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1150 Flock to Croghan for the 16th Annual Oswegatchie AdironDuck Race

Outstanding spring weather, a delicious pancake breakfast, free family entertainment, and the lure of watching 4000 rubber ducks get dumped into the west branch of the Oswegatchie River brought over 1,150 guests and volunteers to the Oswegatchie Educational Center, on Long Pond Rd. in Croghan, on Sunday April 25.

Over 700 pancake breakfasts were served beginning at 8 AM. Breakfast included fresh pancakes, sausage, home fries, eggs, and pure maple syrup skillfully prepared by the members of the Stockbridge Valley FFA. Other highlights of the day included an ecumenical church service in Getman Lodge, the Troy Wunderle One Man Circus Show, Bill Smith- Adirondack Storyteller, displays of the Adirondack Artisans Guild, children's games and activities, and much more. The day was highlighted by the dumping of 4000 ducks into the cold and shallow waters of the Oswegatchie River. The race which historically lasts 10 minutes, took over 45 minutes to complete due to the low level of water in the river. In all 16 winning ducks were plucked from the river and were awarded many great prizes including a \$1000 grand prize. The winning duck, number 2116, was purchased by Terry Lowe and sold by the Alexandria Bay FFA. For a complete listing of all the winners visit our website at www.oswegatchie.org.

Oswegatchie rose over \$20,000 to benefit the Oswegatchie scholarship fund which allows students to attend programs at the center on a year round basis. Our programs include a Summer Leadership Camp for all youth entering grade 7 and above. Additionally we provide year round programming in leadership development, environmental education, and outdoor recreation. Oswegatchie is open all four seasons and affiliation in the FFA is not required.

Many thanks go out to the public that attended this event and the many sponsors who gave prizes and cash to support this event. The sponsors of the event included: Lynn Waite, Good Ol Wishys, Croghan Candy Kitchen, Adirondack Artisans Guild, Key Bank of Croghan, Whitelaw Outfitters, Lamplit Farms, O'Neill's Garden Plants, Furnace Hills Bed and Breakfast, SUNY Cobleskill, Sweet Savory Foods, LLC, Riverside Florists, Lowville Town Hall Theatre, Cuddle Clips, Buckingham Hardware, Accounting Firm of Hirschey and Associates, SYSCO Foods Syracuse, Lower Hudson FFA Alumni, Oswegatchie FFA Alumni, Cornell Collegiate FFA, Walton FFA, Sidney FFA, Stockbridge Valley FFA, Tri Valley FFA, Indian River FFA, and Alex Bay FFA.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 24, 2011 for the 17th Annual Adiron-Duck Race and Pancake Breakfast.

The Oswegatchie Educational Center is owned and operated by the New York FFA Leadership Training Foundation, Inc. The FFA is a youth organization for students enrolled in Agricultural Education in high school. The mission of the FFA is to provide students the opportunities to develop premier leadership, personal growth, and career success. To learn more about our program visit www.oswegatchie.org