

Mobile County Holds 5th Annual Water Festival

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The 5th Annual Mobile County Water Festival was held April 9, 2013, at the Alabama Cruise Terminal.

About 800 fourth graders from Collier, Castlen, Indian Springs, Collins-Rhodes, Mobile County Magnet, Old Shell Magnet, Dawes Intermediate, Hollinger's Island, Tanner Williams, and John Will Elementary Schools were in attendance.

Hands-on activities included Water Filtration, Model Watershed, and an Edible Aquifer. The day's activities concluded with a group presentation featuring the famous Fishin' Magicians.

Baker High, Bryant Career Technical Center, and Mary Montgomery High Schools provided valuable leadership with learning station activities.

Funding for this event was made possible by Gulf Coast Resource Conservation and Development, Mobile County Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

Mobile Area Water and Sewer System provided colorful t-shirts for all participants.

Many partners helped with the event. Some of them were:

- The Mobile County Public School System
- Mobile County Commission
- City of Mobile
- USDA Farm Service Agency
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Alabama Cooperative Extension System
- Dauphin Island Sea Lab
- Coastal Alabama Clean Water Partnership
- Alabama Coastal Foundation
- Alabama Power - Barry Steam Plant
- Thompson Engineering
- GulfQuest
- Alabama Forestry Commission

This year's event was a great success. We are looking forward to next year.



Ellen Huckabay, Alabama Corporate Extension System, teaches the Water Filtration activity.



Ilka Porter, GulfQuest, teaches the Water Filtration activity.



Deb Sloat, USDA-NRCS, Grove Hill, teaches the Edible Aquifer activity.