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RiverFest promises to please all ages

The St. Mary's River Watershed Association is holding its 3rd Annual RiverFest on **Saturday, September 29th, from noon to 4 pm** at the **Chesapeake Bay Field Lab on St. George Island**. The event will be held rain or shine and admission is FREE. There will be informative exhibits and live music with food and drinks available.

RiverFest is a shore side festival celebrating the natural environment and encouraging sustainable living practices within the St. Mary's River watershed. The 74 square mile St. Mary's River watershed encompasses almost a quarter of St. Mary's County's 296 square miles and hosts nearly half of St. Mary's County's 100,000 residents. RiverFest aims to connect the community to the natural environment through various fun activities and informative exhibits.

Activities include skipjack rides on The Dee of St. Mary's, kayaking, pumpkin painting, bird watching, tonging for oysters, beach seining, rain barrel workshops, and Mr. Bumblebritches the clown. Learn about local organizations, sustainable living activities and scientific studies that are taking place in the St. Mary's River watershed, and in neighboring watersheds. Live music will be provided by Gary Rue, Dan Harbin, and the Rounders featuring Billy Thompson and Brian Deere. Folk duos Michael and Carrie Kline, and Indian Summer will also perform. New this year will be the RiverFest Raffle. Prizes include a North Star Charter fishing excursion or evening cruise on the Bay, a Liquid Logic Tuxedo kayak, Sunday brunch at Brome Howard Inn, and many other fabulous prizes. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20.

The Chesapeake Bay Field Lab is located at 16129 Piney Point Road. Directions: From Route 5 (Point Lookout Road) turn onto Route 249 (Piney Point Road). Continue onto St. George Island and proceed to the complementary parking. A free shuttle service will take you directly to RiverFest!

The St. Mary's River Watershed Association is a 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization. For more information go to www.smrwa.org or call 240-895-4364.