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The Maryland Trail

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Dear Maryland 4-H All Stars,

It is that time of year when last summers heat does not seem so bad in our memory. Are we ready for Spring? What a winter we have had.

This is a very important time of year! By the time this reaches you scouting reports will be completed and nominations for new All Stars will be in.

Semi-annual Conference will be held on the lower shore on April 12th. Registration is included and was previously emailed to all county chairs. All Star nominations will be voted on at this time. A registration form is included in this issue of the Trail.

We are still in need of a District Representative for the Lower Shore (Somerset, Wicomico, & Worcester). District representatives keep in contact with the counties in their area and serve on the Executive Committee of All Stars. If you are interested, please contact me. If your County Chair position changes, please let me know who the new chair is, their address, phone number, and email address.

Annual Conference will be held at the Howard County Fairgrounds in West Friendship, MD on Saturday, June 28, 2014. This is a very special time when we induct new candidates into the Maryland Chapter of 4-H All Stars. Mark your calendar for this special day. Last year we had over 100 veteran All Stars present. We will elect new officers at Annual conference. Registration for this event is included.

An interstate All Star Cruise for All Stars and friends will be held this fall and will depart from Baltimore. More information is included in the Trail.

We are in the process of updating the mailing list to family labels and would like to send it via email to all those interested to cut down on our postage costs. Please fill out the included form and return if you would like to receive the Trail via email. It is also posted on our Facebook page and on our website.

The Board looked at our Blackhall Loan program. Since its inception in 1952 only 150 loans have been made. We have had a challenge collecting loans and following up on folks. After much discussion the Board voted to convert the loan program into the Maryland 4-H All Star Blackhall Scholarship which will be housed in the Maryland 4-H Foundation. It will be a $1,550 scholarship for undergraduates or graduates pursuing advanced degrees and will be part of the 4-H Foundation scholarship package.

Yours in Service,

Martin

L. Martin Hamilton Jr.

Big Chief

MD 4H All Star 2014 Semi Annual Conference

Saturday, April 12th

Stockton Volunteer Fire Co.

1501 Snow Hill Rd., Stockton MD 21864

SCHEDULE

8:30-9:45 am Registration and Breakfast: Donuts, breakfast casseroles, fruit, juice and coffee

9:00-10:00 am Executive Meeting

10:00-12:00 am General Meeting

Noon: Lunch: Ham, fried chicken, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, rolls and desserts, tea, water.

Please remember silent auction items.

HOTELS: **Holiday Inn Express** 1-800-496-7210

125 Newtown Blvd. Pocomoke City MD 21851

Range from $99-$117

Econo Lodge 1-410-957-1300

825 Ocean Hwy, Pocomoke City MD 21851

DIRECTIONS FROM BAY BRIDGE: Travel EAST on 50 and take bypass around Salisbury.

Take Route 12 exit towards Snow Hill. RIGHT at (only) stop light in Snow Hill. Take first LEFT on to Church Street (still Rt 12). Follow Church Street to intersection with Rt 113 at stop light. Cross Rt 113 and follow Rt 12 approx. 9 miles. Go through town of Girdletree, speed limit 30 mph. Stockton is next town (approx. 5 miles). Firehouse is on RIGHT at 4-way stop/town center.

Return this portion by April 1st to: Susan Behrens, 11130 Cordova Rd., Cordova MD 21625

Cost/person $20. Make checks payable to Talbot Co. 4-H All Stars

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

PHONE_____ EMAIL_____

NO. ATTENDING_____

Delivering the News

The Maryland 4H All Star Executive Board has been discussing ways to cut production costs on the TRAIL newsletter in addition to having it delivered in a more timely, less costly manner. Members are working diligently on updating the address list, correcting addresses, deleting addresses of deceased members, and combining All Star family members within the same household onto one family label. In our quest to make the newsletter more accessible, we have also been posting a link to the TRAIL on the new Maryland 4H All Star webpage and on Facebook, where it can be read, downloaded, or printed out.

We would like your input as well. Please fill out the questionnaire below and mail it to TRAIL Editor: Dawn Craumer, 3341 Lineboro Rd. Manchester, MD 21102 OR

Email to dcraumer@comcast.net.

All Star Name_____

Current Address_____

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Email (if applicable)_____

Other All Stars in my household _____

Please check preferred method of TRAIL delivery

_____I would like to receive the TRAIL in paper form by regular mail

_____I would like to access the TRAIL in digital form via the Website or Facebook

_____I would like to receive the TRAIL via email

Thank you !

Maryland 4-H All Star 2014

Annual Conference Registration

When: Saturday, June 28, 2014

Where: Howard County Fairgrounds
2210 Fairgrounds Rd.
West Friendship MD 21794
410-442-1022

Schedule: 8-9:45 am
Registration (Dining Hall)

9-9:45 am
Executive Committee Meeting (Fair Office)

10-11:30 am
Orientation for New All Stars (4-H Building)
First Business Meeting (Dining Hall)

11:45-12:45 pm
Lunch (Dining Hall)

1-2:30 pm
Initiation Service (4-H Building)
Consecration Service (Show Pavilion)

2:45 pm
Safe trip home

Directions:

From Baltimore: Take I-695 to Interstate 70 West. Take Route 32 exit. Turn left (south) to Rt 144. Turn right (west) to Fairgrounds Road. Turn right and enter fairgrounds. Registration is in the Dining Hall.

From the West: Take Interstate 70 East to Route 32 Sykesville Exit. Turn right (south) onto Rt 32 and go to Rt 144. Turn right (west) and got to Fairgrounds Road. Turn right into the fairgrounds. Registration is in the Dining Hall.

From the South: Take 97 North to Route 32 West. Turn left (west) onto Rt 144. Go to Fairgrounds Road and turn right. Registration is in the Dining Hall.

Interested in staying overnight?

Turf Valley Resort

2700 Turf Valley Road, Ellicott City MD 21042

410-465-1500 www.turfvalley.com

Hampton Inn Columbia

8880 Columbia 100 Parkway, Colulmbia MD 21045

410-997-8555 www.hamptoninncolumbiamd.com

Annual Conference Registration

Name_____County_____

Email_____ Phone_____

I will have the following guests attending

Name_____Are they a current All Star?_____

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Number of persons in Party _____x $20.00 = Total enclosed_____

Mail Registration to:

Medicine Man Kay Hoffman Stiles
1600 Humbert Schoolhouse Rd.
Westminster MD 21158

Please mail your registration & fees no later than June 9, 2014

Please register me for the 4-H All Stars Bermuda Cruise from Baltimore October 10-16, 2014 on Royal Caribbean's Grandeur of the Seas. The ship sails roundtrip from Baltimore. To make your reservation: A deposit of $250.00 per person is required. Fill out the following information and send to **Golden Opportunity Travel, 785 Main Street, Prince Frederick, MD 20678**. Please PRINT all information. **OR you may call us with your information - 410-535-9483.**

Name (As it appears on your Passport) _____ My date of birth _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ I have a passport ___Yes ___No

Daytime phone number _____ Evening _____

email address _____ Choose: Oceanview ___ Interior ___

I am a US citizen: Yes___ No___ I will be sharing accommodations with: _____

Credit card number _____ Exp. Date _____

Security code/CVV code on credit card : _____ Signature _____

Group cruising is MUCH more fun!

Passports are REQUIRED for all passengers including children.

Travel Insurance

We STRONGLY recommend the purchase of travel protection insurance. The cost of the insurance is based on the cost of the trip and the age of the traveler. We can assist you with the purchase of travel insurance. Call us for details.

If you have questions regarding the cruise, call Bev at

Golden Opportunity Travel

410-535-9483

toll free 1-877-535-9483

email: goldentravel@comcast.net

Bev is a MD 4-H All Star from Calvert County

Enjoy sailing from Baltimore with this friendly group!

RoyalCaribbean INTERNATIONAL

4-H All Stars

Friends and Family

Bermuda Cruise from Baltimore

6-night cruise on Royal Caribbean's *Grandeur of the Seas* sailing roundtrip from Baltimore, MD

Friday, October 10-Thursday, October 16, 2014

Come along with Maryland 4-H All Stars and cruise to the lovely islands of Bermuda! *Nearly 600 nautical miles off the coast of North Carolina, this island is known for its pastel painted houses, brilliantly colored gardens, cricket matches and charming shorts. Its pink-sand beaches, excellent shopping, and proximity to the U.S. make it an ideal destination for a getaway cruise vacation.*

King's Wharf

This cultural center built at the remarkable Royal Naval Dockyard offers shopping, restaurants, art galleries, craft markets and eight wonderful museums. For water-lovers it also offers a snorkel park and an extensive watersports facility, making it an excellent destination for the whole family.

We are working with Royal Caribbean to get a **$50** donation to the respective 4-H All Stars for every stateroom reserved in this group!

Itinerary: Friday - depart Baltimore
Saturday - at sea
Sunday - arrive Bermuda 3 pm
Monday - all day in beautiful Bermuda!
Tuesday - depart Bermuda 12 noon
Wednesday - at sea
Thursday - arrive Baltimore

Cruise from Baltimore - no hassles of flying!

Cruise price includes meals on board ship (casual buffet dining, full-service dining room and even room service!), pre-paid gratuities, on board shows, port charges and taxes.

Prices are **per person based on double occupancy.**

Ocean view staterooms
from $801 per person, double occupancy, including pre-paid gratuities

Inside staterooms
from $741 per person, double occupancy, including pre-paid gratuities

Balcony staterooms
Limited but available

(Suites and 3rd and 4th person cabins are available. Call for pricing and details. *Triple and quadruple cabins are limited.)*

Your space can be reserved for a deposit of $250 per person. Payment in full is due by July 10, 2014.

Please note: Royal Caribbean reserves the right to increase cost due to increases in port charges, fuel surcharges, or government taxes and fees.

Why Cruise?

Cruising is a great vacation value!

Unpack once and your floating resort takes you to an exotic port of call.

All meals on board ship are included- dining room, buffet dining and room service.

You can plan a day with friends and family -- or plan a day doing your own thing. Then meet together over dinner that is prepared by chefs AND you don't have to do dishes!

Enjoy Broadway-style shows—they are included!

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The cruise is open to all! You don't have to be a 4-H All Star member to join the fun!

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Travel Insurance
Your trip is a significant investment that you should protect. For this reason, we STRONGLY recommend you purchase travel protection insurance. We can help you with the purchase of travel insurance.

Maryland Chapter of 4-H Club All Stars
8020 Greenmead Drive
College Park, MD 20740
Return Service Requested

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US POSTAGE PAID
Permit No. 3459
College Park, MD 20740

We welcome your news from the 4-H All Star County Chapters. Send information and/or pictures to: dcraumer@comcast.net for publication in the TRAIL.. Also we are still interested in receiving the All Star Histories!

Maryland 4H All Stars on the Web

Please visit our new 4-H All Star webpage.

www.maryland4hallstars.com

Cindy Bell has done a beautiful job putting this together!

Maryland 4H All Stars on Facebook

Visit the Maryland 4-H All Stars on Facebook to get updates on conferences and

Other All Star news. Have news you'd like to post? Send to: amysnap70@gmail.com