I want to thank you for re-electing me your State Big Chief at the Virginia 4-H All Star Summer Conference at Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center this past July.

I would however like to see more of our All Stars attending our conferences and All Star opportunities. Virginia had a great delegation to attend the 2008 4-H All Star Interstate Conference which was hosted by Maryland. We were awarded the Mary Cunningham Memorial Interstate All Stars Travel Recognition Award. Everyone who went had a great time! The 2009 Interstate Conference will be hosted by West Virginia in Huntington. The theme will be “Over the Rainbow in West Virginia.” The dates are July 30 - August 2, 2009

Our Executive Committee met in October and reviewed last year’s activities – as well as prepared for our 2009 happenings. We welcome any input and suggestions from you on how The Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars can better serve the 4-H community and our fellow All Stars. Whenever called upon to serve as a judge, speak to a 4-H Club, do a workshop, etc. be sure let the All Stars shine through your “service.”

Be sure to mark your calendar for our annual Mid Winter Conference in February.

Yours in Service,
Steve Wood,
Big Chief
Smoke Signals from our Districts

Northern District 4-H All Stars hosted a picnic on August 24th to honor their new All Stars. Forty one All Stars and guests attended the event at Graves Mountain Lodge, located in Madison County. Three 2008 All Stars and six 2007 – 2008 All Stars were recognized and presented a specially designed Northern District 4-H All Star t-shirt. Those attending represented nine different counties with a good turnout from the 1940’s and 1950’s. Donation from from silent auction raised $163. The event was supported by $349 in donations. This was to cover the meals of the 2007 and 2008 All Stars and shirts for the 2005 – 2008 All Stars plus provide support for future District activities. Special thanks to District Chief William Thomas, Culpeper, for coordinating the event and to Judy Ann Fray for her work with the Silent Auction. Supporters of the event included Jimmy and Rachel Graves of Madison, Kim Jebson of Culpeper, Edythe West of Caroline, Ann Marlow of Fairfax, Virginia McGhee of Madison, and Phyllis Inskop and Mason Hutcherson of Culpeper.

Northwest District All Stars held their combined fall conference in partnership with the NW 4-H Leaders Association on Saturday, October 18th, at the Shenandoah County Government Center in Woodstock. Classes were conducted for Fair Judging in both canned goods and needlepoint, and also in Marketing 4-H and raising goats. Lunch was served and the speaker was intern Extension District Director, Cyndi Marston. Both silent and live auctions were conducted for fundraising, with Leader and All Star meetings following. Many thanks to all who helped make this event a success, and also to those who came to learn and share! At the District meeting, we voted to offer scholarships to any Northwest District All Star who requests to go toward registration for All Star Midwinter Conference in Winchester on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. One hundred dollars has been set aside, which will be split evenly between all who contact any of the NW officers. Those interested in scholarships can contact Rory Nansel at nansel@shentel.net, Kevin Cubbage at kcubbage@vt.edu, Elwanda Luttrell at elwand@shentel.net, or Carol Boyer at 540/933-6299 no later than January 15th. Our next district meeting will be held at Midwinters. Please come! Respectfully submitted, Rory L. Nansel, NW District Chief

Northeast District 4-H All Stars have been very busy helping our local, district, state, national, and international meetings, activities, and events. On December 3, 2008 we will have our Annual Dinner Meeting and review our new 2009 All Star nominations. Our district will be hosting summer conference July 17-19, 2009. We are looking for a theme, tour sites, and workshops. Midwinter Conference (1st weekend in February) will be in Winchester. The tapping ceremony at summer conference was also discussed. A treasurer’s report was given by Deb Nester on behalf of Rogene Nester. We have received donations from Bev Lineweaver and Connie Bryant. Congress scholarships were awarded to the winner and runner-up for the District Public Speaking competition. The All Stars provide a full scholarship for first-place and a half scholarship for second-place to compete in the State Public Speaking competition at 4-H Congress. In order to improve our active membership within the district, a newsletter was suggested. Donna Hamm offered to facilitate the first issue. Michelle Cock shall provide Donna with the last 5 years of addresses. Dottie suggested including the list of possible committees/ways to serve. Daniel volunteered to create a template. He has requested that people send info to him by Nov. 19th. New Officers were elected as follows: Chief-Shai Cullop, Lesser Chief-Sam Fisher Scribe-Curtis Crawford Treasurer-Rogene Nester Historian-Tamika Reynolds Advisor-Daniel Collins. Our next meeting will be in December to review Nomination Forms.

Southern District 4-H All Stars met Saturday, August 9th, 2008 at the SWVA 4-H Ctr. in Abingdon, VA. Donna Ham welcomed us and called the meeting to order. Shai provided a brief report on the events of Teen Weekend, which had just concluded. The teen camp had a performing arts theme, which included a photography workshop and lots of singing. The teens had two days to plan and execute an original skit. Our district will be hosting summer conference July 17-19, 2009. We are looking for a theme, tour sites, and workshops. Midwinter’s Conference (1st weekend in February) will be in Winchester. The tapping ceremony at summer conference was also discussed. A treasurer’s report was given by Deb Nester on behalf of Rogene Nester. We have received donations from Bev Lineweaver and Connie Bryant. Congress scholarships were awarded to the winner and runner-up for the District Public Speaking competition. The All Stars provide a full scholarship for first-place and a half scholarship for second-place to compete in the State Public Speaking competition at 4-H Congress. In order to improve our active membership within the district, a newsletter was suggested. Donna Hamm offered to facilitate the first issue. Michelle Cock shall provide Donna with the last 5 years of addresses. Dottie suggested including the list of possible committees/ways to serve. Daniel volunteered to create a template. He has requested that people send info to him by Nov. 19th. New Officers were elected as follows: Chief-Shai Cullop, Lesser Chief-Sam Fisher Scribe-Curtis Crawford Treasurer-Rogene Nester Historian-Tamika Reynolds Advisor-Daniel Collins. Our next meeting will be in December to review Nomination Forms.

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The Virginia Star

Smoke Signals from our Districts

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The Virginia Star
Dear All Stars,

Fall is the time to nominate eligible 4-H members to be tapped as Virginia 4-H All Stars during the 2009 State 4-H Congress. The following forms and supporting information can be found on the All Star website: http://www.ext.vt.edu/resources/4h/allstars.html

As you are working with the All Star nomination form, please make note of any suggestions for improvement. Every year we hear complaints that parts of the form are not relevant to our current 4-H’ers. We need to know what things need to be added and/or deleted in order to make the form more useful and inclusive. PLEASE SEND YOUR SUGGESTIONS TO CAROL NANSEL AT cnansel@vt.edu.

All Star nomination process flowchart
Basically, unit agent sends forms to eligible members, meets with local All Stars to review the nominations and sends the completed nominations to the district office by December 1.

All Star nomination form
There is no limit to the number of youth nominees that a unit can submit. Nominees should:
1. Have completed at least 3 years of work as a 4-H member.
2. Be at least 15 years of age as of January 1 of the current year.
3. Be an active 4-H member and no more than 19 years of age as of January 1 of the current year or, have been an active 4-H member and no more than 19 years of age as of January 1 of the preceding year (Four-H’ers have an additional year of eligibility beyond the age for participating in other 4-H recognition opportunities.)

Honorary All Star nomination form
Each Extension unit may nominate three (3) adult volunteer leaders for consideration as honorary members. Nominees must have rendered outstanding service to the 4-H program over a period of not less than seven (7) years.

Nomination Summary Sheet
Use to list the nominees from the unit.

Awards and Recognition information
This is a good time to let current All Stars know about the $600 Wayne Kefler Memorial Scholarship - form due on January 1 - for any All Star who is a college student or a graduate student.

See the website for more information on All Star Chapter Charters, Bradshaw Service Award and the All Star Hall of Fame Award. Also note that the C. Dean Allen Award for Excellence recognizes an agent who has excelled in All Star and/or international programming. Please take time to nominate an Extension Agent for this award. Form is due January 1. There is a cash award and a nice plaque.

All Star Brochure
This is nice if you need a brochure.

Change of Address form
This form can be done on-line to update any All Star address.

If you have any particular questions, please let me know and I’ll either answer them, or find the answer for you.

Carol Nansel
4-H All Star Liaison
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The annual Summer Conference was held July 19-20, 2008 at the Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center in Appomattox, VA. Highlights of the weekend included a tour of the Appomattox Court House Historical Park, a few classes who had great presenters, including GPS, Health and Wellness and Jewelry Making. Some of the activities included a Nature Hike, Service Project to repair the Vespers Area, table games, field/pool party, karaoke and swimming.

The weekend started off with a welcome lunch provided by Ms. Janet Coffer, Mrs. Pam Levinson and 4-H All Star’s from Central District. Everyone enjoyed all the activities and tours. There were two presenters, Mr. Buddy Conner and Mr. Wayne Phelps who attended the Saturday evening banquet from the Appomattox Historical Society and gave a power point presentation about the history behind the Appomattox Court House Historical Park.

Thank you to all for their participation, encouragement, kindness and dedication. Many thanks go to Mr. Mike Clifford, Ms. Tamara Arrington, Mrs. Susan Prillaman, Mrs. Audrey Lee, Mrs. Pam Levinson, Ms. Janet Coffer and Mr. Buddy Conner and Mr. Wayne Phelps from the Appomattox Historical Society. Special thanks to Ms. Marty Martin, her son, and Mr. William Thomas for a great job they did repairing the Vespers area. Thank you Mrs. Irene Ellis and Mrs. Audrey Lee for coordinating meals with the Holiday Lake food service. Thanks again Audrey for providing breakfast on Sunday morning. The Make Your Own Omelet breakfast was a wonderful idea and greatly enjoyed by all who participated. Thanks Irene and Randy Leech for your help at the Virginia 4-H All Star Summer Conference. Thanks to the Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center for the service given during our Virginia 4-H All Star Summer Conference. Thanks to the districts for the responsibilities that they carried out:

- **Northwest and Southeast** – Vespers and Memorial Service
  - *Jamie Christiansen for providing music for the field/pool party*
- **Northeast** – Conference planning along with Central District
  - *Chesterfield and Henrico agents for providing gift bags and door prizes*
- **Southeast** – for recruiting Deb Nester for the Memorials and Elwanda Luttrell for Vespers
- **Southwest** – Connie Bryant/Donna Hamm – registration table, gift bags and door prizes
- **Northern** – Susan Thomas for table decorations and favors
- **Central** – for Hospitality

I enjoyed the fellowship, playing table games, singing karaoke, making jewelry and taking pictures of all my 4-H All Star family.

Shawnda Gregory, Lesser Chief

Pictured is Irene Leech accepting her Hall of Fame Award with her husband Randy (far right), Steve Wood (3rd to Right) and William Thomas who presented the award. Congratulations Irene!!
Maryland 4-H All Stars hosted the 2008 4-H All Star Interstate Conference July 31 - August 2. Conference location was the Wisp Resort in McHenry, MD. After registering and settling in on Thursday afternoon, the group loaded the buses for dinner. A pleasant surprise for those who had attended last year's conference in Williamsburg, VA came when we discovered that the Maryland All Stars had hired Blue Ridge Coach Line from Culpeper, VA to again provide conference transportation. Everyone was pleased to see Dave again and because of large participation numbers, we had a second Dave to drive us around!

Thursday's Amish style dinner was served at the Pleasant Valley Community Center followed by a presentation on maple syrup production. Friday morning, the group toured the Canal Place Museum and learned about the use of canal boats for early transportation in western Maryland. Then everyone boarded the train for a beautiful trip up the mountain. Some of the Virginia delegation had a particularly exciting tunnel experience during this journey. After departing the train, the group visited a reproduction 1830’s village with shopping opportunities. This village is at the location of “The Little Crossings” used by George Washington and General Edward Braddock on their way to Fort Duquesne in Pittsburgh in 1755. The afternoon was complete with a visit to a dairy farm and corn maze. Dinner was served at the Garrett County Fairgrounds. Saturday began with a visit to the small town of Oakland with the chance to visit museums and shop at the annual sidewalk sale or the farmers market. A sudden downpour dampened the experience somewhat but it was great fun. It was especially thrilling when one of the buses stopped for a long time on a low water bridge with the water rushing underneath. The extra time getting into the 4-H camp delayed the planned conference schedule. Using All Star flexibility, it was decided to skip a couple of the afternoon stops. Everyone agreed that after the previous bus trip, we probably didn’t need to see the Forest Canopy Walkway. It was straight to the Wisp Resort Scenic Chair Lift. While enjoying the view from the chair lift up the mountain, participants could also witness the Extreme Sports Bike competition. Another rain storm caught several people at the top of the mountain causing some of the Virginia delegation to decide to walk down instead of waiting for an empty spot on the lift. After a quick stop in our rooms to change into dry clothes, it was back on the bus to the Fairgrounds for the final conference or change to every two years. By a three to two vote, it was decided to continue Annual Interstate Conferences. This means Virginia will host again in 2011.

Virginia received the Mary Cunningham Travel Plaque with a total of 3,489 miles. Maryland received the award for most Time attendees but each First Time attendee received a small gift. Dick Angus of Maryland invited Virginia All Stars Sarah Gregory and Elwanda Luttrell into his Lodge of 1000. This is apparently a West Virginia and Maryland ritual that honors All Stars for outstanding service. West Virginia All Stars extended an invitation to the 2009 conference to be held in Huntington July 30 - August 2. Silent and live auctions raised $1,929 for the Maryland 4-H Foundation. The conference ended Sunday morning with Vespers service which included commemoration of the deceased from all the states.

Attending the conference from Virginia were the following All Stars and family members: Big Chief Steve Wood, Sarah and Shawnda Gregory, Jean Powers, Michelle Cock, Elwanda and Earl Luttrell, Nadine and Matthew Bialowas, Pat Chawkat, Jim and Jamme Christianson, Geraldine Cabbage, Delma, Ruth Snapp, Rogene and Del Nester. One day participants included Nancy Pence, Margaret Douglas, Sherry and Kara Jenkins.

\[\text{In Remembrance}\]

Gloria J. Robinson, who served as Past President for the Petersburg 4-H Adult Volunteer Leaders Association, passed away on Tuesday, April 1, 2008. Gloria served in many volunteer capacities for over 20 years to include Past President for the Southeast District 4-H Leaders Association, the State 4-H Leaders Association and different leadership roles on the local, district, state and national levels. Gloria was truly committed to her duties and responsibilities as she traveled the commonwealth and other states for training and conferences to ensure her mission as a 4-H volunteer. Gloria was tapped as a Virginia All Star in 1993. For this and other reasons, Gloria J. Robinson will truly be missed by the Petersburg 4-H community, the Southeast District and across the commonwealth of Virginia.
Although it would have been nice to have had a greater number participating, those of us who were in attendance at the recent Summer Conference enjoyed the weekend. This was the result of the work and planning of those who accepted the responsibility of their offices and joined hands to see that the jobs that needed to be done. These jobs made the difference! Instead of a bland conference, we experienced an enjoyable, informative one.

First, Shawanda Gregory, assisted by Sarah and Selicia, your fellow All Stars thank you for the overall leadership. This included making the arrangements for the facilities and the meal, advertising the conference, providing a schedule and programs, securing speakers for classes and appropriately thanking them with gifts of appreciation, bringing along karaoke equipment and lining up board games and CD’s, as well as many other things others may or may not have taken into account. They wish to thank the Chesterfield and Henrico Extension offices for their support and the donation of gifts for the workshop leaders and banquet speakers. The All Stars appreciate these contributions also. In regard to any conference, we owe a debt of gratitude to Randy and Irene Lee who gave advice on planning the budget for the conference and designing the registration forms, and then dealing with all of those registration forms and money. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Next, we thank those of you from Central District who traded off the hosting responsibilities to Northeast and took on the task of hospitality. Audrey Lee, Pam Levine, and Jan Cooper, the All Stars thank you. Without your efforts some of us probably would have skipped lunch, been hungry and grumpy in the afternoon and late at night. Even though I was not on hand for breakfast Sunday morning, it appeared that those who had breakfast, enjoyed omlets! We appreciate the fact that Irene Ellis, also from Central, planned the menu and made arrangements for the meal with Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center. Thank you one and all for everything you did to make our visit to your Educational Center a pleasant one.

Northwest was advised that the Educational Center had some jobs that would constitute a service project for us. Thanks go to William Thomas, Randy Leech, and Marty Martin, along with her son, Caron, for making this project a reality. The vesper area was raked out and the campfire woodpile was both replenished and restacked. Sarah Gregory and Audrey Lee also cleaned a room in the bunkhouse that served as the hospitality suite. Thank you one and all for supporting 4-H with the service projects.

The All Stars thank Tamara Arrington who is on the staff at Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center for the hospitality of the facility and for providing for our every need during the stay. It goes without saying that without facilities we cannot have conferences. It was great to have such a helpful staff member at the facility. Conference participants had the option of taking informative classes on Saturday afternoon. The All Stars express appreciation to Mike Clifford for his GPS instruction; to Susan Prillaman for the latest in health and wellness; and to Ann Vargo for enabling her workshop participants to make jewelry. Thanks for sharing your expertise.

The classes made our conference a richer experience for those participating. Likewise, Wayne Phelps and Buddy Conner increased our awareness of Appomattox history by speaking about Clover Hill Village and the Appomattox County Historical Museum at the banquet. Thank you for sharing your time and knowledge with us. Of course, there had to be some fun in the picture too. Jamie Christensen, the All Stars thank you for the music you provided and for all you did to keep the field party going!

Last, but not least thanks go to our Big Chief, Steve Wood, and two past Big Chiefs’ Elwanda Lutrell and Deb Nester for their leadership. Steve presided over the banquet and business meeting. Elwanda helped Southeast District out by providing our morning meditation since no one from there could attend. Deb Nester conducted our Memorial Service for those whom the organization lost to death since the summer of 2007. Jean Powers from Southeast, we thank you for making the arrangements to see that these activities were covered. Elwanda Lutrell also deserves our thanks for conducting an interesting and creative office installation. Once more we are reminded that the service of each and every All Star is important to the organization. It is also great to have the support of others from our communities and within the Extension family. The All Stars extend sincere thanks to those mentioned above and to anyone who contributed credits to make this happen. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Good things happen when we all work together.

Susun B. Thomas
Corresponding Scribe

Pictured at the World IFYE Conference are: front row - Dottie Nelson, Mary-Ball Massy, Vivian Miller, Mildred Crawford Weidemann; Anita Embree; back row - Barbara Spangler, Deb Nester, Bob Miller, Al Weidemann, Eiff Embree.

Doctor Flying Service, and Aussie rules football. Thailand issued an invitation to the 10th IFYE World Conference to be held in 2013. The 2009 National Conference for the IFYE Association of the USA will be held in Indiana. For more information about the IFYE Program, please contact Dottie Nelson, PO Box 144, Bland, VA 24315 or by e-mailing her at dottieifye@yahoo.com.

Have you ever dreamed of travel and adventure? You can discover the world by participating in the International Four-H Youth Exchange programs. One of the following opportunities may be just what you need to broaden your horizons.

**IFYE Representative** – Participants between the ages of 19-30 years of age can experience life in another country first-hand through living with host families for three to six months. This is not the typical tourist’s view of a foreign land, but a chance to participate in daily living and learn about the customs and culture of another country while sharing about your life in the United States.

**IFYE Ambassador** – For youth between the ages of 15-24, this program features a summer abroad (4-6 weeks) with individualized schedules. The purpose of the program is to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, developing skills, and forming attitudes that will help them become productive citizens of the global community. Approximately 35 countries have indicated their willingness to participate with U.S. delegates in 2009.

**IFYE Ambassador Groups** – Australia (ages 16-19), Finland (ages 15-19) and Costa Rica (ages 15-19) will be hosting groups of 4-H’ers from mid-June to mid-July of 2009. These groups will be accompanied by chaperones. In Australia, the group will visit Sydney and Melbourne and stay with host families in the state of Victoria. In Finland, the group will be hosted by the Finnish 4-H Federation. After orientation in Helsinki, the participants will stay with host families for 3 ½ weeks and then enjoy a group trip to Tallin, Estonia, before returning home. In Costa Rica, the Fundacion Nacional de Clubes 4S will play host, and participants will stay with host families, attend a 4-S camp, and take a trip to the rainforests of Costa Rica. Host families are welcome to any others who made contributions that I may have overlooked. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Have you ever dreamed of travel and adventure? You can discover the world by participating in the International Four-H Youth Exchange programs. One of the following opportunities may be just what you need to broaden your horizons.

**Japan Outbound** – Youth between the ages of 12-19 with spend a month with a Japanese host family, with orientations in Seattle and Tokyo. A pre-program of four weeks is also an option, where students will stay with a family in the Tokyo area and attend classes in Japanese language and culture and attend a 4-day camp.

**Hosting** – Unable to travel at this time, or past the age range of the opportunities above? You can still participate by letting the world come to you. Host families are needed for periods of 2- to 4-weeks in summer and for the school year. Host families will receive advance information on the delegates and an orientation. This is a great chance for your family to experience a different language, a new culture, and a new way of looking at things both at home and overseas. Both rural and urban families are needed. Why not welcome an international visitor into your home?

The deadline to apply as an outbound delegate is February 1, but apply sooner to make certain that your first choice doesn’t fill up. Host family applications are due by April 1. For further information and application forms, contact your local Cooperative Extension Office or State Coordinator Dottie Nelson, P.O. Box 144, Bland, VA 24315, work (800) 752-0673 Ext 245, e-mail dottieifye@yahoo.com.
DEADLINE for the next Virginia Star is...
March 17, 2009

“SERVICE” is our MOTTO

“Stars in the Valley”
2009 Mid-Winter’s Conference

Come have fun in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia!!!

>Join a tour of the new Shenandoah Valley Museum<
>On your own you can explore many attractions including:<
The Confederate Cemetery — Mount Hebron Cemetery
Antique Shops
Thrift Shops
>Enjoy shopping at the Apple Blossom Mall<
>Take a course at the hotel — Edible Arrangements<

We hope you will take time to come out and join us in Winchester for our annual 4-H All Stars Mid-Winter’s Conference.

Lodging information at the Lee-Jackson Best Western

You must make your own reservation at the hotel by calling 540-662-4154. The reservation is listed under the Virginia 4-H All Stars. Room rates are: Single: $58.00, 2-$63.00, and 3-$68.00. All plus tax.

Lee Jackson Best Western
711 Millwood Ave.
Winchester, VA 22601

Directions to the Lee-Jackson Best Western

From I-81(North): Take exit 313 and bear right on the exit ramp, at the 2nd light turn immediately left and immediately right into the Hotel parking lot.

From Route 17: turn on to Route 50 and follow into Winchester, once at the 81 overpass, follow directions above.

From Route 522 (North): Turn left at the intersection of Route 50 and Route 522 (traffic light). At the 2nd traffic light after the Rt 50 and 522 intersection, follow as above.
Mid-Winter’s Conference Schedule

Friday, January 30, 2009
8:00 - 10:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, January 31, 2009
12:00 – 1:00 PM Registration and Lunch (On Your Own)
1:00 – 4:00 PM Tour leaves for Shenandoah Valley Museum
  (if 10 or more, the cost is $6.00, to be paid at the museum)
  Shopping on your own
  Edible Arrangements Course at the Hotel
4:30 – 5:30 PM Business Meeting
6:00 – 8:00 PM Dinner (Business) and Entertainment
  (Entertainment will be provided by Share the Fun Acts)
8:00 – 10:00 PM Service Projects
  Dancing and Games: Bring your CD’s, cards and games.

Sunday, February 1, 2009
8:00 – 9:00 AM Breakfast Buffet
9:00 – 9:30 AM Vespers and Memorial Service
9:45 – 10:30 AM District Meetings
10:30 – 12:00 PM Business Meeting - IFYE

Have a Safe Trip Home!!!

Quick Note...
The service project for the 2009 Mid-Winters Conference will be collecting school supplies and sewing or purchasing tote bags. The following items have been suggested for the collection: No. 2 pencils, wide-ruled notebook paper, crayons, colored pencils, rulers, pocket folders with brads, black & white composition books, erasers, pencil sharpeners, construction paper, student scissors (blunt tip) or any type of school supplies you would like to donate. A few All Stars will be sewing tote bags or perhaps you’d like to donate the “green” recycle tote bags which are for sale at all the grocery stores, Wal Mart, etc. The school supplies will be sorted and stuffed in the tote bags and donated to third-world country such as the area where Bob Meadows and fellow agents visited last year to teach the Character Counts program or to a local shelter in the state.

“Stars in the Valley”
January 31 - February 1, 2009
Mid-Winters Conference Registration Form

Name: ____________________________________________________________ M/F
Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________________________________
Telephone: ________________________________ E-mail: ____________________________________________________________
Unit & Year Tapped: __________________________ Guest(s) __________________________ M/F

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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: __________________________

Make checks payable to: Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars ($10 service charge for returned checks)
Send registration and check to: Attention: Randy and Irene Leech, 4220 N. Fork Rd., Elliston, VA 24087

Questions: Contact Elwanda Luttrell Phone: 540-869-7198

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