

PRESS RELEASE

Oxford, MD - The 16th Annual Oxford Day, a celebration of history and community in Oxford, will be held Saturday, April 24th, 2010! Jam-packed with all the fabulous events and activities local residents and visitors have come to expect, the party starts early Saturday morning with an all you-can-eat pancake breakfast at the Oxford Community Center (\$7 adults, \$5 age six and under), and a 5k/10k sanctioned race benefitting Bosom Buddies Charities. Then it's on to the traditional Oxford Day Dog Walk (scarves and t-shirts included with registration fee – all proceeds benefit Talbot Humane Society), and the always entertaining Dog Show held this year at the Oxford Ferry Dock – dogs ride free on the Ferry all day! From the Dog Show head to Town Park for Family Hour and to visit the Oxford Marketplace, a collection of locally crafted jewelry, knit wear and gift items. Also in Town Park, a living history display by the Confederate Military Forces Society, a non-profit re-enactment organization.

Eleven o'clock signals the start of the Oxford Day parade! Each year it gets bigger and better, and this year will be no exception with more floats, more music, and more surprises! After the parade, stay in Town Park for a live concert by *Country Current*, treat yourself to lunch at any one of the local restaurants or the Oxford Market, visit the Waters Church for their Oxford-famous Barbeque Chicken, or head to the Causeway for burgers and dogs, crabcakes, conch fritters, and ice cream from the Scottish Highland Creamery. Also at the Causeway, the Kids' Court complete with slide and bouncy room and, new this year, the Oxford Day Kids' Olympics! Throughout the day Holy Trinity Church will hold its annual plant sale, the United Methodist Church will sell baked goods and more, the Oxford Library will have a book sale and the Oxford Museum will be open for the season, and the skipjack *Nathan of Dorchester* will be offering free rides from the Ferry Dock to Masthead restaurant. And as you stroll about town, check out the amazing flower arrangements created for the Oxford Day Flowerbasket Competition.

2010 marks the 50th year that the Oxford Cooperative Lab has been in operation, and in celebration of this milestone, the Lab will offer a bevy of outdoor activities including a tour of the research vessel *Laidly*, exhibits and displays covering the history of the Lab, shoreline and oyster restoration, fish surgery, and the Chesapeake Bay Health Report Card. The US Coast Guard will be there with a response boat, you can try your hand at Oyster tonging, and for all the junior scientists there will be display tanks with lots of different fish, critter tattoos, a marine mammal and sea turtle exhibit, and a "Paint Your Own Fish T-Shirt" activity (T-Shirts provided!) Shuttles to and from the Lab from other areas of the town will run throughout the day.

For more information and a complete schedule of events, please visit www.oxfordday.org, contact Sandy Hale at 410/714-1216, or send an email to info@oxfordday.org.