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"All Stars in the Star City"

2015 Interstate Conference, July 30 - August 2 in Roanoke, Virginia

For sixty-five years, the world's largest freestanding, illuminated man-made star has been glowing above Roanoke. Why? To welcome the 4-H All Stars, of course!

Our conference hotel will be the Holiday Inn Tanglewood, 4468 Starkey Rd., SW, Roanoke, VA 24018. Room rates are \$109 per night if reserved by June 30, 2015. (540) 774-4400 Ask for the 2015 Interstate Conference/4-H Allstars.

www.holidayinn.com/roa-tanglewood

Bring your friends, your camera, and your walking shoes. Here is a partial itinerary with descriptions of some of the conference activities:

Thursday July 30th

The registration room will open at 10 a.m. We'll begin registration at 11 a.m.

Silent Auction

We will receive Silent Auction items at registration and continue receiving items as they arrive on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The silent auction will run from the time the first item is placed on a table until Saturday evening during the banquet. The fundraiser will benefit Virginia 4-H All Stars projects with 75% going to our Keffer Scholarship.

Pre-Conference Tour

At 11:15 a.m, we will load vans for a tour of the Roanoke Rescue Mission followed by lunch off-site at 2nd Helpings Café. The rescue mission invites everyone to see their clean campus and talk to some of the people working, volunteering, and receiving services there. They hope you will note a strong sense of purpose, organization, and grace throughout the Mission. Second Helpings is a new venture to fund the operating budget of ministries such as shelters and new clinic. It is a combination café, gallery, and shop featuring local artists and upscale secondhand items.

Black Dog Salvage

Thanks to a television show on DIY/HGTV network, you may have heard of Black Dog Salvage. The company specializes in the reclamation, repurposing and resale of architectural, commercial, and industrial elements and fixtures. The shop is full of interesting furniture and decorations. We'll try to stop by.

Registration will re-open after we return.

Ikenberry Orchards Store

At 3:45, we will travel to Daleville, just north of Roanoke, to peruse this family-owned produce and country store. Afterward, we will have dinner at Mill Creek Baptist Church.

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For more information visit

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

All Stars in the Star City July 30th – August 2nd, 2015 Roanoke, Virginia

Please list all names as you would like them to appear on the nametags.

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Registrant Name	Last Name	state	year tapped or "guest"
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Person #3 Telephone Number (home/work/cell)		Person #3 Email Address	
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Person #4 Telephone Number (home/work/cell)		Person #4 Email Address	
Arrival Date & Time:		Do you need transportation from/to airport?	

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Full Time Registration	# of All Stars & Guests	Subtotal Cost
Postmarked by June 19 th \$155		\$
Postmarked after June 19 th \$170		\$
Discount for any of the following: Youth (17 and under), High School Students, College Students (any age), or first time attending Interstate as an All Star -\$15		
		\$
	Total	\$
For the Saturday banquet (plated dinner), list the # of people for each entrée (one per person):		
Sliced roast top round of beef		
Herb crusted tilapia with lemon butter sauce		
Vegetarian or dietary restriction (list in space below)		
Part Time Registration (no discounts applicable)	# of All Stars & Guests	Subtotal Cost
Thursday Only \$49		\$
Friday Only \$52		\$
Saturday Breakfast & Tours \$53 (not the banquet)		\$
Saturday Banquet \$35 (pl. fill out banquet info above)		\$
Sunday Only (no charge, just let us know you're coming)		\$ 0
	Total	\$
Special Needs, Dietary Restrictions, etc.		

Mail registration to Interstate 4-H All Stars, P.O. Box 71, Laurel Fork, VA 24352 postmarked by July 18, 2015.

Please make checks payable to Interstate 4-H All Stars Conference.

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Thursday July 30th

10 a.m. Registration/hospitality/Silent Auction room opens
11:15 a.m. Load vans
11:30 a.m. Tour Roanoke Rescue Mission
1 p.m. Lunch at 2nd Helpings Café
1:45 p.m. Load vans
1:50 p.m. Black Dog Salvage, return to Holiday Inn
3:00 p.m. Registration, hospitality and Silent Auction room re-opens
3:45 p.m. Load vans
4:30 p.m. Ikenberry Orchards Store, Dinner
11 p.m. Hospitality/Silent Auction room closes



Friday July 31st

8 a.m. Breakfast in registration/hospitality/Silent Auction room
9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Committee Meetings - other folks may visit & peruse Silent Auction
11 a.m. Load Vans
11:30 a.m. Explore Mill Mountain
12 noon Lunch
1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mill Mountain Zoo
2 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. return to picnic shelter on your own, explore trails, wildflower garden, Discovery Center



5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Business Meeting
6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Supper, Entertainment or Games
dusk Group Pictures at Roanoke Star
8:45p.m. Load vans, return to Holiday Inn
11 p.m. Hospitality/Silent Auction room closes

Saturday August 1st

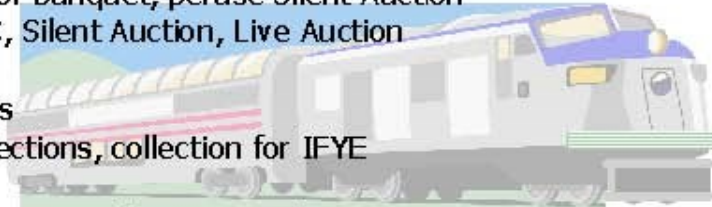
8 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. Breakfast in Ballroom A
9 a.m. Load Vans
9:30 a.m. Farmer's Market
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Explore museums at your own pace (VMT, Link, Science, Art)
Or visit downtown shops, or continue to hang out in Market



Lunch On your own at downtown restaurants
4:15 p.m. Load Vans
4:30 p.m. Return to Holiday Inn
4:45 p.m. Free time, get ready for banquet, peruse Silent Auction
6:00 p.m. Banquet in Ballroom C, Silent Auction, Live Auction

Sunday August 2nd

8 a.m. Hospitality room opens
9:00 a.m. Memorial Service, reflections, collection for IFYE
9:45 a.m. Adjourn Interstate.
All attendees welcome to stay for Virginia Chapter meeting
10 a.m. IFYE presentations, if any
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Virginia Chapter Business Meeting



Smoke Signals from our Districts

Northern District East

We were pleased with our district's turnout for the Midwinter Conference. We had 15 All Stars and 2 guest. Three were 2013 - 2014 Stars. Scholarship assistance of \$225 was provided to those attending from our district. Scholarship assistance is always available to those attending conferences from our district.

You are invited to our 8th annual District picnic to welcome new All Stars on Sunday afternoon, August 9th at Graves Mt. Lodge. Graves Mountain Lodge is located Madison county and operated by two 4-H All Stars. In addition to recognition of new All Stars and reports of District activities, we do a silent auction fund raiser. The meal is free for our district's new All Stars, who are presented with a choice of a special designed t-shirt or All Star jewelry as a welcome gift.

Officers elected to serve for 2014 - 2015 are as follows:

Chief	William Thomas	Culpeper	1976
Lesser Chief	Judy Ann Fray	Madison,	1997
Scribe	Grace Kaiser	Louisa	2013
Treasurer	Roger Suder	Culpeper	1964

William Thomas—District Chief

Southeast District 4-H All Stars

Southeast District All Stars met with the SE District 4-H Adult Volunteer Leaders on Saturday, October 25, 2014 at the Chesterfield Extension Office. All Stars were encourage to remind fellow All Stars about the Hall of Fame Award, Bradshaw Service Award, Wayne Keffer Scholarship application and the Dottie Nelson Award for Excellence in International Programs. All Stars discussed the upcoming community service responsibilities for the 2015 Mid-Winters Conference.

SE District All Stars held a district meeting on Sunday, February 2, 2015 at the Mid-Winters Conference. They will be assisting with the March 21, 2015 Spring District Contest. All Stars will be assisting the host SE District 4-H Adult Volunteer Leaders with the Spring 2015 State Leaders Conference in Chincoteague, VA. District All Stars reviewed the responsibilities for the 2015 Interstate/Summer Conference in Roanoke.

The district donated \$150.00 for expenses incurred at 2014 Summer Conference. Our next district meeting will be held in Isle of Wight this spring.

Jean Powers—SE District Big Chief

Southwest District 4-H All Stars

Southwest District 4-H All Stars are continuing with plans for hosting Interstate Conference. See conference information in this issue of the Virginia Star. Thanks to Michelle Cock, conference chair, for all her work on planning this conference.

District All Stars are working with the Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center to plan Teen Weekend scheduled August 8 - 9, 2015. Cost and final schedule is not set. Tentative plans are to have classes and an optional trip to Barter Theatre. The intent is that by having Teen Weekend at the end of the camping season, it will draw teens while summer camp is still fresh on their mind. The All Stars will have their August meeting on Sunday, August 9th in lieu of the scheduled quarterly meeting. The All Stars are tentatively planning a barbecue to welcome new All Stars. Look for more information on the Southwest 4-H All Star facebook page or contact debvester@yahoo.com

The district plans to continue holding meetings quarterly. After the August 9 meeting, the next meeting will be Thursday, October 8, exact time and place to be determined.

Deb Nester - SW District Chief

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Friday July 31st

Committee Meetings

Beginning at 9 a.m., the Council of Big Chiefs, Resolutions, and Future Plans committees will meet. Make sure your state has a representative for each.

Picnic on Mill Mountain

We will spend the day overlooking Roanoke, enjoying the scenery and fellowship. Stroll through the wild-flower garden, visit the Discovery Center, and take group pictures beneath the 88.5-foot-tall neon star. After exploring Mill Mountain Zoo, we shall hold our business meeting on the mountain. After exploring Mill Mountain Zoo, we shall hold our business meeting on the mountain and have dinner at the picnic shelter. Come prepared for afternoon rain showers and some walking on sand/gravel/grass.

Mill Mountain Zoo

Known for its red pandas, the Mill Mountain Zoo is home to more than 175 animals including mammals, birds, reptiles and invertebrates. This small zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and houses 21 vulnerable species.

Saturday August 1st

The day will start early (9:30 a.m. at the Farmer's Market), but you can take it at your own pace. Visit all the museums, or just your favorite, or skip them and peruse the shops downtown!

Virginia Museum of Transportation

Its collection has expanded to automotive, aviation, transit, and other artifacts. The collection includes approximately 2,500 objects, more than 50 pieces of rolling stock, and the largest collection of diesel locomotives in the South. The Museum also frequently exhibits loaned objects.

O. Winston Link Museum

Photographer Winston Link captured the last days of steam locomotives along the Norfolk and Western Railway in photographs, video, and sound. The Museum welcomes all to explore this vibrant, bygone era through immersive auditory experiences, as well as artifacts and over 300 photographs. The Museum also exhibits work by other artists on a regular basis.

Science Museum of Western Virginia

This museum reopened in 2013 in the newly renovated Center in the Square building. It focuses on interactive exhibits that encourage learning for all ages. When we visit next year, the rotating gallery will be hosting a collection of 133 fossil casts from the International Museum Institute of New York. While not a part of our group admission, the museum also houses a butterfly garden.

Taubman Museum of Art

The architecture of the building is interesting inside and out. The museum has a rotating permanent collection of about 2,155 pieces from different times and places. They also house exhibitions and temporary installations.



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In Honor and Memory of Our Fellow All Stars:

David Sandifer Scott, of Culpeper, Virginia (Albemarle - 1955) died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2014 David was a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and spent most of his career as a partner in Armentrout Insurance Agency. He was active in the community, including Culpeper Baptist Church, the board of trustees of Culpeper Memorial Hospital and a number of 4-H, alumni and athletic organizations at Virginia Tech. He was an IFYE.

Elizabeth Ann Williams Lamb, of Front Royal, Virginia, (Warren - 1996) died Monday, February 16, 2015 Mrs. Lamb was an avid farmer and conservationist. She was a member of the Warren County Farm Bureau serving as the Women's Committee Chairperson for many years. She was a 4-H All-Star and 4-H Leader for over 40 years. She was a founding member of the Special Education Advisory Committee. She was a member of the Republican Party and the National Rifle Association. Mrs. Lamb was a lifelong member of the Linden United Methodist Church where she sang in the choir.

Jacob "Jay" Hartsock(Carroll County All Star), age 49 of Cana, VA died on Thursday, November 27, 2014. Jay is survived by his mother Patricia Hartsock, brother Perry Hartsock and sister Ann Bartley.

Jaime Thomas (Carroll All Star) married Justin Hall on April 4, 2015. Jaime is the daughter of All Stars Wayne and Sherry Thomas.

"It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself." – Ralph Waldo Emerson



Virginia 4-H All Star Tapping Ceremony at the
2015 4-H State Congress



The 2015 All Star Tapping Ceremony will be held Wednesday, June 17th at 2:30 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 **Wednesday, June 17th from 9:00 - 10:30 AM. There will be a 4-H All Star Orientation for New Tappees immediately following the tapping ceremony from 3:30 to 4:30 PM. Please contact Kayla Eppard, Big Chief with questions about the ceremony!** Calling all 4-H All Stars to join us in this year's All Star Tapping Ceremony! By participating in this year's ceremony you can be involved in a new All Stars' unforgettable memory! Any interested, current All Star may participate in the ceremony as a part of the circle. We will also need Scouts to lead 6-8 tappees to the Big Chief, announce their names and counties, lead them back into the circle and place them in front of current All Stars. If you are interested in serving as a Scout please contact the State Scout, Kayla Eppard at 434-466-7775 or aylakay131@aol.com by June 10th. If you have a preference for who you would like to Scout, also include this in your email or phone call. **Please note the tapping attire for the ceremony. You will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony unless you strictly follow the prescribed attire.**

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*

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*

Tapping Attire

Below you will find a reminder from the policy manual on the dress 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 Tuesday, June 16th at 9:30 PM, we will be organizing/directing the Congress group photo on the drill field. If you are able to help on Tuesday, please contact William Thomas or Steve Wood, for further information!

Banquet

We will return to the Holiday Inn Tanglewood Saturday evening for a plated dinner, awards, photos, entertainment, and a live auction. Since we have a nice dining space and time to change clothes, the banquet will be slightly dressy casual or "smart casual". Nice jeans are fine. No shorts or t-shirts, please.

Live Auction

Every item in the Live Auction will start out as a Silent Auction item. The "hottest" silent auction items will be pulled and live auctioned during the banquet. These could be items with the most bids, highest bids, or just for fun.

Sunday August 2nd

Memorial Service and Reflections

The conference will close with reflections. Since there was no official Interstate conference in 2014, the memorial service will include the names of deceased All Stars from the past two years.

Collection for IFYE

In Virginia it is traditional to collect an offering during the reflections that benefits the IFYE program. If any recent IFYEs or current inbound exchanges are present at the conference, they will be invited to give a presentation about their experience.

Virginia Chapter Business Meeting

After the Interstate Conference ends, the Virginia Chapter will commence their business meeting, including officer elections. All Stars from other states are welcome to stay.

This conference information and any updates are posted online at <http://www.ext.vt.edu/topics/4h-youth/allstars/index.html> under the "Conferences" tab.

You can also join our Facebook event "4-H All Stars Interstate Conference" to connect with other conference attendees, find roommates, and ask questions. <https://www.facebook.com/events/931889386825431/>

The Virginia Star Deadline is October 15, 2015

If you would like to submit information for the next edition of the Virginia Star please have it ready by October 15, 2015. Submit to your district Chiefs or William Thomas or the Big Chief.

**2015 4-H All Star
Award Winners**



Wayne Keffer Scholarships Awards

Jessica Vass, a Carroll County 4-H All Star, is a 2015 scholarship recipient. Jessica is a Virginia Tech sophomore studying Animal and Poultry Science with plans to become a veterinarian. She was active in her 4-H Livestock Club, served as Secretary, and participated in Livestock judging, showing and the quiz bowl. She has served as the Carroll County 4-H All Star Lesser Chief, on the Carroll County Agricultural Fair Committee Board and the Young Farmers. For four years, she has been an Ag Day Beekeeping teacher for several counties helping others learn about the importance of bees and beekeeping. She serves as a Sunday School Teacher and Bible School teacher. She has served as the Southwest Virginia Home School Educators year-book editor and is a member of the Children of the American Revolution.

Caroline Reid, a Rockingham County 4-H All Star, is a 2015 scholarship recipient. She is majoring in Elementary Education with minors in Spanish, Business Administration and English as a Second Language at Bridgewater College. She enjoys seeing children learn and believes that this is the perfect rewarding career for her. She served as Club President, Vice-President, and Reporter as well as President and Vice-President at the county level. She was active in the Market Steer program and competed in the Avian Bowl at the state/national competitions and in Poultry Judging at the local, state and national levels. She participated in State 4-H Congress and was selected to attend National 4-H Congress. She has served as a 4-H Camp Counselor and participated in 4-H Day at the Capitol, and Montana and Minnesota interstate exchanges.

Dottie Nelson Award for Excellence in 4-H International Programs

Rory Nansel, an Honorary All Star, is the 2015 award recipient from Shenandoah County with 22 years as a 4-H Adult Volunteer involved in international programs. As a teen Rory was a year-long AFS International Exchange Student to Finland in 1981-82. Upon return to the USA, he served as a chaperone for a two week long AFS pre-departure trip for international students. He served as an AFS yearlong counselor for two international students in Nebraska. Rory has served as the chaperone for the Shenandoah County 4-H Interstate Exchange program with Oregon by both hosting and serving as chaperone. Locally, he assists with 4-H International programs by hosting, recruiting host families, conducting home visits, assisting with orientation and many other aspects of the programs. Nationally, he served as the 4-H National Chaperone to Finland to assist and travel with the USA delegation.

C. Dean Allen Award for Excellence

The 2015 award recipient is **Glenda M. Snyder**, Senior Extension Agent, Emerita from Botetourt County. She served as the Botetourt County Extension Agent 4-H Youth Development for 30+ years encouraging youth to participate in various 4-H programs. She currently works part time for Virginia 4-H working with new 4-H agents training, 4-H international programs, CHARACTER COUNTS!, 4-H All Stars and more. She began the Brazil CHARACTER COUNTS! program in 2004 with teachers reaching 65,000 students in Joinville, Santa Catarina annually and has expanded into other states. The program includes biennial training, a Judges' Exchange to the USA in 2007 with 36 judges, and a 2009 Teachers' Exchange. She has been recognized by Virginia Tech for her work in Virginia Cooperative Extension 4-H programs as well as for her work internationally.



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