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*Smoke Signals from the Big Chief*

Hello 4-H All Stars! I am so pleased to have been given the opportunity to serve you as your Big Chief! So far, it has been quite an adventure! I am incredibly honored to be asked to serve after Michelle Cock and Susan Thomas, two women who I have had the great privilege to work with the last few years. These two ladies have done so much great work for the Virginia 4-H All Stars and I am excited to use what I have learned from them in my own term as Big Chief.

The past two years, I served as your State Scout and loved getting to know so many of you. This past June, during State 4-H Congress, we enjoyed a lovely consecration ceremony where we initiated 100 new members! This organization is one that has so many diverse individuals and at 4-H Congress and All Star conferences, it is amazing how we all come together. To those of you who have been All Stars for quite a few years, as well as those of you who have recently joined us, I encourage you to attend state conferences, district events, and local All Star functions to get to know each other and to contribute to the Virginia 4-H program together.

In addition to our beautiful tapping ceremony, we also enjoyed a wonderful summer conference in Richmond. Although we had a few lodging speed bumps, a big thanks goes out to Sarah Gregory and her conference planning committee for all of their work, especially in the weeks leading up to the conference! Many attendees went on tours of the New Kent Winery and St. Peter's Episcopal Church, while others got a workout jumping around at Jumpology. While I was unable to attend Interstate Conference in West Virginia this summer, I have heard great things about this conference as well!

If you have never attended a state All Star conference before, consider attending our upcoming Midwinter Conference in Orange, VA. New members: grab a few All Star friends and catch a ride with an older All Star or bring your parents! I have done both and have had the most incredible experiences. For those of you who have attended a conference before, note the special prize for All Stars who bring the most new-conference attendees to this conference!

Finally, save the date for State 4-H Congress June 16<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup> at Virginia Tech. Our 2014 Tapping Ceremony will be on Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> but we will also need help with our ice cream social, the group photo, and public speaking competitions. Look out for more information in the coming months. Hope to see you there!

Yours in service,  
 Kayla Eppard  
 Big Chief, Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars

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If you have a Facebook account we want you to add us!!! All you need to do is search **Virginia 4-H All Stars**...one of the group moderators will get you added so you can connect with All Stars from all over!!! If you do not have an account yet, don't think you you're too young to have one...it is easy and FREE!!! Sign up at [www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/)



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## Investing in Our **FUTURE!**

February 1-2, 2014—Orange, VA

### Virginia 4-H All Stars Midwinter Conference Registration Form

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street City State Zip

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

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

	Number of Persons	Cost	Subtotal
Full Conference (Montpelier Tour, Lunch, Meeting & Banquet)		x \$50.00	
1st Time Attendee Discount (1st time attending Midwinter Conference)		- \$10.00	
<b>Not attending Full Conference?</b>			
Registration		x \$5.00	
Montpelier Tour		x \$12.00	=
Lunch		x \$10.00	=
<b>Your Conference Subtotal:</b>			\$
<b>Late Fee (If postmarked after January 18)</b>		x \$5.00	=
<b>BANQUET ONLY</b>		x \$30.00	=
Saturday Business Meeting, Registration & Meal (Discounts do not apply!)			
<b>All Star Dues:</b>			
• Annual (\$10.00).....			
• Life (\$60.00).....			
<b>Contributions:</b>			
• New Star Fund (supports new member recognition and participation.....			
• Keffer Scholarship Fund.....			
<b>Total Due:</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 (\$25 service charge for returned checks)**

Send registration and check to: **Attention: Randy and Irene Leech, 4220 N. Fork Rd., Elliston, VA 24087**

Registration Questions: **Randy & Irene Leech-540-268-5373-Home, 540-268-1018-Fax, ileech@vt.edu**

Questions: **William & Susan Thomas -Phone: 540-825-1873 E-mail: thomasvtcc@verizon.net**

Are you attending because you received a special invite from a fellow All Star? If so, list name \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not attending Montpelier tour, would you assist with service at Dogwood Village?  YES  NO

# "Investing in Our FUTURE!!!"

## 2014 4-H All Star Midwinter Conference

Orange, VA - Holiday Inn

February 1-2, 2014

Full Conference Fee is only \$50.00!

Lodging arrangements for the 2014 Midwinter Conference should be made directly with the Holiday Inn using the 4-H All Star rate. Room rates are \$89.00/room plus tax!! **BOOK EARLY!!!**

**Holiday Inn**  
**750 Round Hill Dr.**  
**Orange, VA 22960**  
**Phone: 540-672-6691**

Torchbearer Award winner-Only 3% of IHG properties receive this recognition!

### Schedule of Midwinter Conference Events

#### Friday, January 31, 2014

7:30-10 PM Executive Committee Meeting, Hampton Inn Board Room

#### Saturday, February 1, 2014

6:00 - 10:00 AM Free Hot Breakfast, Holiday Inn Express (Hotel Guests Only)  
8:30 - 10:00 AM Executive Committee (If needed)  
10:00 - Noon Conference Registration, IFYE Meeting & Service Project  
11:30 - 1:00 PM Lunch and Service Project at Dogwood Village (Sr. Living Community)  
1:30 - 4:00 PM Depart for Montpelier Tour  
Shopping Downtown and Antiquing  
4:30 - 5:45 PM Business Meeting at Holiday Inn Express  
6:00 - 6:30 PM Get Ready/Change for Dinner  
6:30 PM Dinner/Banquet at Holiday Inn Express (Business Casual Dress)  
9:00 - 11:00 PM Group Dancing/Games/Hospitality

#### Sunday, February 2, 2014

6:00 - 10:00 AM Free Hot Breakfast, Hampton Inn (Hotel Guests Only)  
9:15 - 9:45 AM Vespers & Memorial Service in Hotel Meeting Room  
9:45 - 10:15 AM District Meetings  
10:15 AM Hotel Check-out  
10:45 - Noon Business Meeting & IFYE Presentation(s)

### Smoke Signals from our Districts

Our recognition picnic for 2013 Northern District-East All Stars was held August 2th at Graves Mt. Lodge in Syria. We had 32 All Stars and 21 guests for a total of 53 in attendance. This included seven 2013 All Stars. Nine counties were represented and the 32 All Stars were tapped from 15 different counties. For the second straight year, we had one or more All Stars representing each decade from the '40's to the present for a total of 13 decades. Our silent auction once again netted the District Treasury over \$400. That money is used to support district activities. Chapter activities include scholarships to members who attended conferences for the first time; scholarships to 4-H'ers who participated in the public speaking contest at state; t-shirts; cost of picnic meal for new All Stars, supplies and postage.

Northern District All Stars met Thursday, November 21st at Pepper's Grillin the Culpeper Best Western Motel to review membership forms. Sixteen All Stars attended, representing eight counties. Seven Extension Agents attended, including one non-All Star.

We are looking forward to hosting the annual Midwinter Conference in Orange. Hope to see many of you at that event!

Officers elected to serve for 2013 - 2014 are as follows:

Chief - William Thomas Culpeper 1976

Lesser Chief - Judy Ann Fray Madison 1997

Scribe - Anna Rij 2005

Treasurer - Roger Suder Culpeper 1964

Eastern District South All Stars conducted their district meeting during 2013 Midwinter Conference. Assignments for our district responsibilities for the 2013 Summer Conference were planned and assigned.

Our newly tapped All Star from Surry County made an All Star presentation to the 11-13 year olds at Intermediate Congress on how to document their 4-H careers and apply to become an All Star.

Our fall district meeting was hosted at the Virginia Beach 4-H Office in November. 2014 Midwinter Conference district assignments were assigned. The District Membership Committee met in Surry in November and reviewed All Star Nomination forms to be forwarded to the State Membership Committee. Billie Jean Elmer, District Advisor, encouraged all units to inform their All Star 4-H high school members and young adult All Star alumni about the state All Star scholarships opportunities.

Eastern District South will host the 2014 Summer Conference in Smithfield on July 12-13, 2014. The planning committee started working on tours, banquet, speakers and entertainment. All Stars throughout the district continue to assist with district contest, Summer Congress and Intermediate Congress, local, district and state livestock and horse shows, summer day camps and 4-H Junior Camp at Wakefield.

Eastern District South is working to include a Younger Member Involvement Committee in local and district events, including Midwinter and Summer Conferences. Eastern District South All Stars have updated their bylaws to include the new VCE indicia.

The Southwest District 4-H All Stars met on November 19 at the Smyth County Extension Office. The treasurer's report was given and it was voted to keep the account with Rogene Nester as of now. A copy of the By-laws was given out and a few changes were made. Those changes will be sent out to the membership and will be voted on at the next meeting.

Discussion followed about the Public Speaking Score Sheets, saying a need was there for conformity with the forms, especially on the Area Level. A date will be set for a District Public Speaking Contest, which is sponsored by the All Stars. Southwest District will host the Interstate Exchange in 2015. Steve Wood has information about the 2014 cruise. New nomination forms were distributed and gone over. 4-H Leader Nominations were gone over, and were ranked in order for membership and 2 were considered as At-large. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

New officers were elected, and they are as follows:

Officers elected to serve for 2013 - 2014 are as follows:

Big Chief - Donna Hamm, Smyth County

Lesser Chief - Mary Gee, Tazewell County

Scribe - Amanda Barbrow, Smyth County

Treasurer - Rogene Nester, Carroll County

Historian - Spencer Gee, Tazewell County

## 2013 Summer Conference—Resolutions Report

The Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars gathered for their Summer Conference in Richmond and New Kent County Virginia on July 19, 20 and 21, 2013 at the Homewood Suites, 5996 Audubon Dr., Sandston, VA 23150. The theme of the Conference “Back To Our Roots”.

Whereas, we would like to thank and acknowledge the following:

- The Rector, **Rev. Paul Rowel of St. Peter’s Episcopal Church**, New Kent County, for the tours of the church and grounds. The first President George and first Lady Martha Washington of the USA were married there.
- **Paul Davis and family** for offering the use of the family farm Pavilion that overlooks the Pamunkey River in New Kent County. Also thanks for arranging a tour of Martha Washington’s birth place.
- Thanks to **Richard Potter and sister Sharon Fowlkes** for their input and showing of the scrapbook of Martha Dandridge Washington’s life. Martha’s original home burned in 1926. Mr. Potter lives on the property where Martha was born.
- Thanks to **John Yakshe and New Kent ELC** for their support.
- **New Kent County School System and Nina Brown, bus driver.** Arrangements were made with New Kent County School System for bus service.
- **Cynthia Rowles**, 4-H Agent, and New Kent County ELC for all their support and organization of tours.
- **Kendra K. Young**, 4-H Agent, Henrico County, Eastern North Agent Advisor, for making Hotel Arrangements, Jumpology tickets, Gifts and Door Prizes.
- **William (Bill) Weimer**, Henrico 4-H All Star, for the Blessing of Thanksgiving, and Guest Speaker on his 4-H experience and New York Life Insurance consultant.
- **Mike Bobbit and Judy Scott** – New Kent Winery Tours.
- **Raynelle Ankney** for providing a great lunch and dinner, Cookout at Farm.
- **Phil Leech** for the food contribution to 4-H All Stars.
- **Walter E. Saxton, Jr. DDS, PC** for donation of 4-H All Star Water Bottles.
- **Randy Leech** for supplying the music during our Saturday picnic.
- **Sarah J. Gregory, Eastern North Chief** for gifts and door prizes and co-organizing the conference.
- Thanks to the **Chesterfield Cooperative Extension Office** for printing the programs for the 4-H All Star Conference.
- Thanks to **Irene Leech** for your help with management of the Conference.
- Thanks to the **Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars** for the collection of school supplies for our service project, Matthew’s Haven donation to St. Peter’s Episcopal Church.
- Thanks to **William and Susan Thomas** for the Memorial Service of VA 4-H All Stars.
- Thanks to our **Big Chief, Michelle Cock, the Hospitality Committee, all 4-H All Stars and committees** that made the Summer All Star Conference a success!

Therefore, be it resolved, that we thank the above people and businesses for these contributions and services.

Resolution Committee Members,

*Barbara Spangler, Chair Sarah J. Gregory Mary Ball Massey Shawnda Gregory*



## 2014 Midwinter Conference Information

Be sure to mark February 1 & 2, 2014 on your calendar now and plan to join fellow 4-H All Stars for our annual Midwinter Conference. The award winning Orange Holiday Inn Express will be the headquarters.

With the theme of “Investing in Our Future” we will invite past winners of the Keffer Scholarship as special guests. They will be recognized at the Saturday evening banquet with John Dooley as guest speaker. The Chief Operating Officer of the Virginia Tech Foundation, John Dooley is better known to the 4-H family as Director at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center 1982-1991; his time as Director of the Virginia 4-H Foundation (1991-1995 and as Director of Virginia 4-H (1995-2001).

Saturday afternoon offers a tour of Montpelier, home of James Madison. At the 2008 Midwinter Conference, we toured the home during its renovation. The work is complete and Montpelier has been returned to the James Madison era, and a new Educational building / wonderful gift shop have been added. There will be additional afternoon options. As always we will have the service project of cutting out Stars for the doors of All Stars at Congress.

Lunch will be at Dogwood Village, a senior living facility, where we will have a service project working with seniors who are residents. Those not touring Montpelier will be able to assist residents in making Valentine decorations for their room doors. All Stars may bring small gifts such as pens, pads of note paper, Post-It notes as gifts for these residents. Mill Valley Barbeque will serve the banquet at the Holiday Inn Express Saturday evening. Mill Valley Barbeque is owned and operated by Rodney Lillard, a 1980 Madison 4-H All Star.

We are bringing back a focus from past conferences where we recognized reunion years. A special invitation will be sent to those tapped in 2004 (10 year); 1994 (20 year); 1984 (30 year); 1974 (40 year) and 1964 (50 year). In many cases those fellow All Stars who were tapped the same year as you, were friends from your county or district against whom who you may have competed or served with on teams; traveled with to 4-H events; camped together for years; were members of the same club; or had some of those many 4-H experiences that 4-H alumni enjoyed. For information contact Northern District East Chief William Thomas by email – wetsbt@gmail.com.

## Invite Your Friends!!!!!!!

It is generally understood that people are more likely to participate in events through personal contact. We are encouraging our membership to be involved in personally inviting others to attend.

Can you win the prize for bringing the most first time attendees to the 2014 Midwinter Conference? To encourage All Stars to attend their first Midwinter Conference the host district, Northern East, is offering a prize to the All Star who can get the most fellow All Stars to their first Conference. The winner will receive money for expenses, a gift basket and the pleasure of knowing they have helped strengthen Virginia 4-H All Stars.

The guidelines are: 1) The All Stars attending acknowledge on their registration that they were encouraged to attend because of your contact; 2) They must attend the full conference (not just the banquet); 3) you submit the names to Conference Chair William Thomas by January 25th.

## In Honor and Memory of our fellow 4-H All Stars...

<b>R. DuVal Dickinson</b> , (Spotsylvania '39) died March 11, 2013 in Fredericksburg, VA.	<b>Marcia Burnham Meador</b> (Jamestown 4-H Center 1994) died March 21, 2013.
<b>Dr. Hubert John Gerken Jr</b> (Montgomery '74), of Burlington, N.C., died Oct. 27, 2012.	<b>Katherine Ratliff Miller</b> (Wythe '93) died March 21, 2013, in Wytheville, VA.
<b>Sallie Wetsel Gochenour</b> (Shenandoah, '68) age 94 died on July 4, 2013, in Woodstock.	<b>Laurel Stewart Woodbeck</b> (Fairfax '77) passed away in California on October 19, 2012
<b>Dr. John S. Huddleston</b> (Page '71) of Calabash, NC died June 28, 2013.	<b>Ella Gay McCurdy Potter</b> , 82 Rockbridge, died November 19.
<b>Dr. Joyce Anderson Martin</b> , (Montgomery '83) of Lenoir City, Tennessee, formerly of Bassfield, Mississippi passed away December 26, 2012.	

## **NOMINATION FORMS**

During the upcoming year, the Virginia 4-H All Stars will be working tediously to update nomination forms and taking suggestions from our fellow All Stars. Please talk with your unit agents, chapters, district chapters and think about the nomination form that was updated in 2007. Any suggestions that you can send to the FORMS COMMITTEE would be welcomed & considered! Please send your suggestions to Carol Nansel, Forms Chair at [cnansel@vt.edu](mailto:cnansel@vt.edu) or call 540-459-6140!

**March 15, 2014**  
***The Virginia Star***  
**Deadline**

### **All Star Award Deadlines**

Don't forget to send in your nominations for the following awards by January 1:

...the C. Dean Allen Award for Excellence, recognizing a Unit Extension Faculty member with three (3) or more years of service to All Stars and/or 4-H International opportunities for youth.

...the Bradshaw Service Award for a 4-H All Star of 15 years or less membership who has rendered outstanding service to the All Star organization and other community service exemplifying our motto of service.

...the Dottie Nelson Service Award for Excellence in 4-H International Programs, recognizing a 4-H All Star or Volunteer with three (3) years of more of service in providing 4-H International opportunities for youth and families.

...the Wayne Keffer Memorial College Scholarships (two of \$600 each) for Virginia 4-H All Stars who are currently college freshman, sophomores, juniors, seniors, or graduate students.

Forms may be obtained on the website at [http://www.4-h.ext.vt.edu/groups/allstars/4h\\_allstars.html](http://www.4-h.ext.vt.edu/groups/allstars/4h_allstars.html) or by contacting our Awards Chairman, Dottie Nelson, at 276-617-1065 or [dottieifye@yahoo.com](mailto:dottieifye@yahoo.com).

Completed forms should be sent to: Dottie Nelson, Awards Chairman, P.O. Box 144, Bland, VA 24315...postmarked by January 1st!

## **Welcome to our 2013 Virginia 4-H All Star Initiates**

***The Virginia Star***

Jackie Haymaker	Accomack	Grace Catherine Kaiser	Louisa
Elizabeth Morgan Lynn Snyder	Accomack	Jensen Oliver Powell	Louisa
Kasey Leigh Toth	Accomack	Hunter Elgin Watkins	Louisa
Emily Paige Eubank	Amherst	Denise Webb	Madison
Ashley Marie Heffelfinger	Bedford	Brooke Elizabeth Paramore	Madison
Thomas Levi Gibson	Bland	Caitlin Joyce Shilan	Madison
Colton Edward Havens	Bland	Caleb Michael Webb	Madison
Rebecca Paige Havens	Bland	Susan H. Burch	Montgomery
Regan Alexis Johnson	Bland	Scott Greiner	Montgomery
Jeremy Shawn Nelson	Bland	Hayden Douglas Burch	Montgomery
Carolyn Sutphin Hicks	Carroll	Megan Elizabeth Harris	Orange
Zebulon Lane Hicks	Carroll	John Michael Knight	Orange
Jeffery Ray Vass	Carroll	Robert Thomas Nixon III	Orange
Gaynor Hay	Chesterfield	Delaney Breene O'Donnell	Orange
Dinah Hill	Chesterfield	Lynette Shenk	Page
Christy Anne Lemay	Chesterfield	Samantha Lee Shenk	Page
Catilin Anne Schoemmell	Chesterfield	Sandy Arnold	Prince William
Phyllis Catherine Hope	Clarke	Cindy Puryear	Prince William
Monica Lynn Wisecarver	Clarke	Ronald Smith	Prince William
Matthew Luke Heinrich	Culpeper	Michelle Emily Leporatti	Prince William
Kelsey Leigh Carlton	Dinwiddie	Marie Margaret Lerch	Prince William
Jessica Marie Hoak	Dinwiddie	Mikaela Jeannette Mattes	Prince William
Arielle Veronica Amphe	Fairfax	Troy Edward Vigil	Prince William
Rachel Sara Stephenson	Fairfax	Mikayla H. Bailey	Rockingham
Esther Rose Hethcox	Fauquier	Ashley Marie Craun	Rockingham
Christopher John Markham	Fluvanna	Chelsea Brooke Ellington	Rockingham
Jordan Ashley Ruffner	Fluvanna	Savannah Danielle Fink	Rockingham
Rose McDonald	Frederick	Alexandra Cleo Holloway	Rockingham
Amanda Simons	Frederick	Helena Grace Hopkins	Rockingham
Delmar B. Larrick III	Frederick	Melissa D. Hockman	Shenandoah
Laura M. Redman	Gloucester	Susan St. Amand	Shenandoah
Hannah Ruth Eller	Grayson	Bradley Allen Custer	Shenandoah
Gina Marie Liu	Greene	Bethany Renee Gochenour	Shenandoah
Nathan David March	Greene	Rachel Elizabeth Harriman	Shenandoah
Mary Allison Ellis	Hanover	Treva Frye Collins	Smyth
Lauren Stephanie Jones	Hanover	Laurinda H. Sturgill	Smyth
Corene Ruth Cantwell	Henrico	Amanda Lynn Barbrow	Smyth
Taylor Nicole Reed	Henrico	Emily Sierra Matney	Smyth
Brian L. Hairston	Henry/Martinsville	Ivana Caroline Pond	Spotsylvania
Lisa Laliberty	Henry/Martinsville	Sadie Elizabeth Pond	Spotsylvania
Jeffery T. Byrd	Henry/Martinsville	Kathy Clark	Surry
Haley Annette Ferguson	Henry/Martinsville	Diana Clark	Surry
Ebony Ti'Erra Martin	Henry/Martinsville	Aailyah Lynnette Lambert	Surry
Mary Elizabeth Nolan	Henry/Martinsville	Rhonda Fuller	Tazewell
Shivam Suresh Patel	Henry/Martinsville	Mary S. Gee	Tazewell
Kari Abbott	James City	Emily Nester	Tazewell
Jeremy Johnson	James City	Kirby Malbone Kellam	Virginia Beach
Ruth Mavis Misch	King George	David Early Kellam III	Virginia Beach
Elyse Marie Quartuccio	King George	Megan Joanne Kramer	Virginia Beach
Nicholas Logan Potts	Loudoun	Katelyn Paige Belcher	Washington

## 2013 Interstate Conference Report

The 4-H All Stars Interstate Conference was held at Jackson's Mill, WV from August 1-4, 2013. There were approximately 42 adults in attendance. There were a total of 11 All Stars from Virginia. The Virginia All Stars traveled a combined distance of 2,727 miles and were awarded the Mary Cunningham Memorial Travel Recognition Award for traveling the greatest distance of any state at the conference.

Highlights included the Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum, Citizens Bank of Weston, and various museums, but the biggest highlight was Jackson's Mill 4-H Center itself! We toured both the camp and the living history portion of the Jackson's Mill 4-H Center, received a bag of corn meal from their functioning Grist Mill, stood where 4-H All Stars started, and visited the W. H. "Teepi" Kendrick shrine.

Mississippi did not have a representative attending the conference. Their chief sent a letter resigning from the rotation of hosting interstate. As a result, the three remaining host states—Maryland, West Virginia, and Virginia--voted to have Interstate Conference once every two years. Therefore, the next regularly-scheduled conference will be in Virginia in 2015. Meanwhile, Debbie Ross (a Maryland All Star) and Steve Wood are working together to plan a cruise for 2014. They are circulating a survey to determine where, when, and how long people would prefer for the cruise.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michelle Cock

## 2013 All Star Ceremonial Report

On Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013, the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars initiated 100 new members with 27 of those being honorary members.

We would like to thank:

- **Randy and Irene Leech** for the use of their sound system, for helping with the ceremony set up, for ordering flowers, and for all the rest of the background work they do.
- **Irene Leech and Caroline Reid** for working the registration table before and during the ceremony.
- **Kayla Eppard, Caroline Reid, and Kathy Alstat** for putting together the star name tags presented at the ceremony.
- **Steve Wood** for serving as Scout Eagle, both at practices and during the ceremony.
- **Steve Wood and Ray Daubenspeck** for leading in the Congress Participant tappee orientation.
- **Ray Daubenspeck** for leading practices for the ceremony and for keeping us organized before and during the ceremony.
- **Dr. Bob Meadows, Sarah Gregory, and Shawnda Gregory** for being the Song Leaders for the ceremony.
- **Michelle Cock and Susan Thomas** for leading the ceremony.
- **William Thomas and Susan Thomas** for preparing and helping to give a presentation on the Virginia 4-H All Stars during the Congress All Stars workshop and Michelle Cock for helping give the presentation.
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