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**SULTANA ANNOUNCES JOHN MANN AS NEW DIRECTOR OF
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

Chestertown, Maryland: Sultana Projects is pleased to announce that starting March 1, 2011, John Mann will join the full-time staff of the organization as “Director of Educational Programs.” In this newly created position, Mann will be responsible for directing Sultana Projects’ new kayak programs and will also play an important role overseeing the organization’s classroom outreach programs and under sail programs on the schooner SULTANA.



John Mann, Sultana Projects’ new Director of Educational Programs, onboard the John Smith Shallop, August 2007

Mann comes to Sultana Projects from Echo Hill Outdoor School where for the past three years he has served as the Assistant Director of Operations and Residential Life. In this capacity, Mann helped to oversee land and water-based residential environmental education programs for thousands of students each year. In addition to his experience at Echo Hill, Mann is no stranger to Sultana Projects. In 2007, John distinguished himself as one of 12 crew members who successfully completed a 121-day, 1,700-mile reenactment of John Smith’s 1608 voyage as part of Sultana Projects’ Captain John Smith Four Hundred Project.

“The addition of John Mann to Sultana Projects’ core educational staff is a critical step in the growth of the organization,” commented Sultana Projects’ Board Chair Patti Hegland.

“John’s presence will help Sultana to increase both the quantity *and* quality of our programs in the coming years. Speaking on behalf of the entire Board of Directors, we are thrilled that John is rejoining the Sultana team.”

"I'm very excited about the opportunity to return to Sultana Projects and help build a new area of the program," said John Mann. "This will allow for a greater number of people to get out on the water and develop a better understanding of our connection to the Chesapeake Bay."

The creation of the “Director of Educational Programs” position is part of a strategic expansion of Sultana Projects’ program capacity. In addition to this year-round, full-time position, in 2011 Sultana Projects will also be adding two new seasonal positions to facilitate an expansion of its kayaking programs. “With the addition of John Mann and these new seasonal positions, Sultana Projects will be able to increase the number of students we serve by approximately 20%,” commented Sultana Projects President, Drew McMullen.

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About Sultana Projects

Each year more than 15,000 students of all ages take part in a unique educational experience with Sultana Projects. Whether sailing on the decks of the 1768 schooner SULTANA, paddling on the Captain John Smith National Historic Trail, or restoring wetlands on tidal tributaries, students who participate in Sultana Projects’ programs gain a greater appreciation of the history and environment of the national treasure that is the Chesapeake Bay. Sultana Projects’ programs are accredited by the Maryland State Department of Education and the organization was the recipient of the 2009 American Sail Training Association “Sea Education Program of the Year” award.

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