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SMRWA Brings Conservation Angle to Juneteenth 2012

Delightful weather accompanied the 9th annual Juneteenth celebration at Freedom Park on June 16th. The huge crowd of about 2000 included people from as far as North Carolina as well as Mary's County locals.

"The children made my job easy this year. Nearly all of them told me exactly how and why oysters are important to the health of the Chesapeake Bay. It is always a delight to meet bright youngsters that are truly informed about nature," exclaimed Allison Rugila, Program Director of the SMRWA.

The SMRWA exhibit featured a ten-foot Pelican kayak, paddle, and fishing outfit, which is being raffled off. Over 50 tickets were sold at the event.



Fred Czarra and Allison Rugila recruit volunteers.

The drawing for the kayak will be at this year's Riverfest, October 13th at Historic St. Mary's. Tickets are 1 for \$2 or 6 for \$10 and can be purchased on our website or at other the events leading up to Riverfest.

For more information about this event or future events, contact us at info@stmarysriver.org or visit our web site at <http://www.smrwa.org>.

