

## Smoke Signals from the Big Chief

***Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.***

***~Martin Luther King, Jr.***

As the Consecration Ceremony approaches, I am reminded of tales of a time when it was a surprise to be tapped and brought into that circle of smiling faces composed of men and women wearing white. Since then, many have been inducted and yet every year the number of All Stars making the circle seems to stay the same. Let's make this the year we have 100 All Stars wearing white and navy to greet those being tapped! Join me on June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Virginia Tech Ag Quad for this amazing way to celebrate the hard work of Virginia 4-H!

Our Summer Conference will be hosted by the Northern-West district July 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> in Staunton. The Interstate Conference will be the very next weekend, July 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. For both conferences, we have the opportunity to put together carpools or caravans. Send a message to our Facebook page or Yahoo group if you're interested in taking one or both of these journeys with other Virginia 4-H All Stars.

At our Midwinter Conference, we voted to accept 90 new initiates to be tapped. Some of us toured Radford University and the great on-campus Planetarium. There were many donated items for the local Women's Resource Center and others cut out stars for the doors at Congress. Dr. Ed Jones, Director of Virginia Cooperative Extension, was our keynote speaker and we learned that he is a Mississippi 4-H All Star! For our entertainment, Ricky Cox wowed us with songs and stories while enriching our knowledge of Appalachian folk culture. Thanks to everyone who contributed time or materials and especially the Planning Committee: Susan Thomas, Shai Cullop, Daniel Collins and the Southwest District.

The State budget has been set, but we continue to advocate for Virginia Cooperative Extension whenever we can. The 4-H program has big changes ahead. I encourage you to participate with your local All Stars group or create one for your county. Remind your Extension Agent that the All Stars are available to help with occasional volunteers, fundraisers, judges, planning special events, or whatever the group's strengths happen to be. This is one of the many ways we can live our motto of "Service". When you are volunteering in service to 4-H, let them know that you are and always will be a Virginia 4-H All Star!

**Yours in service,**  
**Michelle Cock**

**Big Chief, Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars**

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## “Stars in the Queen City!”

**July 20-22, 2012**

### **Summer Conference Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Male/Female) Name Preferred on Nametag: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

	Number of Persons	Cost	Subtotal
<b>Full Conference (Meetings &amp; Banquet)</b>		x \$36.00	
<b>American Frontier Museum</b> (Price is good for Group of 15+)		x \$7.00	=
<b>Woodrow Wilson Birthplace/Museum</b> (Price is good for Group of 10+)		x \$8.00	
<b>Sunspots Studios Glassblowing Tour/The Cheese Shop Tour</b>		FREE	
<b>Young Student (25 and under) Discount</b>		x -\$7.00	=
<b>Post-marked AFTER June 20, 2012</b>		+ \$7.00	=
<b>Conference Subtotal:</b>			\$
<b>Banquet Only (Discounts do not apply!)</b>		x \$25.00	=
<b>All Star Dues:</b>			
• Annual (\$10.00).....			
• Life (\$60.00).....			
<b>Contributions:</b>			
• New Member Fund.....			
• Keffer Scholarship Fund.....			
<b>NOTE: Additional cost will be required if tour group totals are not met!</b>			
<b>Total:</b>			

**Special Needs** - (dietary restrictions, requests, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Inactive members may become active by two years annual dues or life membership.

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).**

#### 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.

**PARENTS: Young All Star members will be supervised during conference proceedings.**

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:** Rory Nansel, NW District Chief Phone: 540-233-0010 E-mail: [nansel@shentel.net](mailto:nansel@shentel.net)



# "Stars in the Queen City!"

## 2012 4-H All Star Summer Conference

**Staunton, VA - Sleep Inn**

**July 20-22, 2012**

**Full Conference Fee is only \$36.00!**

Lodging arrangements for the 2012 Summer Conference should be made directly with the Sleep Inn.

**Room rates are \$79.99/room plus tax!!**

**Sleep Inn**  
**222 Jefferson Hwy. (Rt. 250)**  
**Staunton, VA 24401**  
**Phone: 540-887-6500**

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

### Schedule of Summer Conference Events

#### Friday, July 20, 2012

6:30 PM Teens! Meet at Hotel: Valley League Baseball game! \$5 (Kate Collins MS, Waynesboro)  
7:30-10 PM Executive Committee Meeting, Best Western Boardroom (Next to Mrs. Rowe's)

#### Saturday, July 21, 2012

6:00 - 10:00 AM Hot Breakfast, Sleep Inn(Hotel Guests Only)  
8:30 - 10:00 AM Exec. Committee, Best Western Boardroom (if needed)  
10:00 - Noon Conference Registration & Service Project  
Noon - 1:00 PM Lunch (on your own)  
1:30 - 3:45 PM In (and around) the Queen City - Tours  
3:45 - 4:15 PM Change for Dinner  
4:30 - 6:15 PM Business Meeting: Preston L. Yancey Fire Department, Fishersville\*  
6:15 - 9:00 PM Dinner and Entertainment  
9:00 - 11:00 PM Hospitality Time - Sleep Inn, Hospitality Room and Breakfast Area

#### Sunday July 22, 2012

6:00 - 9:00 AM Breakfast, sleep Inn (Hotel Guests only)  
9:15 - 9:45 AM Vespers, Preston L Yancey Fire Department, Fishersville\*  
9:45 - 10:30 AM District Meetings  
10:30 - 12:15 PM Business Meeting

\*Directions from Sleep Inn, Staunton, to Preston L. Yancey Fire Department, 2015 Jefferson Highway, Fishersville: Turn Right onto Jefferson Highway, after 400 feet, make a U-turn, go 4.5 miles. The Fire Department will be on the right, 0.4 mile past the Exxon Station, Look for Clover Sign.

**Summer Conference tours include Staunton's own  
Frontier Culture Museum, Woodrow Wilson Home & Museum and  
Sunspots Studios & Glassblowing!  
Don't miss this amazing opportunity to tour the "Queen City!"**

# The Virginia Star

### Smoke Signals from our Districts

Eastern District-South All Stars held their Fall 2011 meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Suffolk Extension Office. We discussed our Midwinter Conference responsibilities of name tags, registration and door prizes. Eastern District South All Stars were encouraged to urge local teens and adult volunteers to submit their applications for consideration to join the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars.

We met again on February 5, 2012 at Midwinter Conference in Radford, VA. We reviewed our Community Service project responsibilities for the Summer Conference. Possible projects mentioned were donating non-perishable canned goods for local food banks (tuna/peanut butter for protein) and white socks for local nursing home residents. We also discussed the All Star nomination and scholarship forms need to be made more user-friendly. A By-Laws Committee was formed to draft By-Laws for Eastern District South and a Nomination Committee was formed to develop a slate of officers for next year. We discussed the Eastern District-South's hosting the 2014 summer conference - possible locations and tours. Our next meeting will be held March 24, 2012 at the New Kent Extension Office at 9 a.m.

Eastern District -South Recorder, Rose Talbott

We will hold our fifth annual "End of Summer Welcome" picnic dinner to honor our new 2012 All Stars. This will be at Graves Mt. Lodge in Madison County on Sunday afternoon, August 12. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us!

T-shirts will be presented again this year to our new All Stars, we will hold a silent auction, have fellowship with our fellow All Stars and enjoy that great Graves Mountain Lodge food. Send your e-mail address to William Thomas at [wetsbt@gmail.com](mailto:wetsbt@gmail.com) to receive more details for the "Welcome" picnic. Northern District (East) All Stars interested in keeping up with district activities are encouraged to contact William for more information.

Partial scholarships to Summer Conference are available to any Northern District (East) All Star who will be attending a summer conference for the first time. Contact District Chief William Thomas if you wish to apply.

We assisted with public speaking and other contests at our district contest in the form of room chairs and/or judges. In addition we offer partial scholarships to Northern District (East) public speaking participants who will compete in Public Speaking at Congress.

Thanks to our Midwinter Conference participants who help us conduct a successful service project to benefit the Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley. We need door prizes for our summer conference.

Northern District - East Chief, William Thomas

The Southwest District All Stars hosted the 2012 Midwinter Conference in Radford, VA. All Star participants were treated to a tour of Radford University and a planetarium show on campus. The group met and lodged at the LaQuinta Inn in Radford. The staff was amazing to work with and couldn't have asked for a better time in Radford! The banquet was catered by Baker's Best at the RU West Campus building and Ricky Cox was our evening entertainment. The Southwest All Stars met on Sunday morning on Midwinter Conference to discuss upcoming events for the 2012 year. Things that were discussed were the 4-H Retreat at the 4-H Center, 4-H State Congress and District Contest.

Southwest District Chief, Shaí Cullop





### 2012 Midwinter Conference—Resolutions Report

Whereas the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars held their 2012 Midwinter Conference February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in Radford, Virginia; and in view of the fact that this event required the contributions of many people, let it beresolved that thanks and appreciation be expressed to the following groups or individuals:

- Southwest District and Chief Shai Cullop for hosting the event;
- Nino Giaimo and La Quinta Inn and Suites for their hospitality, for providing lunch, and for cooperating with us for the use of their facilities;
- Linda Eads and Baker’s Best for the Saturday evening banquet and meeting room for the business meeting at no additional charge;
- Shai Cullop for coordinating tours of the Radford University;
- Daniel Collins and Shai Cullop for serving as emcees for the Saturday evening banquet;
- Ricky Cox for sharing his expertise on Appalachian affairs with us;
- Cathy Sutphin for her presence, and support for the All Star program;
- Dr. Ed Jones, Director of Extension, for taking the time to attend our business meeting and banquet, and for updating us on matters pertaining to Extension and his vision as to how we “Build for the Future”;
- Susan Thomas, Past Big Chief, for assisting with the planning for Midwinter Conference;
- Irene and Randy Leech for receiving registration, and handling necessary contracts and financial matters;
- William Thomas for preparing the banquet program and travel directions;
- Eastern District South, Jean Powers and Rose Talbott for assisting with registration, providing name tags, and providing door prizes;
- Northern District East and Chief William Thomas for coordinating the service projects: 144 stars were cut out to be placed on the doors of 2012 initiates, and the doors of current All Stars who attend Congress; Thanks go to all All Stars who provided school supplies, hygienic items, and foods for the service project. These items have been donated to the New River Valley Women’s Center;
- William and Susan Thomas for sponsoring the first Dottie Nelson Award;
- Northern District West and Chief Rory Nansel for sponsoring the Hospitality Room;
- Central District and Audrey Lee, Pam Levinson and Janet Cofer for providing table decorations and favors;
- Eastern District North and Chief Sarah Gregory for leading our time of meditation and devotions;
- Big Chief Michelle Cock for presiding over our business sessions, and overseeing the affairs of the chapter;
- Jean Powers, and those from Eastern District South, who assisted her with reviewing new member application, and the preparation of our membership ballots.

I believe it should be clear to all that many hands have been involved in the preparations for this conference. Once again, let’s make note of the fact that our thanks are due to all of these persons who have served the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Susan Thomas, Past Big Chief

### 2012 State 4-H Congress



The 2012 All Star Tapping Ceremony will be held Tuesday, June 26th at 3:30 PM in the Agriculture Quad of Virginia Tech’s Campus (between Price, Hutcheson, Smyth, Seitz, and Saunders Halls). For All Stars who would like to serve as scouts or stand in the circle to welcome new All Stars there will be a practice on **Tuesday, June 26th from 12:30 to 2:00 PM.** There will be a 4-H All Star Orientation for New Tappees on Monday, June 25th in Dietrick Dining Hall from 6:00 to 7:00 PM and All Star Workshop for Tappees on Tuesday, June 26th from 1:00 to 2:00 PM.

#### Follow The Gleam

Song that will be sung during the All Star Tapping Ceremony.

#### First Verse

To the Knights in the days of old  
 Keeping watch on the mountain height  
 Came a vision of a Holy Grail  
 And a voice through 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

#### Second Verse

And we who would serve the King  
 And loyalty Him obey  
 In the consecrate silence know  
 That the challenge still holds today



#### Tapping Attire

Below you will find a reminder from the policy manual concerning the dress code for the Tapping Ceremony.

**404: Dress for the Consecration Ceremony shall be as follows:**

**Women**—all white, street-length dress; no colored trim or ribbon; white shoes; 4-H All Star jewelry recommended.

**Men**—white dress shirt; navy blue pants; solid navy blue tie and dark shoes & socks; 4-H All Star jewelry recommended.

#### Congress Photo

On Monday, June 25th, we will be organizing/directing the Congress group photo once again. You do not have to be participating in the Tapping Ceremony to help. If you are able to help for any of that time, please contact Audrey Lee, aulee@vt.edu for further information.





## In Memory...

- **Hubert S (Bert) Widener (Carroll '78)** retired Extension Agent from Carroll County died July 9, 2011.
- **James Allen Smith, (Appomattox 1981)** retired Appomattox Extension Agent died Tuesday, August 31, 2010 at his residence. He was a Past President of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents. His son Blair Smith of Appomattox is a 1981 All Star.
- **Lelia Mayton, (Montgomery 1978),** retired Extension Agent from Montgomery County died July 10, 2010.
- **Dawn (Poleski) Whipple- (Fluvanna 1979)** passed away November 10, 2010. She was an occupational therapist and worked in the school systems with PREP, and the last few years she worked for the Albemarle Therapy Center in Charlottesville.
- **Marion Duffey Macleod (Dinwiddie 1941)** passed away on the March 17th, 2011.
- **Oliver D. Washington of Tappahannock (Essex 1990),** owner and founder of Washington Funeral Home, Inc. died Sept. 19, 2011. He was a Past President of the Jamestown 4H Education Center.
- **Robert George Apperson,(Culpeper 1939),** of Culpeper died Friday, February 24, 2012 at Culpeper Regional Hospital. He retired in 1989 after working 33 years with the United States Department of Agriculture as office manager of the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service.

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# Deadline

## Notice of Bylaws Revision for Summer Conference

- The State 4-H Staff may nominate a maximum of six (6) unit Extension staff and four (4) state or district Extension personnel for Honorary membership. These nominees shall have rendered outstanding service to the 4-H program for at least ~~seven~~ **five** years, two of which shall have been in Virginia.
- The unit membership committee may annually nominate three (3) adult volunteer leaders for honorary membership into the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars. A maximum of eighteen (18) adult leaders may be inducted annually into membership. A nominee must have rendered outstanding service to the 4-H program for at least ~~seven (7)~~ **five (5)** years, two of which shall have been in Virginia.
- At any regular meeting, the Chapter may elect to Honorary Membership;
  - Any person from a foreign country who has rendered outstanding service to 4-H or similar youth work in his/her country.
  - Any representative from a donor organization who has rendered outstanding service to the 4-H program.
  - Any person not otherwise eligible who has rendered outstanding service to the 4-H program.
- An affirmative two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present and voting is required for election to honorary membership. To be initiated to membership, said honorary nominee must attend a Consecration Ceremony.
- Honorary members may become active members by payment of dues as specified in Article II of the Bylaws. See Article I, Section 3B for definition of active membership.

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## Bradshaw Service Award

*The Bradshaw Service Award is to provide recognition for individual active 4-H All Stars with 15 years or less experience. This award was set up in memory of A. Gilliam Bradshaw, III.*

This award recipient has been a State 4-H Cabinet Member, attended National 4-H Congress in 2006 and National 4-H Conference in 2008, spoke at the Legislative Trail Ride in 2008, and her major 4-H project was horse. She competed in numerous horse shows, Hippology, the Horse Bowl, and horse judging, competing on the state teams at regional and national competitions. She has had numerous entries in local and state fairs, with entries in crafts, photography, sewing and cooking. She has been the Congress Cabinet All Star Liaison, helped with the group photo at Congress, assisted with All Star workshops at State 4-H Congress, reviewed All Star applications, served as a room chair for public speaking and is our State Scout. She gets into the spirit of "All Star Service" by volunteering at the state 4-H State Show, visiting nursing homes with therapy dogs, food drives, Operation Military Kids, helping with Bible School, church fundraising projects, church youth activities and mission trips. A 2006 All Star from Albemarle County, she is a sophomore at Liberty University, majoring in Music with Choral Specialization, Keyboard emphasis. She began taking piano lessons when she was 4 years old and she has discovered the joy of sharing this passion with others. Since she started learning the harp in March 2011, she also wants to add a String Performance Minor to her studies. To do this, she must become dual enrolled in Liberty University and UVA for harp instruction. She wants to pursue graduate and doctoral studies in music, ultimately conducting choral ensembles, teaching music theory and private piano instruction on the collegiate level. She wishes to use her ability as a harpist in orchestral and music therapy roles, as well as to teach private harp lessons. This multi-talented young lady is our current Lesser Chief, **Lauren Hartburg**.



## C. Dean Allen Award

*The C. Dean Allen award is named after our long-time All Star liaison with the State 4-H Office, and he was also coordinator of International 4-H Exchange programs in Virginia. The award's purpose is to recognize Extension staff who have been supportive of the All Star mission of service, involving All Stars in the local 4-H program, and providing 4-H International opportunities for youth and host families in the unit or area.*



The 2012 recipient obtained a BA - Physical, Health & Driver's Education from Emory & Henry College in 2004. Thereafter, he obtained his Master of Sciences in Career & Technical Education Extension Education & Youth Development from Virginia Tech in 2006. Career wise, he has been a Therapeutic Mentor for DePaul Family Services, an assistant Volleyball Coach at Emory & Henry College, 4-H Camp Programming Staff, a Special Education Aide and Volleyball Coach at Virginia Intermont College and finally landed job in his chosen career as a 4-H Agent in Grayson County. After serving there for a few years, he has just recently transferred to his native Smyth County to be the 4-H Agent there. Tapped into the All Stars in 1999, this person has served as a scribe in his district chapter and also the state chapter. He works with his district All Stars who sponsor an annual teen weekend. In 2007, he took over as editor of the *The Virginia Star* and he maintained the Yahoo Group for the Virginia 4-H All Stars which is now our primary means of promoting All Star activities among our active members. It is difficult to segregate his community service as a 4-Her, an adult volunteer leader, an All Star, and now a 4-H Agent, because the transition was so seamless. He consistently pitches in for the service portion of any meeting or conference, including donations of time, money and materials. Outside of 4-H, he remains involved in his service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega. Of course, this guy is the Southwest All Star and 4-H Agent, **Daniel Collins**.

## Keffer Memorial All Star Scholarships

**Kayla Eppard** was active as a 4-H member in projects such as Market Lamb (Herdsmanship Award), Heifer and Market Steers (County Reserve Champion Steer). She served 5 years as a leader for 4-H camp and was a mentor and teen coach for her club and county's LEGO League earning District wins. She has served in many leadership roles as an officer in local and county clubs, holding every office at one time or another. She has been a State 4-H Cabinet member, helping plan State 4-H Congress, District Teen Ambassador, All Star Liaison and Cabinet mentor. Since being tapped into the All Stars, she has been Chief and Lesser Chief at county level, district Scribe and state Scout. With the exception of one interstate conference, she has been to every Virginia 4-H All Star Conference since being tapped in 2007. She was in the high school National Honor Society, the Debate Club and Hope and Eagles tutoring program. The Greene County All Star is a sophomore at James Madison University and is majoring in Elementary Education.



**Victoria Snyder** was active in Consumerama, Leadership and Fashion Revue. She was a state competitor in 4-H Fashion Revue. She was club president, treasurer, teen council Vice President and President. She was a camp counselor for Jr. 4-H Camp and Fair Camp. She has volunteered with nursing homes, picked up garbage, rung bells for the Salvation Army, stuffed stockings for youth and volunteered with the Jay-cee's Haunted House. After high school, Victoria went to college for just over 2 years studying Psychology and Social Work. She left college to be a wife and mother which led to volunteering with other organizations that include Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. After running a home-based day care and home-school her own children, she returned to college and is now pursuing a degree in Nursing. She values the connection of patient care and wants to support new mothers in their new roles. Victoria is a 1994 Prince William All Star and is a junior at Radford University.





## **Dottie Nelson** **Award for Excellence in** **4-H International Programs**



Dottie Nelson, Bland 1974, was presented with the inaugural “Dottie Nelson Award for Excellence in 4-H International Programs” at the 2012 Midwinter Conference banquet. The Executive committee established the award to recognize initiative, growth, leadership and accomplishments in 4-H International programs by volunteer adult leaders. The purpose is to encourage volunteers to take leadership in programs with emphasis on opportunities which broaden the horizon of participants.

A similar award, the C. Dean Allen Award recognizes Extension Staff for their involvement in international programs and/or All Stars. As a 4-H volunteer, Dottie is seen as the face of 4-H related international programs in Virginia and the Executive Committee felt this was an appropriate honor for her extensive service.

In 2009 she was honored by the National Epsilon Sigma Phi organization as one of three volunteers selected as a national Friend of Extension award winner. The following excerpt does an excellent job of giving her credentials.

***Dottie Nelson** has been credited by 4-H agents and volunteer leaders with keeping the International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) program alive and growing in Virginia for more than 20 years. As its inbound and outbound coordinator, Nelson processes all program applications, purchases airline tickets, recruits host families throughout Virginia, plans and carries out orientation sessions, and ensures that participants have opportunities to take part in 4-H camps and State 4-H Congress, as well as to tour Washington D.C. She has worked with officials in numerous countries to place delegates, while serving at the national level as vice president and secretary of the IFYE Foundation and twice serving on the IFYE Association Board of Directors.*

*A native of Bland, Nelson also volunteers with the Virginia 4-H/Japanese and FLEX High School Exchange programs, the summer 4-H Japanese exchange program, ...”*

In addition, in 2007 the All Stars honored Dottie with the Hall of Fame award. That presentation noted that she had held the offices of Big Chief, Lesser Chief and Recording Scribe as well as being Southwest District Chief, Lesser Chief, Scribe and Reporter. She also served as The Virginia Star Editor for eight years.

The following is the eligibility for the award:

1. Nominee must have been an adult 4-H volunteer leader for the three (3) or more years.
2. Nominee must be supportive of the 4-H All Star Mission of Service, be involved in 4-H All Star programs and have provided 4-H International opportunities for youth and families.

Nominations may be made by 4-H volunteers, unit (county/city), District or State Extension Faculty members.

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