

★ MARYLAND 4-H ALL STARS ★

Hello fellow Maryland 4-H All Stars. We had a great semi-annual conference hosted by Carroll County. The food was excellent and it was fun to see people come together. Thanks to all the who brought items for the silent auction. We approved nominations for 41 potential All Star members. They have received invitations and we look forward to our annual conference. Annual Conference will be held on June 15th at the Howard County Fairgrounds. The registration form is included in this email and we hope many of you can join us to welcome new members. We will have a silent auction so feel free to bring items to be auctioned.

Have you thought about taking a more active role in the Maryland All Stars? We are seeking nominations for Vice President and Membership. If you are interested or have any questions, please reach out to me and I would be happy to discuss the position with you.

Yours in Service,

Cindy Bell

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Baltimore County - No report

Carroll County—All-Stars served as project unit completion judges. They will also be serving as portfolio and record book judges and serving as judges for out-of-state 4-H trip interviews. We are preparing to scout new All-Stars and complete the appropriate nomination forms. Several All-Stars will be supporting the Maryland 4-H Gala. All-Stars have committed to judging at the annual county Demonstration Day and Public Speaking Day

Harford County No report

Baltimore City - Not active

WESTERN: 4-H All Star members volunteer at all three county fairs in Western Maryland. Days are already being counted down for the fairs.

Allegany County Fair will be held July 12-20 in Cumberland, Washington County Fair will be July 12-20 in Boonsboro, and Garrett County Fair will be July 27-August 3 in McHenry. Allegany is celebrating 100 years (1924-2024) and has printed a book to celebrate this anniversary.

Garrett County: Garrett County Chapter met twice so far in 2024. Election of officers was held. One honorary nomination has been submitted for initiation in 2024. All Stars will be operating the refreshment stand again this year for the rodeo at the fairgrounds July 5-6. Record books were reviewed and All Stars will present trophies to the best 1st year record books and a \$50 check to each of the best final year record books at Achievement Night April 7. All Star members served as judges for the county public speaking contest.

CECIL: We are chugging along in Cecil County. I've been busy with kid activities, etc. We selected the best 4H stories and essays for Achievement Night and provide judges for various 4H events, as well as instructors for our annual Winterfest. Our All Stars are very active in all aspects of the Cecil County 4H program. We still offer 2 book scholarships each year and do a 50/50 fundraiser at the County Fair each year. In addition, we did some additional fundraising through our 4H Benefit Auction in November. We plan to take in 5 new All Stars if approved and plan to attend the Annual Conference in June.

Caroline, Dorchester and Talbot County All Stars have dedicated many hours to their county programs throughout the fall and winter months. Caroline All Stars hosted several workshops and a yard sale to benefit the county 4H program. The holiday event held at the fairgrounds was very successful.

Talbot County All Stars helped organize the annual Harvest Festival in October held at the Ag Center. Many All Stars volunteered in the midway, entered exhibits and planned workshops.

Southern Area District Report:

St Mary's County 4H All Stars helped with our County Trunk or Treat & Spooky Barns event and in December taught how to make crafts during the Holiday workshop. Last week they helped teach new club officers their jobs from across the county at Officers Training and helped at the Beef Weigh-in. They are gearing up to judge record books and help at the County's Annual Achievement Banquet. They are working on scouting new members.

Charles County: No updates but Bonnie Boyden requested an update list of Charles County All Stars which I am hoping will aid them in getting back together.



Scout Report

4/6/2024

This year we had 41 candidates from 8 Maryland counties: Anne Arundel County 6, Caroline County 1, Carroll County 7, Cecil County 5, Garrett County 1, Harford County 12, Howard County 2, and Queen Anne’s County 6. Of the candidates 28 were “regular”, 7 candidates were “honorary”, 5 candidates were “regular resubmits and 1 candidate was an honorary resubmit.

At the Semi- annual meeting, all candidates were voted on and approved. Big Chief, Cindy Bell, will be sending out invitations and candidates will be brought in as All Stars at the Annual Meeting in June.

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