4-H clubs.

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### **The 2006 Bradshaw Service Award Winner**

*Shawnda Gregory of Chesterfield County*

A 1995 All Star, Shawnda has served on a variety of county, district and state committees. Most notably, Shawnda has served on Interstate and Ceremonial committees, and she was our State Scout for two years. She is a volunteer leader with the 4-H Business Bunch Club in Chesterfield and volunteers for many leadership roles at district level. Shawnda also helps promote Jamestown 4-H Center events and the International 4-H Youth Exchange program. Shawnda was an IFYE to Finland in 2002. She has assisted at the Virginia State Fair in various capacities and volunteers at the Pocahontas State Park. Shawnda is truly deserving of this award, as her accomplishments are many and her love of 4-H and the All Stars is evident in all that she does.

Shawnda Gregory & Dottie Nelson





## HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

### INBOUND EXCHANGEES

Virginia is expecting three six-week exchangees, who include two 19-year-old girls from Austria and a 16-year-old girl from Greece. Each girl will be scheduled to have two host families of three weeks each.

Additionally, 30 Japanese youth ranging in age from 12 to 16 will be coming from mid-July to mid-August. They will all need one family each.

We also will be hosting approximately 15 high school youth from Japan and former Soviet republics for the 2006-2007 school year.

If your family is interested in hosting, please contact Dottie Nelson, P.O. Box 144, Bland, VA 24315, phone work 800-752-0673 Ext 245 or home 276-688-4028, or email [dottieifye@yahoo.com](mailto:dottieifye@yahoo.com)

The host family application form can also be downloaded from this website: [www.ifyeusa.org](http://www.ifyeusa.org).

Becky Moyer is seeking families to host for the school year for both FLEX and Japanese students, and Judy Ann Fray is seeking host families for one-month Japanese students from mid-July to mid-August. Judy Ann's address is P.O. Box 263, Madison, VA 22727; phone 888-259-4272 PIN 7916. Becky's phone is 540-459-3048.

### RICHARDSON RECEIVES INTERNSHIP

Josh Richardson, a 24-year-old 4-H alumnus from Bland County, has applied for the International Four-H Youth Exchange program for 2006 and has been offered a special opportunity to become an intern at the American Farm School in Thessaloniki, Greece, for the 2006-2007 school year. A 2005 graduate of Berea College with a Bachelor's Degree in Classical Studies, Josh has previous experience as a counselor for Upward Bound and a teen challenge program at Berea..

Josh is looking forward to ten months in Greece.

### WILLIAMS GOES TO AUSTRIA

Ben Williams, a rising senior at James Wood High School in Frederick County, has been selected to participate in the International 4-H Youth Exchange Program for one month this summer. He will spend the month of July in Austria living with host families and learning about language, culture and customs. He will represent us well in Austria, where our exchange partner is the Austrian Rural Youth Clubs.

### IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Lucy J. Pilson (Patrick, 70, Honorary All-star) passed away Sept. 2, 2005. Has a daughter, Anne Pilson (Patrick, 65), 2 grandsons, Chris Pilson(Patrick-96), and James Curtis Pilson (Patrick, 2002). 3 generations of All Stars.

Sympathies are extended to the family of Sharon Garrow Whitlock of Newport News who passed away on May 16, 2006.



You Are Invited  
to  
Experience the  
Hospitality  
and  
Warmth  
of  
Mississippi  
at the  
2006 4-H All Star  
Interstate Conference  
August 10-13, 2006  
Starkville, Mississippi  
and  
Mississippi State University

Hosted by the Mississippi 4-H All Stars

Ya'll Come!

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**2006 4-H All Star  
Interstate Conference**

**Early Bird Package for Full Registration - Due June 16, 2006      \$100**

(Includes Thursday Dinner, Friday Lunch, Friday Dinner, Saturday Lunch, Saturday Banquet, Friday tours, and refreshments)

**Full Registration after June 15, 2006:      \$125**

**Part-time Registration - by June 15, 2006:**

Thursday Dinner	\$15
Friday Lunch	\$15
Friday Dinner	\$15
Saturday Lunch	\$15
Saturday Banquet	\$25
Friday Tours	\$50

**Conference Hotel:      Comfort Suites, Starkville, MS**

Rates - \$75-85

For More Information Contact  
Nelda Stark at [neldas@ext.mmstate.edu](mailto:neldas@ext.mmstate.edu)



## 4-H All Star Interstate August 10-13, 2006 Mississippi State University Tentative Agenda

### Thursday August 10:

11:00 am - 6:00 pm Registration - Bost  
Extension Center Lobby  
Hospitality and refreshments  
1:00 pm - 5:30 pm Informal activities -  
Hotel Check-in MSU  
Campus Tours  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Taste of Mississippi  
Dinner - Bost Breezeway  
8:00 pm Opening Session - Bost Extension  
Center Theater  
Welcome /Greetings  
Parade of States  
Program/Entertainment  
10:00 pm Silent Auction open for bidding  
Bost Extension Center

### Friday August 11:

8:00 am  
9:00 am  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
9:30 am - 11:30 am  
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm  
1:30 pm - 4:00 pm  
5:30 pm  
7:30 pm  
10:30 pm

Breakfast in Hotel  
Depart Hotel for Tours  
Registration Open  
Columbus Home Tour  
Lunch  
An afternoon of  
fun  
Catfish Dinner  
Entertainment -  
Possibly a play  
Return to Hotel

### Saturday August 12:

7:30 am - 8:45 am	Breakfast at Hotel
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration open
	Hospitality Room open
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Committee Meetings
	Big Chiefs
	Future Plans
	Resolutions
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Business Meeting
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Workshops
4:00 pm	Free time
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Banquet - Bost Extension Center
9:30 pm	Silent Auction Closes

### Sunday August 13:

8:00 am	Breakfast at Hotel
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Inspirational Service
10:30 am	Interstate Conference Adjourned





## 4-H All Stars on Holiday

Hello! Busy 4-H All Stars need a holiday every now and then, so we would like to invite you to the 2006 Virginia 4-H All Star Summer Conference at the beautiful Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center! This location will allow us to take advantage of several unique attractions as tour options on Saturday afternoon:

- ★ Take advantage of the Natural Resources Center located at Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center with a guided walking tour of the grounds, including marshes, meadows, animal habitats and more for \$6 per person.
- ★ Experience the rich Civil War history surrounding Appomattox by visiting the Appomattox Court House Historical Park. The entrance fees are \$4 per person with a maximum of \$10 for a passenger vehicle. There are also additional charges for guided tours. For more information please visit [www.nps.gov/apco](http://www.nps.gov/apco) where you can find attractions and fees.
- ★ The National D-Day Memorial is approximately an hour away in Bedford, Virginia. The cost is \$5 per person to visit the park with additional charges for guided tours. Please visit the website [www.dday.org](http://www.dday.org) for more information on tours and fees.
- ★ The pool at the 4-H Center will also be open for you to enjoy at no additional fee.

The Natural Resources Tour and the pool are located on the Holiday Lake Educational Center grounds, however car pools to other locations can be arranged. Those wanting to car pool to the D-Day Memorial should plan to meet at registration at 1:00 p.m. to allow for drive time. Those wanting to visit the Appomattox Court House Historical Park should plan to meet at 2:00 p.m. at registration to arrange car pools. Lunch will be on your own. There are several restaurants in downtown Appomattox for you to enjoy.

After an afternoon of taking in the local sights, we will reconvene at the Dining Hall for dinner and our business meeting. After dinner we will get to explore the “dark side” of the Natural Resources Center on an easy guided walking tour. Be sure to bring a jacket and flashlight! The pool will then be open from 10:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. if you need to cool down from the walk. There will also be service projects to participate in.

Sunday morning we will have the Vespers and Memorial Service followed by district meetings and our business meeting. We should conclude by noon.

Lodging will be at the Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center Large Bunkhouse and Lake Lodge, neither of which are air conditioned. You will need to provide your own linens, pillows, towels, fans, etc. If you require alternate lodging, you can contact the Super 8 Motel in Appomattox at 434-352-2339.



## Summer Conference Schedule

### Saturday July 15, 2006

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|--------------------|--|
| 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.  | Registration (Conference Center)   |
| 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.  | Lunch (On your own)  |
| 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.   | Tour D-Day Memorial  |
| 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.   | Other Tours <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Natural Resources Tour</li><li>- Appomattox Court House Historical Park</li><li>- Swimming</li></ul> |
| 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.   | Dinner (Casual)<br>Business Meeting  |
| 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.   | Night Tour of Natural Resources Center<br>OR<br>Service Projects   |
| 10:00 - 11:00 p.m. | Night Swimming and Snacks  |

### Sunday July 16, 2006

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|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.   | Breakfast                    |
| 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.   | Vespers and Memorial Service |
| 9:45 - 10:30 a.m.  | District Meetings            |
| 10:30 - 12:00 a.m. | Business Meeting             |

Have a Safe Trip Home!

**4-H All Stars on Holiday  
July 15-16, 2006  
Summer Conference Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M/F

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

	Number of Persons		Total
<b>Lodging (Not air conditioned)</b> _____		<b>x \$18.00</b>	_____
* Choice of roommate _____ You must provide your own linens and towels.			
<b>Saturday Banquet</b> _____		<b>x \$14.00</b>	_____
<b>Natural Resources Tour Fees</b> _____		<b>x \$ 6.00</b>	_____
* Fees for other tours will be paid at the tour location upon arrival.			
<b>Night Walk Fee</b> _____		<b>x \$3.00</b>	_____
<b>Sunday Breakfast</b> _____		<b>x \$7.00</b>	_____
<b>Dues:</b>			
Annual		\$10.00	_____
Life		\$50.00	_____
<b>Contributions:</b>			
New Member Fund			_____
Keffer Scholarship Fund			_____
<b>TOTAL</b>			_____

Inactive members may become active by paying two years annual dues (\$10 per year) or life membership (\$50)  
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).

**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 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:** Virginia Cooperative Extension - Shenandoah, Attention: Leslie Funkhouser  
600 North Main Street, Suite 100, Woodstock, VA 22664-1855  
**Questions:** Phone: 540-459-6140 (work) 540-436-9460 (home) Ifunkhou@vt.edu (email)



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