

Planning a "Star" 4-H Cloverbud Graduation Ceremony



Arrange for the ceremony by doing the following:

Prepare Mortar Board Caps for your Cloverbuds. Go to this website for instructions on how to make them – <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/hats/mortarboard>.

Get the certificates ready by rolling the certificate with ribbon or yarn and attach a 4-H pencil or other small gift. Example included on page 4.

Cut stars out of green poster board. Cut small graduation caps out of black construction paper. Glue the cap to the star. Draw eyes and a mouth on the star. Roll the "Job Well Done!" message and tie it with ribbon or yarn. Glue it on the star. Tape the star to the back row of seats to reserve them for the graduates. Set chairs in rows for family and friends with an aisle through the center for the graduates to march through.



Set up a display of 4-H beginner project books for club members to look at.

Agenda

Give members their graduation cap as they arrive at the ceremony

Welcome everyone. Make announcements.

Play soft background music – I use "Graduation Day", written and performed by Todd Potter. To order the music go to www.graduationdaymusic.com. Invite the graduates to march forward to receive their diploma, as you call their name.

Have all members stay up front as you read the following poem:

4-H Cloverbud Graduation Poem

You are a very special person
And you should really know
We love you as a 4-H Cloverbud member
My how fast the years did go.

We are pleased that you will now be a traditional 4-H member
And through those years you will grow,
Try hard to learn all you can,
There is so much to know.

One thing we try to teach you
To last your whole life through,
Is to know that you are special
Just because you are you.

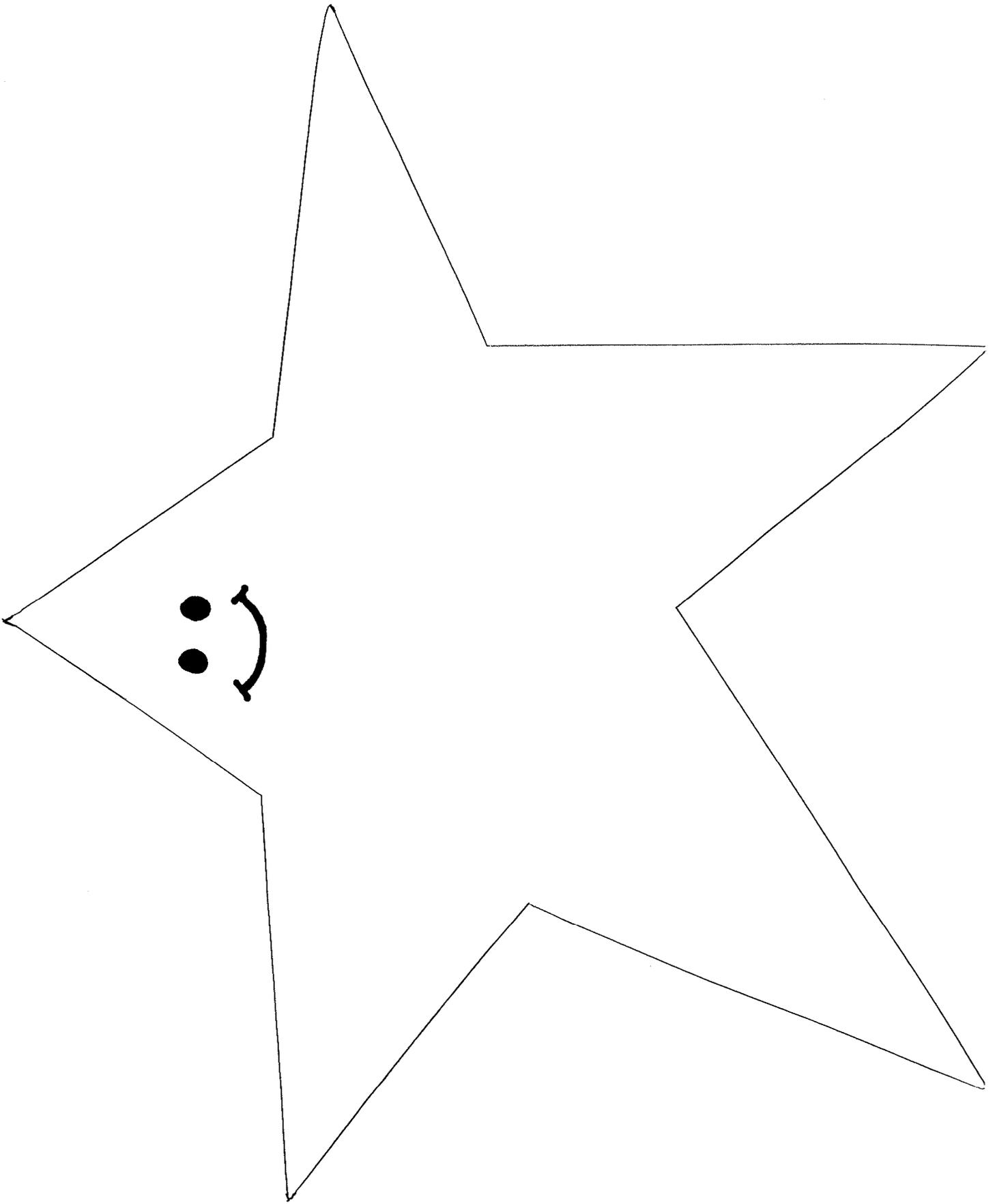
After the poem, members join their families for refreshments and fellowship time. Remind them to look at the project book display. Make that time very special with nicely covered and decorated tables. Keeping with the theme of the "Star" 4-H Cloverbud graduate, use star shaped candy dishes as table decorations. They are available at some dollar stores.

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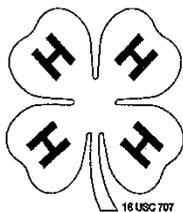
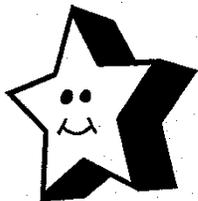


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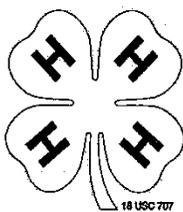
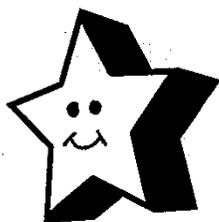


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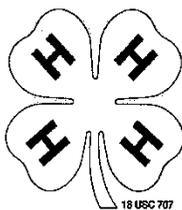
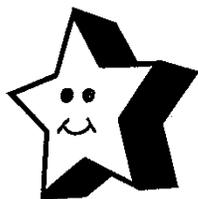


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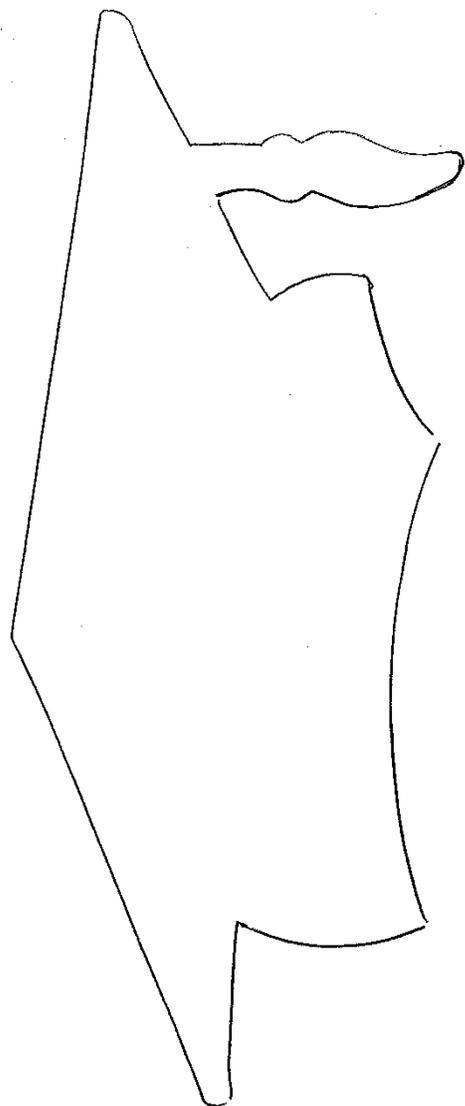
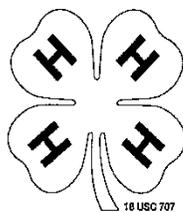
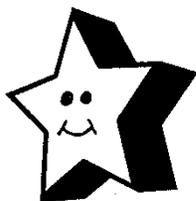
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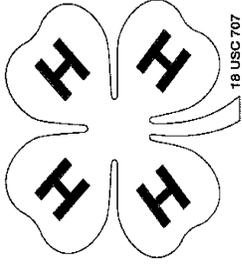


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