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# Hunting and Fishing Day a 'Tremendous Success'

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"National Hunting and Fishing Day in the Upstate was a tremendous success," said Jason Walls of Duke Energy, one of the coordinators of the Sept. 22 event. "Almost 800 came to the celebration, more than 400 children paddled kayaks, many for the first time, and more than 8,000 pellets were fired from air rifles. There were an incredible number and variety of conservation exhibits and activities on display for people to enjoy."

The event was made possible by the sponsorship of Duke Energy, Trout Unlimited, Upstate Forever, Clemson University's 4-H Shooting Sports Program and S.C. Department of Natural Resources' (DNR). Among the activities featured at the Upstate National Hunting and Fishing Day were kayaking, introduction to fishing, archery, air rifle shooting, fly-fishing, camouflage games and much more.

"We have heard from a lot of people about what a fun and educational day it was," said Angela Viney of Upstate Forever, another coordinator for the event. "We want to thank all of the sponsors and Sunrift Adventures of Travelers Rest, which brought kayaks and canoes and instructors to the event and provided a paddling experience for more than 400 children. And as good as the celebration was, we're working on making next year's event even bigger and better." National Hunting and Fishing Day is a day for Americans to celebrate their outdoor heritage and participate in wildlife-related outdoor activities. This educational event offers "hands-on" outdoor learning opportunities for every age group, outdoor-oriented people and urbanites alike. From the novice to the experienced angler or outdoor enthusiast, National Hunting and Fishing Day offered activities that the whole family can enjoy.

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