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8TH ANNUAL HOOKED ON FISHING-NOT ON DRUGS SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME



Old Bridge Township, NJ –Old Bridge Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse (MAPSA) sponsored the “Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs®” event this past weekend at Cheesequake State Park.

A turnout of 30 Fourth grade contest winners from the Old Bridge Public Schools district elementary schools and two Parochial Schools enjoyed a fun-filled exciting day on how to use fishing and other positive activities to stay drug, alcohol, and tobacco free. The students were awarded fishing poles donated by the Old Bridge Elks.

“I cannot thank Matt Mercurio and Lisa Valsera enough for their support and work to get “Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs” Day at Cheesequake Park underway while I was on medical leave,” said Municipal Alliance Coordinator Karen Tortorici. “My co-workers at Parks and Recreation, Old Bridge Police, Old Bridge Public Schools, HOFNOD Fisherman, HOFNOD volunteers, Municipal Alliance volunteers, CERT volunteers, Old Bridge Elks, State Park staff, Community Business’, parents and friends all pitched in to give our 4th grade contest winners a wonderful day at the park. It only goes to show what a great town we live in; that we come together to support each other time after time. The children were not disappointed and I am sincerely grateful.”

“I congratulate all the contest winners on the phenomenal drawings and slogans created,” said Mayor Owen Henry. “I also want to give my sincere gratitude to everyone who worked hard on making this event possible for our children.”

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