Update



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Welcome to the first SwimJamaica update of 2007.

SwimJamaica Children's Programme

SwimJamaica was launched in 2005 with two schools. As we celebrate our 2nd anniversary there are now 18 schools on the Children's Programme. We welcome three new schools onto the programme this term; New Vision Prep School, Boys Town All Age and Auburn Basic School.



Chris Dawkins from Smurfs Early Childhood Centre

As well as lessons at the National Stadium, classes continue at

- NCB Wellness Centre (for NCB employees)
- Holy Childhood Prep School (for students attending the school)
- American International School of Kingston (for students attending the school)
- University of the West Indies (children sponsored by the NHT Inner City Housing Project)
- The Liguanea Club (after school classes)
- St. Andrew's High School (Saturday classes)
- Discovery Bay (after school and Saturday classes)

Further information is available on the <u>web site</u>



Ashley from Cecil Boswell Facey Basic School



Children from St. Albans Primary School



Children from Trench Town, sponsored by NHT enjoying their lunch after swim classes.

SwimJamaica Adult Programme

Lessons run Monday to Thursday evenings at the National Stadium Pool. A regular group of men and women meet to learn to swim or improve their swimming ability. Click here for more information.

SwimJamaica Instructor Training Programme

The Assistant, Trainee Instructor and Instructor courses are all running this term. SwimJamaica started two years ago with two team members - today there are twenty-one!

From learning to swim to teaching swimming....

David Crooks joined SwimJamaica's Adult Programme last summer. His aim was to pass a lifeguard qualification, which he did in September. David went on to pass the Swim-Jamaica Trainee Instructor qualification and is now teaching children on Saturday mornings at St. Andrew High School.

A big thank you!

Many people contribute to making SwimJamaica the success that it is. We would particularly like to thank,

- The Police for transporting children from Denham Town and Trench Town to lessons at the National Stadium twice a week
- Dr. Brad McRae for leading two more fundraising workshops this month
- Kirstine Mitchell for volunteering her time to instruct on the Children's Programme at the Stadium

Email list Our computer equipment was stolen in November so we are using a back-up distribution list. We apologise if you had requested to be removed from our list. Please let us know again so that we can update our records.

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