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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE—SPECIAL EDITION

We Need Your Help!

Dear WV 4-H All Stars:

I requested a copy of the directory for the new legislature back in December, but it arrived just this afternoon (March 3). Hence, we have to work within a short time frame. As soon as this document reaches you, please make your contacts with your respective legislators and the Governor. I wrote to the Governor and Legislative leadership in early January. The following is a copy of my letter, but you will want to make changes in your letters. Our emphasis is on infrastructure again. Note: Time is short. Let's get to work. GHS

Dear Governor:

Public support from you and the WV Legislature plus the wonderful support of private donors from the 4-H world—across West Virginia and across the nation—have made a significant impact on the renovation of Jackson's Mill State 4-H Conference Center over the past seven to eight years. Indeed, without that support, I doubt that Jackson's Mill would be operating today.

Even though the nation is gripped by a stagnant economy, I think it is terribly important that you and the West Virginia Legislature continue your support of the updating and replacement of an infrastructure that is more than 80 years old. The \$500,000 appropriated by the last Legislature has made it possible to start on the renovation of the infrastructure. But much, much more remains. It will probably take at least \$3 million to upgrade the sewers, water system, roads, etc. I know it can't all be done at once, but it can be done incrementally. When all is done, we will know that the infrastructure should be in good shape for another 50 or more years. You and the Legislature, the thousands of 4-H folk, and the citizens of West Virginia will be able to stick out their chests with pride and know that, together, we have saved one of the crown jewels of West Virginia.

Moreover, private money is now available to start the renovation of Northern Panhandle and Upshur cottages in 2009. And—we shall continue private fund raising for the renovation of other cottages.

Please join us in continuing the revival of Jackson's Mill.

Sincerely,
s/Guy H. Stewart, Chair
WV 4-H All Stars Jackson's Mill
Renovation Committee

Names and Addresses for the Governor and Legislature

For All Stars living out of state and All Stars living in West Virginia, it is important that you write to these leaders. In each case, out-of-state or in-state, cite up front that you started your 4-H membership in _____ County, or you assumed a leadership role in _____ County and that you have maintained an interest in the 4-H program for _____

years. Tell them you have a special interest in Jackson's Mill and perhaps cite certain activities that have had an important impact on your lives, and that you hope that today's 4-Hers will have the same opportunities. Anything that you can say that will make Jackson's Mill important in the lives of today's boys and girls will be great.

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