



Update







December 2009

Welcome to the December update with news on the National Learn to Swim Programme.

Thank you LIMÉ

... we had a great time

SwimJamaica sends a big thank you to LIME for their sponsorship of the SwimJamaica inner city learn to swim project, which has seen over 1300 students entered into the programme since the start of the project in January 2009.

We enjoyed working with LIME & look forward to a continued partnership.

We are echoing the sentiments expressed by one of our participating schools, that "if we had an award to give, LIME would be a key contender"

We're on the Go!

At the end of classes (Jan-Dec 2009), we had 22 paying schools, 32 sponsored schools, 15 franchises at 15 locations, resulting in 112 adults, 33 toddlers & over 6000 students entered in the programme. This is a 41% increase when compared to 2008.



LIME



<u>New Waves in</u> St Thomas

SwimJamaica began making waves at the Lyssons Beach in Morant Bay, St. Thomas on November 16, 2009 when we launched a learn to swim programme with 27 students from the Providence Kindergarten and Preparatory School.

SwimJamaica expresses gratitude to the Principal, Mr Franklyn Holness and his wife Valerie Holness & Mr Ainsley Henriques from Eastern Attractions Ltd, for their role in getting the programme started. SwimJamaica expects to recruit and train ten (10) new Instructors from the Morant Bay area.



Children from Providence Kinder-Prep at the Lyssons Beach



<u>Developing Our</u> Human Resource

Mr John Eyre (Chairman of SwimJamaica) conducted a SwimJamaica Instructor Development Seminar in early November, which focused on "Conflict Management"

Dr Brad McRae conducted two workshops in November 2009. One with University College of the Caribbean. "Seven Strategies of Master Presenters" and another with the SwimJamaica Leadership team.





Dr Brad McRae

Welcome to our New Schools

- Central Academy ECEC
- **Happy Hour Basic**
- Jackson's Basic
- **Lawrence Tavern Primary**
- Lyssons Kinder-Prep
- Maxfield Park Children's Home
- Port Maria Preparatory
- **Providence Kinder-Prep**
- Sankofa Preparatory
- **Tavares Garden Primary**
- **Trench Town Basic**
- **Western United Basic**

Trainina Courses

SwimJamaica continues to increase the number of qualified instructors island wide. We conducted two training courses this term. The Assistant Course had 5 participants, and the Trainee Instructor course had 12 participants. Are you interested in becoming a SwimJamaica Instructor? Call the office at 926-1514.



New Course Dates

- **Instructor Course** January 25 - 29, 2010 Monday - Friday
- **Trainee Instructor** Course February 16 - 18, 2010 Tuesday - Thursday
- **Assistant Course** March 9 & 10, 2010 Tuesday & Wednesday

Volunteers

SwimJamaica had two overseas volunteers assisting in our programme this term. They were Tess Good (Canadian) and Johannes Freyer (German). Both volunteers had a great time & have committed at least another six months to the programme.



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- SwimJamaica is endorsed by the

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