

Welcome to the first SwimJamaica update. Our aim is to keep you up to date with developments within SwimJamaica. We thank you for your interest and hope you enjoy reading our news.

Introduction

SwimJamaica is the official learn to swim programme of the Swimming Association (ASAJ). The vision of SwimJamaica is to provide opportunities for every Jamaican to learn to swim, through the development of a high quality, progressive learn to swim programme that is safe, fun and accessible to all. The programme comprises seven levels.

This Term - Increase of students

SwimJamaica was launched in January 2005 with 50 students (from American International School of Kingston, Covenant Christian Academy, Joy Town Learning Centre and Smurfs Day Care Centre). This term we have 150 students on the programme and welcome four new schools (Sunrise Nursery & Kindergarten, Hopefield Prep School, Victory Basic School and Boys Town Basic School).

Students begin level 3

Covenant Christian Academy was the first school to pilot the programme (levels one and two). Students from the school are commencing level three this term.

Pilot of levels 4 to 7

The final 4 levels of the programme are being piloted at Hillel Academy this term.

SwimJamaica Adult Programme

The newly developed Adult Programme is being piloted at the stadium pool.

Sponsored students

As we endeavour 'to make swimming accessible to all' we continue to seek sponsorship. Last term 17 students joined the programme from Joy Town Learning Centre and their fees were subsidised by the ASAJ.

Following their positive response, two further Basic Schools were keen to join the programme. This term we have 65 students from Trench Town on the programme. This has been made possible by the Swimming Association's sponsorship and the Jamaica Constabulary Force assisting with transportation.

Sun Island supports SwimJamaica

We thank Sun Island, SwimJamaica's first sponsor who are donating

- T-shirts for all children at the start of each term (the colour of which corresponds with the level the student is commencing)
- Uniform for the staff team



Children from Covenant Christian Academy with their SwimJamaica t-shirts

Instructor training

It is a goal of SwimJamaica to provide quality training and a progressive career pathway. The training programme and career pathway has been developed (see [web site](#) for further information). We have run one Assistant Instructor course and two Trainee Instructor courses since the beginning of 2005.

On the web

The newly launched SwimJamaica web site can be viewed at www.swimjamaica.com

Canadian support for SwimJamaica

We are grateful to McRae Associations Inc. who have provided the funding to facilitate the development of promotional posters.



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