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Simmons Inducted into W.Va. All-Stars

The All Star organization is an honorary one. Its membership is composed of older 4-H club members and local 4-H club leaders who are selected for membership based on their life records of achievement and service. The West Virginia 4-H All Stars constitutes the First Chapter in the United States. It was organized in 1919, as a result of forces set in motion during the early years of 4-H club work in West Virginia by the State 4-H Club Leader, William “Teepi” Kendrick.

As an individual, an All Star continues to grow “in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man” He or she typifies fourfold development and encourages such growth in others. Membership in the 4-H All Stars is meant to be a life-long extension of one’s 4-H career. An All Star tries always to live up to the motto “Service”.

Bryan Simmons will not have any trouble living up to the motto of the West Virginia All Stars, as he was inducted this past month at WVU Jackson’s Mill during Young Adult Conference.

Simmons organized and conducted the 2010 National Science Experiment “4-H2O” at his club. Because of his love of Science, he promoted 4-H National Youth Science Day and encouraged 10 club members to become involved in future science, engineering and technology programs.

He also co-organized his club’s fundraiser (serving meals for the local WVU Extension Educational Dinner Meetings) for three years. His duties included contacting parents to prepare desserts, organizing the preparation of the facility, helping serve the meal, and organizing volunteers for the clean-up detail.

As his junior class vice-president, he served on the prom committee. On this committee, he directed a group of approximately 15 classmates for 3 days in decorating the gymnasium for the prom. He also helped to prepare the large centerpiece of the prom decorations. As a member of the Beta Club, he read children’s books to elementary students and collected winter clothing (coats, hats, and gloves) for a clothing drive.

Simmons served as Sagamore and Chief of his tribe during county 4-H camp, where he received his Charting pin, tribal loyalty award, Hand H award and the Leadership Scholarship.

Currently, Simmons is attending West Virginia University where he is majoring in Landscape Architecture. He is the son of Mike and Sandy Simmons of Moyers.