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Smoke Signals from the Big Chief

At the Interstate 4-H All Stars Conference at Graves Mountain Lodge in Syria, Virginia, I was honored to be elected as your new Big Chief and what a conference!!! Many thanks are due to many All Stars, especially to William and Susan Thomas for their four years worth of planning and hard work! (I'll leave it to them to say more, later in this newsletter.) Before the conference, we experienced an exciting tapping ceremony when late afternoon thunderstorms forced a last-minute change of venue to Squires Commonwealth Ballroom at Virginia Tech. Many thanks are due to countless All Stars, Extension staff, and volunteers who set and reset the ceremony in a record amount of time! Those of you who were tapped this summer share a rain-soaked common bond and stories to tell for many years to come! Welcome to our new 4-H All Stars!

As we enter this season where red and green mean more than just a star and a clover, consider giving the gift of lifetime membership to a recently-tapped All Star. As you know, lifetime dues are \$50, but will be going up to \$60 on January 1st and up to \$75 in 2015. Of course, lifetime membership means more when you are actively participating, so reach out to mentor new All Stars, bring them to conferences, let them step up to help with recurring tasks, and remind them about our scholarships and opportunities that are available to them as an All Star. The easiest way to involve them is at the unit level—helping to recognize and reward the next generation of 4-H members. I encourage all units to form chartered All Star chapters. If you are meeting yearly to review All Star nomination applications, you are already halfway there!

I am looking forward to Midwinter Conference in Radford—a city where I work, but rarely get to play. At the conference, we will continue our on-going service project of collecting school supplies and hygiene products to donate to local charities. Lauren Hartburg has been working diligently with younger member involvement and activities are planned specifically for the 25 and under crowd...so come one, come all!! Those of you attending Radford University or Virginia Tech (or who know someone with "crash space" in the area) can easily attend without getting a hotel!

We continue to advocate for Virginia Cooperative Extension whenever we can. I hope you will contact your elected officials—both local and state. Let them know how 4-H has impacted your life and how important our Extension personnel are in making 4-H a meaningful learning experience. This is one of the many ways we can live out motto of "Service!" When you are volunteering in service to 4-H, let them know that you are an All Star.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

"It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life, that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself."

Yours in service, Michelle Cock

Big Chief, Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars



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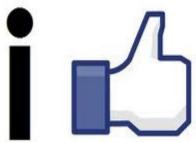


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View the Virginia 4-H All Star Group: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Virginia_4-H_AllStars

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To Post a message to the group: Virginia_4-H_AllStars@yahoogroups.com

For more information visit http://www.4-h.ext.vt.edu/groups/ allstars/4h allstars.html

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Attention Members: Dues Increase Notice

Membership dues are currently \$50.00 for Life Membership. The Executive Committee has voted that the membership increase Life Membership Dues to \$60 effective January 1, 2012, a second increase to \$70 effective January 1, 2014, and a final increase to \$75 effective January 1, 2015.



Keeping in touch with our fellow All Stars

One of the great needs of the All Star organization is to have accurate, up-to-date addresses. It is difficult and takes time but is a great service to the organization and to those of us who have lost touch with the organization. If you know of All Stars who have changed names or addresses, please let us know. Send information on changes to wetsbt@gmail.com

—William Thomas, Culpeper '76

The Virginia Star

Smoke Signals from our Districts

The Winter 4-H All Star Meeting and Social for the Eastern—North District (both new and experienced) will be held December 8th at 7:00 PM in the Henrico Extension Office. All Stars are encouraged to bring a snack or dessert to share with one another! This meeting and social will represent the district meeting for reviewing applications for the 2012 initiates. There will be activities after the business portion of the meeting!

Eastern-North Chief, Sarah Gregory

A recognition picnic for 2011 Northern District All Stars was held August 28th at Graves Mt. Lodge in Syria. The meal was free for 2011 All Stars who were presented with a special designed t-shirt. Attending were 34 All Stars and 16 guests. This included six 2011 All Stars. Six counties were represented. Five of the old All Stars were attending their first All Star event in many years. Appreciation was expressed to the more than two dozen District All Stars who supported Interstate 2011. Lauren Hartburg, Spotsylvania 2006, was recognized as a winner of the 2011 Keffer Scholarship. Lauren is currently serving as Less Chief. Through donations and a silent auction, the Chapter raised \$450 toward supporting Chapter activities. Chapter activities include scholarships to members who attended conferences for the first time; scholarships to 4-H'ers who participate in the public speaking contest at state; t-shirts; cost of picnic meal for new All Stars, supplies and postage. Judy Ann Fray, Madison '97, was elected Lesser Chief. All interested All Stars are invited to attend and assist with the review of 2012 All Star forms. We will meet in the Orange County Extension on Monday, December 12th at 9:30 am. Our district is excited to welcome back Caroline and King George Counties.

Northern-East Chief, William Thomas

The Southwest District All Star met on September 11, 2011 at the Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center. Items that were discussed were the upcoming Midwinter Conference that is being hosted by the SWD All Stars in Radford, VA. There was a discussion about utilizing All Stars in the area at RU and VT. It was also discussed that the Southwest District will provide \$20.00 scholarship for 2009, 10 and 11 tapped All Stars in the district. Deb Nester was to send out the information to the these tappees and Michelle Cock was getting the addresses to her. The 2012 Application were set to be in by December 2nd to have final forms in to Grayson County Office. The meeting for reviewing the forms will be held at Thompson/Litton Office 726 Auburn Ave. Radford, VA 24141 (December 7th at 5:30) along with Midwinter Discussions. Additional topics that were discussed included 2012 Summer Conference responsibility of the Hospitality Room. The attending All Stars voted to leave the 2010-2011 Officers Big Chief – Shai Cullop, Lesser Chief – Sam Fisher, Scribe – Jessica Ingle, Treasurer – Rogene Nester and Historian - Michelle Cock if they were still willing to serve another tern. On December 7, we will have another meeting about officers. Chartered units are being pushed in the Southwest District.

Southwest District Chief, Shai Cullop

Join us for "All Stars in the Queen City", July 21-22, 2012 in Staunton, VA!! We will be staying at the historic Stonewall Jackson Hotel! Details to be shared at All Star Midwinter Conference in Radford! Hope to see you there!

Northern-West District Chief, Rory Nansel

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Committee Appointments for 2011-2012

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Awards

Budget

Jim Christianson, Chair Margaret Douglas Geraldine Cubbage Irene Leech Randy Leech

Dottie Nelson, Chair Ethel Showman (Northwest) Cynthia Rowles (Northeast) Judy Ann Frey (Northern) Mary Lou Toms (Central) Jennifer Riddle (Southeast)

Randy Leech, Chair James Christianson Margaret Douglas Irene Leech Geraldine Cubbage

Ceremonial

Future Plans

Membership

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Michelle Cock (Big Chief) Reid Mackey (Advisor) Jocelyn Dailey (Advisor)

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Nominating

Dennis Bagnell Kayla Eppard, Scout

Susan Thomas, Chair (Past Big Chief) Audrey Lee (Central) Kendra Kyle Young (Northeast) Roger Suder (Northern) Rory Nansel (Northwest) Brandon Pierce (Southeast) Danielle Bluestone Nixon (Southwest) Bob Meadows (Adivsor)



Resolutions

Jessica Ingle, Chair (State Corresponding Scribe)

Susan Thomas, Midwinter Conf. Shai Cullop, Midwinter Conf. Lauren Hartburg, Summer Conf. Rory Nansel, Summer Conf.

Please note that these committee appointments are not finalized until acceptance has been noted by the chair of the given committee. If you wish to not serve on the appointed one, please let the chair know!

Interested in Serving on a Virginia 4-H All Star Committee?

It goes without saying that "Service" is our motto! We serve many aspects of the 4-H program and service to our own organization is just as important to be sure that we remain in a forward-thinking mode. If you would like to serve on any of the above committees for the 2012-2013 4-H year, please contact Michelle Cock, Virginia 4-H All Stars Big Chief. She would be more than willing to talk with you about your "Service" to the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars!

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The Virginia 4-H All Star Fall of Fame Award annually recognizes an individual 4-H All Star who has been a member of the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars for more than 15 years and has rendered outstanding service – as is our motto – not only to the All Stars, the 4-H program itself, but also to civic and community organizations.

"Service" is the surely the middle name of this year's Hall of Fame Award recipient. Tapped in 1987, this person attends Summer and Midwinter Conferences annually, as well as Interstate Conferences. She has been Northeast District Big Chief and Corresponding Secretary. She has coordinated several All Star Conferences, too. She sings for All Star tapping and is a volunteer 4-H leader with 31 years of service. Through her leadership, her 4-H club, the Business Bunch, participates in a number of community service activities, including visits to nursing homes and the annual James River cleanup. She often judges district 4-H contests.

She is a huge promoter of 4-H. She represents Chesterfield 4-H as a board member of the Jamestown 4-H Educational Center. She is a unit representative for the Virginia Association of Adult 4-H Volunteer Leaders and currently serves as President Elect for the Southwest District. She faithfully attends state volunteer leader conferences, too. She is a District Representative for the Virginia Extension Leadership Council and advocates to the Virginia General Assembly for 4-H program funding and support. She is also a Friend of the International 4-H Youth Exchange, supporting that program and helping to find host families.

Her service is not confined to 4-H. She volunteers at the Chesterfield Museum and the Historical Society, and she has done research to document the history of the African Americans in Chesterfield County. She has served as a Girl Scout Leader for the past 33 years. She gives unselfishly of her time and talents, and she is always ready to help out with any event, activity or program.

Sarah Gregory is this year's recipient of the Hall of Fame Award.



2011 List of New All Stars! The Virginia Star

Jeremy Clayton Walker	Albemarle
Julia Noelle Wenger	Albemarle
Whitney Nicole Morcom	Amherst
Hannah Marie Tillotson	Appomattox
Becky Upton Grandle	Augusta
Heidi Lynn Salatin	Augusta
Christian Noel Akers	Bland
Jonathan Paul Romano	Bland
Charles Alex Wright	Bland
Cara Lynn Roberts	Campbell
Amanda Katherine Terry	Carroll
Jessica Ellen Vass	Carroll
Abigail Summer Williams	Carroll
Savannah Lynn Price	Charlotte
Cassidy Dawn Vanderpool	Charlotte
Jessica Ann Fee	Chesterfield
Mary Clair Thomas	Chesterfield
Kiersten Ann Cochran	Clarke
Yasmina A. Shields	Fairfax
Sally Abigail Brown	Fauquier
Matthew Wayne Mullins	Fauquier
Abby Elizabeth Peach	Fauquier
Tyler Adam Besecker	Fluvanna
Kimberly Danielle Buonomo	Fluvanna
McKenzie Grace Haislip	Fluvanna
Laily Elynor Sudol	Fluvanna
Bridget O'Neil Murray	Frederick
Morgan Thomas Walls	Frederick
Stedman Michael Robert Batten	Greene
Danielle Ashley McDonough	Greene
Shawn Patrick McDonough, Jr.	Greene
Christopher Lee Rose	Greene
Rita Schalk	Hanover
Camden Scott Cantwell	Henrico
Kent Thomas Cantwell	Henrico
Kathy S.Beverage	Highland
David Joseph Leech	Highland
Kayla Elizabeth Simmons	Highland
Brittany Elizabeth Young	Highland
Susanna Coleman	King George
Terry Misch	King George
Amber Fawn Bryant	Loudon
Rodney Lee Monroe	Loudoun
Kimberley A. Monroe	Loudoun
Rebecca Lynn Payne	Loudoun
Margaret Ann Slater	Loudoun
Emily Lou Dyer	Madison

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Robert Scott Henshaw	Madison
Nathaniel Sterling Sides	Madison
Alexandria Ruth Johnson	Nelson
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Gill	Orange
William Martin Harris	Orange
Elizabeth Allison Nixon	Orange
Kimberley H. Nixon	Orange
Heather Anne Duncan	Prince William
Laura Marie Lykens	Prince William
Rebecca Shea Turner	Prince William
Abigail Morgan Turner	Prince William
Donna Weisheit	Prince William
Maggie Ross Straub	Pulaski
Ashley Jordan Underwood	Pulaski
Jordan Burdette McCammon	Rockingham
Tyler Olin Torkelson	Rockingham
Colton Andrew Chapins	Shenandoah
Addie Clara Guthrie	Shenandoah
Katelin Grace Kline	Shenandoah
Jay Ross	Shenandoah
Brian M. Walsh	Shenandoah
Whitney Shea Elswick	Smyth
Sarah Camellia Pond	Spotsylvania
June Kathryn Wilkinson	Spotsylvania
Mindy Robertson	Surry
Michael Glenn McBride	Tazewell
Alexander Jonathan Fuge	Virginia Beach
Heather Newton	Virginia Beach

On behalf of the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars, I would like to extend a huge and warm welcome to the list of fine 4-H members who were tapped this past summer at the 2011 Virginia State 4-H Congress at Virginia Tech. These new members endured a last minute change and still made it for a memorable experience for their tapping ceremony. Please be sure to say a job well done when you see these individuals in your respective counties!

Michelle Cock, Big Chief

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2011 Congress Report

The Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars held their annual Consecration Ceremony Tuesday, June 21, 2011 on the Virginia Tech Campus in Blacksburg, VA in conjunction with Virginia State 4-H Congress. The ceremony was moved from the Ag Quad to the Commonwealth Ballroom in Squires Student Center due to rain. Seventy-six new members were tapped in as All Stars. Fourteen were honorary members and the remaining 62 regular members. Of the 76 members, Southeast District had 2 honorary members and 1 regular member for a total of 3 new All Stars. Central District had a total of 5 regular new members. Northeast District had 3 honorary members and 3 regular members for a total of 6 new All Stars.



the committee chairman; Randy and Irene Leech for providing supplies and handling registration of new members; Susan Thomas for conducting the ceremony and new member orientation; Audrey Lee for assisting in conducting the ceremony; Michelle Cock for supplying new star name tags; Steve Wood for serving as the Eagle Scout; Dennis Bagnell, Andy Carrington, Cary Carrington, Julie Carrington, Mary Elmer, Kayla Eppard, Rita Eppard, Dorothy Haurman, Jim Hepner, Stacey Johnson, Kim Mayo, and Kristen Weeks for serving as Scouts; Sarah Gregory, Kathy Nies-Hepner,





The Virginia Star

Southwest District had 1 honorary member and 10 regular members for a total of 11 new All Stars. Northwest District had 4 honorary members and 13 regular members for a total of 17 new All Stars. Northern District had 4 honorary members and 30 regular members for a total of 34 new All Stars. Eight additional individuals were invited to join but did not accept or could not attend tapping. Of these eight, four would have been honorary members and 4 regular members.

The Ceremonial Committee would like to thank everyone who made the 2011 ceremony possible. Special thanks are due to the following: Ray Daubenspeck for serving as



Judy Ingle, and Bob Meadows for serving as singers; Cathy Sutphin, Tonya Price, Kathleen Jamison, and others in the State 4-H Office who coordinated scheduling and location of the ceremony; Jessica Ingle and Sam Leech for serving as liaisons to Cabinet concerning tapping; every All Star and new All Star who assisted with or participated in this year's ceremony; as well as all family members, leaders, and friends who attended the ceremony in support of an All Star.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lauren Hartburg,
2011 State Scout



2011 Summer Conference/Interstate Report

Thank you Virginia 4-H All Stars for making Interstate 2011 a great experience! Full time attendance was 104, five single day participants and 146 at the closing banquet. This was the best attendance in many years with an excellent turnout of 23 first time attendees and 10 high school and college age All Stars. In addition, we had three international participants and three children. We hope they will join us at future Midwinter and Summer Conferences as well as future Interstates!

Virginia 4-H All Stars are especially appreciative of Jimmy and Rachel Graves and the staff of Graves Mountain Lodge for being such wonderful hosts! The fund raiser sponsored by Jimmy Graves and Graves Mt. Lodge at their 2010 Blue Grass Festival raised enough to cover two days of bus transportation helping to make the conference more affordable.

Schedules were kept, tours were well received, the meals were wonderful, buses provided by Blue Ridge Coach Lines were comfortable, the hayride with the bear sighting was a hit and the campfire was a unique event at Interstate. Jack Tyree was the draw for the banquet. The heat could have been something left elsewhere, but overall it was fantastic!!

After paying all the bills, we ended in the black; we have sent the \$1,200 to Maryland for the 2012 conference. There has been \$850 set aside in the Virginia fund in anticipation of our next hosting of Interstate in 2015 in Southwest District. In addition, we anticipate offering partial scholarships to the 2012 Interstate to first time attendees at the 2011 Conference. Donations will be made in support of the 2012 and 2013 Interstate Conferences.

Two auctions raised \$3,100 for the Keffer Scholarship Endowment and \$850 for the Thomas Wilson Scholarship in Shenandoah County. Shields Jones, assisted by Kendal Whitt and Anna Rij, plus several other All Stars and spouses conducted the auction.

Jack Tyree and his family members had a memorable time. The summation of his presentation will be in the next Star. Mason Hutcheson was the speaker at the Sunday morning Memorial service that was well attended. Deb Nester and Southwest District were responsible for the service.

Mary Ball Massey provided ballpoint pens used for promotion and for participants. The Districts did an outstanding job of support. Pam Levinson and Janet Coffer coordinated the numerous door prizes on behalf of Central District. Jean Powers and Rose Talbot of Eastern District – South coordinated the hospitality room with assistance from many. Special thanks to those who contributed these items.

Northern District-West, under the leadership of Chief Rory Nansel, provided an excellent lunch on Saturday with a number of All Stars preparing and serving the meal in New Market. The district also provided banquet decorations in the form of commemorative All Star candleholders that were later auctioned off to raise scholarship money.

Northern District-East, in addition to being the host district, provided the Thursday evening dinner under the leadership of Doris Carpenter. Many area All Stars as well as the Culpeper 4-H Honor Club assisted Doris. The District also provided lunch on Friday under the leadership of Shields Jones and Patricia Langfitt. Rita Eppard and the Greene County All Stars sponsored the hayride and campfire.

Thirty-seven evaluations were returned and rated the conference 8.8 out of 10. Friends and fellowship was the most common reason for attending along with the historical focus and the tours following as a close second. Twenty-five felt the cost (Full time, no discount = \$180 to as low as \$105 for a college student attending their first conference, using the early bird and not eating breakfast.) was about right with six "great bargains" and none "too expensive". Of the 104 full time participants, 74 took advantage of the early bird discount.

Respectfully Submitted, William and Susan Thomas, Co-Chairs Interstate 2011

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2011 Interstate Conference

"Footprints in TIME!" Keynote Address

Jack Tyree, former Director of Virginia 4-H, entertained and inspired those present at the 20ll Interstate Conference. His opening remarks expressed his delight at being able to enjoy food and fellowship with so many 4-H All Stars whom he has not seen since the 1950's. Mr. Tyree, who is currently 95 years of age, launched his talk by recounting an assortment of humorous incidents that he experienced soon after arriving in Upshur County, West Virginia in 1940 to serve as their first County 4-H Club Agent. Mr. Tyree delighted his audience as he used gestures and imitated the high voice of a Home Demonstration Agent, a native of a Massachusetts, who had presented him with much advice and who was a leading character in a number of the incidents that he related.



As one might imagine the "Mansion of Memories" from which Mr. Tyree selected his fond memories contains many rooms and countless 4-Hers, All Stars, volunteers, family members, and Extension professionals who have inspired him and played a part in the 4-H experiences that enriched his life. He expressed gratitude for being able to recall so many wonderful experiences and thanked family and others who had made it possible for him to be present to share with the group. Mr. Tyree stated that the Interstate 4-H All Star Chapters have a rich history. This rich history did not just happen, but rather can be attributed to two major factors: the first is that the principles of 4-H provide a sound foundation; and the second is the 92 years of service that All Stars as volunteers have given to 4-H.

Tyree credited Mr. W.H. "Teepi" Kendrick, State 4-H Leader in West Virginia along with other West Virginia administrators and Extension professionals with designing and establishing the sound foundation and agreeing on the 4-H All Star name. In 1919 Mr. Kendrick noted, "Such an organization is needed to promote and to carry 4-H ideals forward, forever." Mr. Kendrick's vision was that All Stars would help West Virginia Cooperative Extension at every level of structure. He envisioned that All Stars would teach children and youth to evaluate, and to increase their Head, Heart Hands and Health abilities. This would then result in enabling youth to become desirable, productive citizens of the USA and the world. Persons who experienced enough of the dimension of the 4-H Program to become All Stars would in turn become on going leaders and supporters of Extension and the 4-H Program.

Of course, Mr. Kendrick's vision spread from West Virginia to other states. The scope and scale of the All Stars service to 4-H has been significant for the past 92 years. Mr. Tyree noted that Cathy Sutphin, Virginia's Director of 4-H, lauded the All Stars for their support of Virginia 4-H in the remarks she made earlier in the evening. The written state reports that have been provided to each of participant in the Interstate Conference packet further highlight the outstanding contributions of the All Stars in the states participating in Interstate.

Mr. Tyree indicated that he has found this Interstate Conference to be exceptional. He has been impressed that in addition to individuals that each district in the state of Virginia had an assignment to carry out some area of planning. These assignments resulted in the cooperation of many people who worked together to make the Interstate Conference a success. Eight states have had All Star Chapters and at one time shared in the hosting rotation. State 4-H leaders are expressing appreciation for the tremendous assistance, which All Stars are providing the 4-H Programs.

It is Mr. Tyree's view that State All Star Chapters have a significant future through continuing service to each state's 4-H Program. All Stars are to continue to share, to promote and to carry 4-H ideals forward, forever. All Stars also need to nurture 4-H by staying informed about organizational changes, and political and financial situations so that they can decide on actions to take to help insure that it is possible to continue to conduct a sound 4-H Program. All Stars need to work closely with the Extension personnel who manage the 4-H Program. Mr. Tyree emphasized, "We achieve the most when everyone works together."

In conclusion Mr. Tyree noted, "Isn't it strange that princesses and kings and clowns that caper in sawdust rings, and ordinary people like you and me are builders of eternity? To each is given a book of rules and a bag of tools. Each must make stumbling blocks or stepping stones before life has flown."

4-H All Stars have the privilege of building and presenting stepping stones. Mr. Tyree again emphasized how special it has been for him to be at Graves Mountain Lodge with so many special 4-H All Stars and family. He thanked the group for his many, many, marvelous memories.



Applications for the Wayne M. Keffer Scholarship, and nominations for the C. Dean Allen Award and A. Gilliam Bradshaw Award are due January 1st!!!

More information about requirements & nominations can be found at:

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

2012 Interstate Conference hosted in Maryland

"Come Join us for A Shore Good Time!!!" July 26-29, 2012 by exploring history, agriculture, recreation, dinner cruise and marine life! The conference is being planned at the Comfort Inn in Easton, MD with tours in Caroline, Talbot and Queen Anne Counties. Cost and details will follow with a more complete outline for you to make your plans for Interstate 2012! You may contact me at 410-778-0897 or 410-708-7548 with questions! We look forward to seeing you in Maryland!!!

Respectfully, Pat Scott, 2012 Interstate Chairperson

BIII OTHER

2012 4-H All Star Midwinter Conference Held at the La Quinta Inn & Suites in Radford! February 3-5, 2012

Full Conference Fee is only \$42.00!

Menu for the Banquet

The following menu for the Midwinter Banquet, Saturday-February 4, 2012 is provided to assist you in planning for dietary restrictions. If you have special needs please indicate on the registration form in the space provided.

Linda's Leafy Cranberry Pecan Salad with Red Wine Vinaigrette
Slow Roasted Turkey Breast with Stuffing and gravy
Sliced Top Round of Beef with Gravy
Oven Roasted Fresh Vegetable Medley
Cinnamon Apples
Macaroni and Cheese
Served with Hot Rolls, Tea, Coffee, Water, and Assorted Desserts





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Lodging arrangements for the 2012 Midwinter Conference should be made directly with the La Quinta Inns and Suites in Radford, VA.

Room rates are \$70.00/room plus tax!!

La Quinta Inns and Suites - Radford 1450 Tyler Ave Radford, VA 24141 Phone: 540-633-6800

Rooms are booked under:
"Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars."

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2012 MIDWINTER COMFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, February 3, 2012

7:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Executive Committee Meeting Part 1 (LaQuinta Meeting Room) *The Bistro located at the La Quinta is open from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM if anyone would like to eat on site upon arrival on Friday.*

Saturday, February 4, 2012

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast *Hotel Guests Only*
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Executive Committee Meeting Part 2 *La Quinta Meeting Room* (if needed)
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Conference Registration *Lobby of La Quinta*
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	All Star Service Project *La Quinta Meeting Room*
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Lunch at the Bistro at La Quinta Inn & Suites
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Radford University Group Tour or Personal Option (Glencoe Museum is nearby that
	focuses on the New River Valley. The exhibits there are free as well!)
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Business Meeting *Room TBD at Radford University*
6:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Travel to Baker's Best for Banquet *Business Casual Dress* (directions will be provided)
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Dinner & Entertainment at Baker's Best
8:30 PM - 11:00 PM	Social & Hospitality Room Open *La Quinta Family Suite - 2nd Floor*
	Committee Meetings *Time and Place determined by Committee Chair*
	Younger Member Outing *Adventure World (\$6.00 admission fee to be paid with registration)
	There will be a \$3.00 skate rental fee & Laser Tag is available at \$4.00/game.*

Sunday, February 5, 2012

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast *Hotel Guests Only*
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Devotions/Reflections *La Quinta Meeting Room*
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	District Meetings (TBD by District Chiefs)
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Business Meeting *La Quinta Meeting Room*
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	IFYE Meeting *La Quinta Meeting Room*
12:30 PM	Safe Travels — See you this summer!!!

Note: Hotel room check out for this conference is 12:00 PM!

2011 Midwinter Service Project

At this year's annual Midwinter Conference we will be collecting items for the Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley. As usual we will be packing tote bags with school supplies and personal hygiene items. If you will go to the Center's Needed Items page on their web site http://www.wrcnrv.org/howYouCanHelp/do_neededitems.shtml you will see their current list.

You are encourage you to visit their web site to learn more about the great job they are doing in the Radford area. Their address is http://www.wrcnrv.org/. The Center is located in Radford and our support of them this February will be a way to fulfill our motto of "Service". If you are not attending but would like to be involved you are encouraged to make a donation to them in the name of the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars. The mailing address is P.O. Box 477, Radford, VA 24143.

The service project will also include cutting out stars that will be put on the doors at Congress 2012. We will meet for the service project from 10:00 - 11:30 am in the meeting room at the La Quinta Inn in Radford, our conference headquarters.

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Midwinter Conference Registration Form

Name:	(Male/Female) Name	e Preferred on Namet	ag:	
Address: Number and Street	City		State	Zip
Telephone: ()	E-mail:			
Unit & Year Tapped:	Guest(s)			M/F
Special Needs - (dietary restrictions, request, etc.):				
		Number of Persons	Cost	Subtotal
Full Conference (Saturday - Sunday) (includes Saturday Lunch, Banquet, Saturday tour & meeting facilities include lodging) Lunch Choice from Bistro Supreme: Turkey, Ham, S Mixed Greens Circle your choice of bread: Wrap Whole Whea	wiss Cheese &		x \$42.00	=
Conference with No Lunch			x \$35.00	=
4-H All Star: College or High School Stude	ent Discount		x -\$5.00	=
Children (middle school and under) Discou	ınt		x -\$5.00	=
Younger Member Outing (25 & below) Ada Outing will be going to Adventure World in Christiansburg	mission		x \$6.00	=
Post-marked	AFTER Janu	uary 10, 2012	+ \$8.00	=
		Conference S	Subtotal:	\$
Saturday Banquet Only	(Discounts d	o not apply!)	x \$28.00	=
Contributions: • New Member Fund • Keffer Scholarship Fund				
			Total:	
Conferences guests, other than spouses and/or children, must be Guest(s) WILL NOT receive discounted rates. / No alco				
All Conference registrants need to read and sign the followin conduct myself during the course of this conference				

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