



Virginia 4-H All Star Chapter

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Smoke Signals from the Big Chief

New Big Chief Challenges All Stars

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noun
noun: **service**

1. the action of helping or doing work for someone.

"millions are involved in voluntary service"

synonyms: favor, kindness, good turn, helping hand;

A special welcome and congratulations to each of our 97 new Virginia All Stars. You either applied to be invited into the All Star organization or were invited in as a special recognition for the helping hand you have given to 4-H members across Virginia.

As your new Big Chief I am about to present each of you an individual challenge.

First let me tell you that taking on the role of Big Chief is first of all an honor, but more dauntingly it is a challenge. It is an honor that I never sought nor expected. Now that I have accepted the role I am challenged to do my best and somehow to make that best better. But I cannot do it alone. There is no way in this world of miracles and tough times that I can hope to successfully lead this organization without your involvement. I am the first to admit I need you- pushing, pulling and pointing me in the right direction to help strengthen and expand member involvement. Member involvement is probably the biggest issue before your All Star leadership at every level. Without expanded member (that is you) active participation and service, the Virginia All Stars will not be able to continue to offer the helping hand we have traditionally given to our younger 4-H members in our community and county clubs, and chapters and state activities.

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“Cherish the Past, Experience the Future”

Virginia 4-H All Star Midwinter Conference Registration

Virginia Beach, Virginia

February 4-5, 2017

Name _____ M/F Name Preferred on Tag _____

Name _____ M/F Name Preferred on Tag _____

Address _____

NUMBER AND STREET CITY STATE ZIP

Telephone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

E-mail _____ Unit _____ Year Tapped _____

Guest(s) _____ M / F _____ M / F

	Cost	Number	Subtotal
Full Conference (includes meeting facilities, banquet, registration)	\$55.00		
Saturday-Lunch on your own-See list of nearby restaurants			
Military Aviation Museum Group Tour	\$13.00		
VA Aquarium Group Tour Adult \$16, Child \$10, I-MAX \$6.00	Adult-16 ,Child-10, Imax-6		
Saturday Banquet Dinner Only Dress Code-Business Attire	\$42.00		
<i>Late Postmarked Fee (sent after January 14, 2017)</i>	+ \$5.00		
Virginia 4-H All Star Dues:	Annual... \$10		
	Life... \$75		
Contributions:	New Membership		
	Keffer Scholarship Fund		
TOTAL:			

Special Needs – Dietary, Handicapped, or Other:

Conferences guests, other than spouses, parents and/or children, must be approved by the Big Chief. No alcoholic beverages permitted at All Star functions.

Code of Conduct- All Conference registrants need to read and sign the following Code of Conduct: *As a Virginia 4-H All Star event participant, I will conduct myself during the course of this conference in a manner which reflects the qualities of an All Star.*

All Star Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____ (If All Star is under age 18)

Please bring items for the Live and Silent Auction

Make checks payable to: **Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars** (\$10 returned check fee)

Send registration and check to Randy & Irene Leech, 4220 North Fork Rd.,

Elliston, VA 24087 **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: January 14, 2017**

Registration questions: Phone 540-268-5373 – Home; 540-268-1018 – Fax; Email: ileech@vt.edu

“Cherish the Past, Experience the Future”

2017 Virginia 4-H All Star Midwinter Conference Schedule

Friday, February 3, 2017

7:30 -10:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting (Willow Room)

Saturday, February 4, 2017

7:00 – 9:00 AM Breakfast on Your Own (see list of restaurant choices near hotel)
9:00 - 10:00 AM Executive Committee Meeting (If needed- Cedar Room)
10:00 - Noon Registration – Second Floor Lobby across from stairs & elevators
10:00 – Noon Service Project, Committee Meetings (Cedar Room)
Noon – 1:00 PM IFYE Meeting (Cedar Room)
Noon – 1:00 PM Lunch on Your Own (see list of restaurant choices near hotel)
1:15 PM Meet in main lobby ground level & depart for tours by carpooling
1:30 -4:15 PM Tours (Aviation Museum and Virginia Aquarium)
4:45 - 5:45 PM Business Meeting (Cedar Room)
6:30 – 9:30 PM Banquet – Dress Code Business Attire (Sequoia Room)
Live & Silent Auction (Sequoia Room)
10:00 - 11:00 PM Hospitality (Maple Room)

Sunday – February 5, 2017

7:00 - 9:00 AM Breakfast on Your Own (see list of restaurant choices near hotel)
9:15 – 9:45 AM Vespers (Cedar Room)
9:45 - 10:15 AM Chapter Meetings-Locations announced by Big Chief Barbara Spangler
10:15 - 10:45 AM Hotel Checkout
10:45 - Noon Business Meeting

Hope You Have Enjoyed Your Visit to Virginia Beach
Have a Safe Trip Home



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My challenge to you-every All Star in Virginia.

I challenge each of you, new and older All Stars, to provide a helping hand, do an act of kindness or just a simple favor for a 4-H member, club leader or county agent at least once a week or at least once a month. I am going to make that challenge a little easier to expand it to include a perspective 4-H member, leader or county agent. Hints-talking to non-members about the value of being in 4-H, helping your leaders prepare for a meeting-setting up chairs, carrying supplies to and from cars, volunteering to take notes, all qualify -Get the idea!

I want to know about your individual service/acts of kindness!! Yes I do. I want each of you to email me with a brief statement of what you did and how you felt. You do not have to identify yourself, just let me know you are living up to the All Star motto of service!! I will keep a list- if I get any responses- and share them thought the year.

Please email me at spanglerbr@hotmail.com or give me a call at 202-355-5527.

My goal is for All Star acts of service becomes a habit that will lead to activities that will help bring us together to continue to grow and succeed with increased member participation. I am excited about the opportunities we have to make All Stars a stronger organization.

I look forward to working with you,

Barbara Spangler,

Big Chief

Don't forget - We're on the web:



View the Virginia 4-H All Star Group:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Virginia_4-H_AllStars

To Subscribe to the Group listserv:

Virginia_4-H_AllStars-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

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

Working Together to Achieve a Dream



Elizabeth Koranek has grown up in the Virginia 4-H program being an active member in the Madison 4-H program for nine years. This summer she achieved the honor of being tapped as a 4-H All-Star. While at Virginia 4-H Congress at Virginia Tech for the All-Star tapping ceremony during State 4-H Congress, Elizabeth met Bineta Guisse, Gender and 4-H Coordinator and Outreach Officer – USAID-ERA in Senegal, Africa. Bineta shared her story about coming to Virginia a few years earlier, learning about the 4-H program, and helping organize 4-H in her country with Elizabeth. The Senegalese youth planted gardens and sold the produce to build a community center for their 4-H club and their village. Hearing Bineta’s enthusiasm for her work with the Senegalese youth touched Elizabeth. As a newly tapped All-Star, she wanted to be of service to the Senegal 4-H project. Service is one of the core principles of the Virginia 4-H All-Star organization. She asked her 4-H Agent, Kelly Mallory, if she could donate the proceeds from the sale of her 4-H lamb project to the 4-H

Senegal project. She wanted to help the Senegalese youth achieve their goal of completing the community center for 4-H Youth Development programming. In July, at the Madison County Fair Livestock Auction, the local community supported Elizabeth’s effort. Her lamb was bought by Weaver Works of Madison for \$2,331.00 and the money went to the Virginia 4-H Foundation to benefit the Senegal 4-H project.

It all started with Ozzie Abaye, *Professor*, Crop Soil Environmental Science and a USAID/ERA grant project working with Senegal agriculture, family farms and communities. When Ozzie and Bineta visited the villages to work with farmers, many children would come to see and listen, thus, a need for youth involvement, agriculture and life skill development was recognized. Ozzie introduced Bineta to 4-H Specialists at Virginia Tech who shared about Virginia’s 4-H positive youth development program.

Military Aviation Museum

Take a journey back in time to when aircraft were spectacular and heroes never let us down. The Military Aviation Museum displays and owns the largest flying collection of WWI and WWII Military Aircraft in the USA. The museum provides a permanent home for more than 63 WWI and earlier vintage flying aircraft. The museum’s ongoing mission is to preserve, restore, and fly these historic aircraft and provide an experience to learn what our parents, grandparents and great grandparents might have endured on the lonely airfield and factories, and in the skies so very far from home. Your visit will include a guided tour of the Museum’s WWI, WWII and Korean era warplanes housed in five large hangars and display areas. You will visit the Fighter Factory where the repair, upkeep, and restoration of the magnificent warbirds are performed. Walk through history as the Museum’s docents tell the stories of these pilots and warbirds.” 1341 Princess Anne Rd, VA Beach, VA 23457 Website:

www.militaryaviationmuseum.org Tour takes 2 to 2-½ hours.

Car Pool Only - Meet in main lobby ground level at 1:15 p.m. Travel approximately 13.5 miles for 27 minutes.

Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center

The Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center is Virginia’s largest aquarium, displays the state’s various aquatic and marine environments throughout time, and features more than 800,000 gallons of aquarium and live animal exhibits. With more than 300 hands-on exhibits, visitors experience the wonders of harbor seals, river otters, sea turtles, sharks, seahorses, an aviary and more. Must sees" include the Harbor Seal Pool, an IMAX® 3D Theatre and a one-third mile-long nature trail that connects to an outdoor aviary offering an up-close glimpse of the marsh birds. Enjoy scenery on the 10-minute walk on the Owls Creek Path that meanders through salt marsh and woodland preserve between the Aquarium's main building and Marsh Pavilion (additional building with exhibits). Climb the 30-foot observation tower to get a view of Owls Creek from tree-top level. On the other hand, you may wish to drive to the Marsh Pavilion if the weather is uncomfortable. If interested in I-MAX movie, call the Aquarium to check on the I-MAX feature playing on Saturday, February 4, 2017 prior to adding the fee to your registration form. Visit takes approximately 2-3 hours. Address: 717 General Booth Boulevard Virginia Beach, VA Website: www.virginiaaquarium.com Phone: (757) 425-FISH (3474) (Between late September 2016 and early fall 2017; the Chesapeake Bay Exhibit will be closed for renovations. A smaller touch pool will be available during this time.) Car Pool Only - Meet in main lobby ground level at 1:15 p.m. **Travel approximately 3-4 miles for 7 min.**

Whale & Wildlife Trips are available from December through March and leave from the Virginia Aquarium. The 2-½ hour boat trip features wildlife sightings of whales, seals, and migrating birds, which are among the frequent visitors to the coastal waters of Virginia Beach during the cooler months. *Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed.* For more information contact the Virginia Aquarium at www.VIRGINIAAQUARIUM.COM or call (757) 385-FISH to book a trip.

Old Coast Guard Station - Virginia Beach

“Housed in a 1903 former U.S. Life Saving Station, this oceanfront museum features rescue equipment used by turn-of-the-century surf men to save shipwrecked crews from a watery grave. Learn about shipwrecks that occurred off the Virginia Beach coast and the history of lifesaving service from World War II to the present.” Address: 2401 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA Phone: (757) 422-1587 Website:

www.oldcoastguardstation.com Tour Price: \$8 per adult, \$5 per child ages 6-15

2017 4-H All Star Mid-Winter Conference

Saturday Afternoon Optional Tours & Outings

Cape Henry Lighthouses

"These beacons of safe harbors and welcoming shores have long spoken of the romance between sea and land. Now you can learn of the history of the original octagonal brick Cape Henry Lighthouse, authorized by George Washington and completed in 1792, along with its slightly more modern cast iron sibling. Climb to the top of the earliest lighthouse and enjoy a spectacular view. The Cape Henry Lighthouse is located on the Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story. Public entrance is located at 89th St. and Atlantic Ave. Access to military bases may be restricted for public tours, and a valid picture ID and vehicle search is required at main gate entrance." Address: 583 Atlantic Ave. • (757) 422-9421 • Tour Price: adult \$4 per person or \$8 combo walking tour and tower, youth \$2 per person or \$4 combo walking tour and tower (must be 42" tall) • Participants: minimum 10 • Availability: year-round.

First Landing State Park

"First Landing State Park is the site of the first landing of Jamestown colonists in 1607. The park is a National Historic Landmark and the most visited state park in Virginia. Located just north of the Resort Area of Virginia Beach, First Landing has 20 miles of trails and 1.5 miles of oceanfront beach. The park offers recreational and educational activities, as well as camping facilities." Address: 2500 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, VA;

Phone: (800) 933-PARK www.dcr.virginia.gov

Top Golf- Within individual bays players hit golf balls containing computer microchips that track each shot's accuracy and distance while awarding points for hitting targets on the outfield. To learn more about Top-golf, visit www.topgolf.com. Address: 5444 Greenwich Rd, VA Beach www.topgolf.com/us/virginia-beach
Sky Zone Trampoline Park Address: 2029 Lynnhaven Pkwy, Suite 100A Virginia Beach, VA 23456

(757) 961-8800; Visit <http://www.skyzone.com/>

Cloud 9 Trampoline Park Address: 825 Greenbrier Circle, Suite P, Chesapeake, VA 23320 (757) 296-2001

Visit <http://www.cloud9.us/>

Movie Theaters- [Beach Movie Bistro, 941 Laskin Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23451](#) (757) 963-2548

AMC Lynnhaven 18, [1001 Lynnhaven Mall Loop, Virginia Beach, VA 23452](#) (757) 486-5665

[Regal Strawbridge Marketplace Stadium 12, 2133 General Booth Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA 23454](#)
(844)-462-7342 ext: 397

[Regal Columbus Stadium 12, 104 Constitution Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23462](#) (844) 462-7342 ext: 3985

Bowling- Pinboy's At The Beach - 1577 Laskin Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23451 (757) 428-589

Shopping

The Shoppes at Hilltop North, East & West-1544 Laskin Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23451 [4 shopping centers intersected by Laskin Rd and First Colonial Rd]

Lynnhaven Mall-701 Lynnhaven Pkwy, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Town Center-(Independence Blvd & Virginia Beach Blvd), One Columbus Center, Virginia Beach, VA 23462 Hobby Lobby-2858 Virginia Beach Boulevard, Virginia Beach VA 23452 (757) 340-1123

Michaels -[737 First Colonial Rd, Ste 107, Marketplace At Hilltop, Virginia Beach, VA, 23451](#)

In 2013 Bineta participated in a 4-H Study tour experiencing first-hand the Virginia 4-H program and its impacts. She participated in 4-H Teen Counselor Training, 4-H Camp, Virginia 4-H Strategic Planning, and State 4-H Congress interacting with 4-H Volunteers, 4-H teens and youth, 4-H Specialists and parents. After her return home, Bineta remarked, *"You were remarkable! I have learned so many things from every one of you... I must admit that I owe you and so does my country! Thinking of you makes me feel strong because you made me a new person...and I can feel the difference!"*

"I really do not think I will forget this for the rest of my life."



In 2014 Kaitlyn Smith, a College of Agriculture and Life Sciences student, participated in the Senegal study abroad program visiting villages, farms, working with Senegalese youth and learning about their culture while sharing ours. Kaitlyn took 4-H youth development items for Bineta and conducted 4-H activities with youth thus planting the 4-H seed.

Virginia 4-H started working with Bineta Guisse to develop a positive youth development program for Senegalese youth in 2015 under the lead of Dr. Kathleen Jamison, *Professor Emerita Extension Specialist 4-H Youth Development with Dr. Tom Archibald who conducted the first 4-H training to organize 4-H clubs in villages. In 2016, Kathleen and Extension Agents, 4-H Youth Development Ruth Wallace and Reggie Morris conducted additional 4-H training for volunteers from the villages, university and the Peace Corp to organize more youth groups. Three youth groups planted gardens and sold the produce to build a community center to for meetings. They needed \$2000 - \$3000 of additional funds for doors, windows, tables, chairs, pots and pans, etc. to complete "The 4-H Community Center"*.

Virginia 4-H made the decision in early 2016 to raise funds to help support the 4-H community center project in Senegal. Virginia 4-H clubs, the 4-H Cabinet, the "Cents for Senegal" fundraiser at 4-H Congress, the silent auction, and business and individual donations generated over \$7,000 for the Senegal 4-H Center. This joint endeavor helped connect Virginia 4-H and the Senegal 4-H youth groups.





Smoke Signals from our Districts

NOVA (West)

The chapter will be meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 6 pm to review 4-H All Star applications. The meeting was held at the Shenandoah County Government Center in Woodstock Virginia. Afterwards, a brief business meeting will be held where the date of the next meeting will be decided.

Summer Conference 2017 at the Northern Virginia 4-H Center

Summer Conference 2017 will be held at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center July 22 & 23. Our focus on Saturday will be one that we have heard many request. The request has been for hands on service projects at conferences! We will have lots of opportunities to serve and make improvements at the Center.

This will be an inexpensive lodging event as we are staying in Congressman Hall versus our normal motel. The facility is air conditioned. Rooms have beds for four and a full bath (shower). Meals will be at the Center. Saturday will mainly be devoted to projects to spruce up the Center. Other activities will also be a choice. We are in hopes that many of you who have camped there over the years and have fond memories, might enjoy a return experience. Hotels are available in Front Royal for those who want more upscale accommodations.

Upcoming Events – HOLD the DATES!

Virginia 4-H All Stars Summer 2017 Conference

The Northern (East and West)/NOVA Chapter is hosting the **Summer 2017** conference with hopes to hold the event at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center.

Join us for the
Virginia 4-H All Star 2017 Midwinter Conference

~Hosted by the Airfield All Star Chapter~

Dear 4-H All Stars: Our conference celebrates All Stars as they continue to devote time, service and financial support to the VA 4-H All Star Chapter. We honor their continued support and knowledge from life experiences. We look forward to welcoming future All Stars to continue our motto of "Service." Join us for our Midwinter Conference in Virginia Beach as we "Cherish the Past, Experience the Future." We will be conducting a Live and Silent Auction following the banquet. Please bring donated auction items and community service canned goods or school supplies to the registration desk on Saturday morning. We plan to serve lunch at a local homeless shelter.

Registration Open 10 AM - 12 NOON on 2nd Floor Conference Area

Lodging Information: [www.Virginia Beach.DoubleTree.com](http://www.VirginiaBeach.DoubleTree.com)



Double Tree by Hilton Virginia Beach
1900 Pavilion Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23451
Phone: (757) 422-8900

Here is the direct reservation link for the VA 4-H All 2017 Midwinter Conference: <http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/O/ORFBNDT-VCS-20170203/index.jhtml>

Restaurant onsite: Max & Erma's 6 am-11 pm
Complimentary High Speed Internet Access

Free parking Business Center
Indoor Pool & Fitness Center

Room Rates: \$69.00 night/plus tax. Please make your reservation directly with the hotel.
Rooms are listed under Virginia 4-H All Stars.
PLEASE BOOK YOUR ROOM BY Thursday, January 19, 2017!

Room rates immediately prior to and after conference may apply upon availability. Call hotel directly & speak with in-house reservations for pricing at (757) 422-8900 in you are interested in staying an extra day.

Driving Directions: Traveling From: I-64 East or I-64 West (Norfolk, Chesapeake, Virginia Beach area) Continue on I-64 and follow signs to exit on Route 264 East Virginia Beach, Exit 284 A. Follow 264 East toward Virginia Beach Oceanfront to Exit 22 (Birdneck Rd). Bear right off exit ramp, merging onto Birdneck Road. Turn left onto 19th Street (see McDonald's on your left at intersection as a landmark.) Travel approximately 1-½ to 2 blocks and hotel will be on your left. Turn left onto Pavilion Drive to access main entrance and parking to the Double Tree by Hilton Virginia Beach.

In Honor and Memory of Our Fellow All Stars:

Bessie Mae Greever Potter, 88, (Rocbridge 1978) of Lexington, died Tuesday, April 7, 2015. She was an active member of the Collierstown Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Potter was a 4-H member and a Virginia 4-H All Star. She loved working with young people and served as a 4-H Volunteer Leader for forty years. She was a Red Cross volunteer and a committed blood donor giving over eight gallons of blood in her lifetime. She was a member of the Rockbridge Extension Homemakers, a Pink Lady volunteer for Stonewall Jackson Hospital, and a supporter of the Effinger Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary's fundraising activities.

Everett Granville Jr. (Hanavor '39), 94, of Mechanicsville, went to be with the Lord Thursday, February 18, 2016. After graduating from Washington and Henry High School in 1939, Mr. Wade attended Virginia Tech for two years. Professionally, he began farming, later working as a plumber and electrician, before founding E. Granville Wade Jr. Inc., General Contractors in 1952. Mr. Wade was a lifetime member of the Shady Grove United Methodist Church, who dedicated numerous years to religious charity, including 25 years as a group counselor for Methodist Youth Fellowship, a member of the United Methodist Men, mission work with Westview on the James (UMC Campground, Oilville). Habitat for Humanity, Rappahannock Tribe Inc., Helping Hands (Philippi, West Virginia), church building projects in Mexico and Hurricane Hugo Relief (Awendaw, South Carolina). He also was a member of the Kiwanis Club for over 15 years.

Leighton McLin Sprinkle, (Washington 1944) age 89, a resident of the Green Spring community, died Thursday, November 13, 2014, at Abingdon Health and Rehab Center. Leighton Sprinkle attended Virginia Tech, and was also a United States Army veteran. He was a lifelong resident of Washington County and a well-known farmer. Leighton worked at Abingdon Livestock Market, Burley Tobacco Warehouse, and Holston River Soil and Water Conservation District. He was a longtime member of Green Spring Presbyterian Church where he served as both a deacon and elder.

John A. Gray (Goochland '56) died July 9, 2016. Long time Extension Agent in Newport News

Sallie Mae Pleasants, (Cumberland 1949) Died July 17, 2016. Retired Extension Agent

Lowell M. Gobble 79, (Roanoke County 1955) passed away September 3, 2016 after a brief illness of cancer. Lowell was a 1959 graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and worked for Virginia Tech as an Agricultural Extension and 4-H Agent in Roanoke Co. for 32 years. Because of his love for 4-H, he was a strong supporter of the W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center at Smith Mountain Lake. He was honored to be awarded the National County Agent's Distinguished Service Award. He was named to the Wall of Fame in Agriculture at Virginia Tech for his many years of dedication and service to the Agricultural Programs in VA. Lowell was a member of Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church. He was a Rotarian in the Salem Rotary Club for 40 years and a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow. He was a major force in establishing the Roanoke Valley Horsemen's Association and was extremely involved with the Roanoke Valley Horse Show for 42 years. Lowell was known as the "Answer Man" on the Ted Roger's radio program "Ask Your Neighbor" for more than 20 years, answering questions about lawn, garden, and agricultural procedures. Upon retirement Lowell moved to Bedford Co. and became a full time cattle producer on Triple Hill Farm. Lowell always said that he had a life time hobby instead of a profession because he loved what he did his entire life.

"To give real service you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with money, and that is sincerity and integrity" - Douglas Adams



Smoke Signals from our Chapters

Northern Chapter East Report

On November 14th a group of 15 4-H All Stars met at Pepper's Grill in Culpeper to review forms for our 2017 4-H All Stars. We were pleased to have nine units represented and nine Extension staff in attendance. Thanks to then and all at the unit level who assisted in getting forms completed and signed.

If you missed out being involved this year, plan to become involved next year. We usually meet the second week in November and in looking at the calendar that should be true for 2017. Your involvement is needed!

A recognition picnic for 2016 Northern District All Stars was held Sunday afternoon, August 24th at Graves Mt. Lodge in Syria. The meal was free for 2016 All Stars who were presented with a choice of a special designed t-shirt or All Star jewelry

We had 28 All Stars and 17 guests for a total of 45 in attendance. This included five 2016 All Stars. Ten counties were represented. We had one or more All Stars representing each decade from the '40's to the present. Special guest were Sarah Gregory and Mary Ball Massey who attended with an IFYE. This was our smaller turnout. We lost several folks as a result of severe storms in the area at the time. Our silent auction was a success once again both in terms of funds raised and the interest in the activity.

We will be hosting the 2017 4-H All Star Summer Conference at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center in Front Royal July 22 & 23. Details are elsewhere in this issue. Attending a Midwinter or Summer Conference is a great way to keep connected. As always, we offer a \$25 rebate (scholarship) to All Star in our Chapter who attends a conference.

Officers elected to serve for 2016– 2017 are as follows:

Chief	William Thomas	Culpeper	1976
Lesser Chief	Judy Ann Fray	Madison,	1997
Scribe	Open		
Treasurer	Roger Suder	Culpeper	1964

Smoke Signals from our Chapters

Airfield

The Airfield Chapter is pleased to be the host for the 2017 4-H All Star Midwinter Conference to be held on February 4-5, 2017 at the Double Tree by Hilton Virginia Beach. The hotel is located at 1900 Pavilion Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23451. Please make your reservation no later than Thursday, January 19, 2017 by calling (757) 422-8900. Here is the direct reservation link for the VA 4-H All 2017 Midwinter Conference: <http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/O/ORFBNDT-VCS-20170203/index.jhtml>. Room reservations are listed under VA 4-H All Stars. We will continue an evening of fun after the banquet by conducting a live and silent auction. Please bring your donated auction items to the registration desk on Saturday morning. Registration will be open from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and located in the lobby on the second floor conference area. Our tours will feature the Military Aviation Museum and the Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center. Registration forms are due no later than Saturday, January 14, 2017.

Airfield Chapter All Stars met in July to finalize plans for the hosting the 2017 Midwinter Conference. We are working with the Holiday Lake Chapter planning to arrange feeding lunch at a nearby shelter if possible. All Stars will be preparing stars used at Congress/Summer tapping. School supplies or canned food donations are always welcomed. The Tidewater/Hampton Roads area foodbank and local church food pantries were hit hard and food supplies were depleted when severe flooding occurred during Hurricane Matthew.

Chapter All Stars conducted an All Star Nomination Application Form workshop for teens and parents on the Eastern Shore in July. During the spring and summer All Stars worked with their local units by volunteering at junior camps, day camps, livestock show and sales.

The Airfield Chapter All Star Nomination Review Committee met on Thursday, November 10, 2017 to review 4-H All Star Nomination forms at the Virginia Beach 4-H office.

We look forward to seeing you at Midwinters Conference in Virginia Beach.

Jamestown

The last official meeting was held at the summer conference in Zion Crossroads. Many 4-H All Stars volunteered and supported their units with 4-H Camps (both day camps and overnight). In July and August, District 4-H All Stars assisted with 4-H Cooking Workshops held at Virginia State University (4-H Kids Cooking and Teen Cuisine). Nineteen youth from surrounding counties participated. In August - September, Mary Ball Massey served as host family for Wei-hsuan Chang (IFYE Ambassador from Taiwan). Wei-hsuan was able to participate in a variety of 4-H programs in surrounding areas while he was with our district (Archery, LifeSmarts, Cooking, Farm Tours, Horses, etc.). On October 15th, 4-H All Stars volunteers and assisted with the Kids Tech University held at Virginia State University on "The rewarding and Remarkable World of Science" and will be again on November 12th with the topic "Generation Beyond- Why we need to go to Mars!" 4-H All Stars also assisted with registration and activity booths at the Jamestown 4-H Family Fall Festival on Sunday, October 23. There were close to 500 youth and adults who participated. The upcoming district 4-H All Star meeting will be held on November 15th at the Henrico Extension Office from 6:30 - 8:30pm. The 2017 4-H All Star nominations will be reviewed. We also are continuing the efforts to encourage members (college students) to apply for the 4-H All Star scholarships.

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Skelton

On August 7, 2016 the chapter met at the Skelton 4-H Center for ice cream and an All Star trivia game. The chapter decided to adopt-a-spot at the Skelton 4-H Center for their annual spring project. Members also delivered to Kayla Blincoe's school system in Danville, at the beginning of the school year, and collected \$75 through donations for the chapter over the summer.

Members are excited to help units in the spring with judging of contests, and other events. Dara Buere, Chris Lickte, and Brian Harrison have been asked to serve as liaisons between three different school systems and the All Star chapter. The next meeting for the chapter will be held November 17, 2016 in the Henry/Martinsville area to review application forms.

Southwest

The chapter hosted a cookout on July 24, 2016 at the Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center. The next meeting is planned for November 10, 2016 6pm at the 4-H Center. This meeting will focus on the review of new member applications. The chapter welcomes Hunter Romano, 4-H Agent in Wise County, as the new Extension Contact for the chapter. We appreciate everything the Robyn Raines, our previous Extension Contact, has done and continues to do for the chapter.

Holiday Lake

The Holiday Lake Chapter of Virginia 4-H All Stars hosted its first conference in July in Zion Crossroads. Thank you again to all who helped put together the conference, as well as all who attended! Chapter members met in November to review new All Star applications as well as elect officers. The new officers are the following: Kayla Blincoe, Big Chief; Stedman Batten, Lesser Chief; Emma Kaiser, Scribe; and Robert Tillotson, Treasurer. We are looking forward to our Service Project duties at the Midwinter conference. Please bring canned goods and/or school supplies. Also feel free to bring scissors to help cut out stars for the doors at State 4-H Congress. Finally, we are in the process of planning a spring meeting and service opportunity. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the chapter Big Chief.

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