

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

September 2009

We Are Growing

The SwimJamaica programme is expanding; we had 2 new franchises over the summer (1) SwimBiggz SwimJamaica learn to swim at Casa Maria Hotel in Port Maria St Mary & (2) Jitter Fins SwimJamaica learn to swim at UWI Pool.



Seven Days a Week!

We know you have been asking for it, so SwimJamaica is happy to introduce Sunday lessons this term.

- Marcel's SwimJamaica learn to swim @ Bournemouth Bath Pool (364-9139)
- Kerry's SwimJamaica learn to swim @ UWI Pool (360-6471)



Over 2000 in Children's Programme.

Over 2,100 children participated in the SwimJamaica lessons for the period April – August, this included over 1,500 from April - June & over 600 students for July & August. Lessons were conducted at eleven (11) pools across Kingston, two (2) pools in Montego Bay and one pool in Port Maria, as well as the sea in Discovery Bay (Puerto Seco Beach) and Oracabessa (James Bond Beach).



Brad's Workshop.

Dr Brad McRae returned to the island in April 2009 and conducted two workshops with University College of the Caribbean. "Seven Strategies of Master Negotiators" & "Seven Strategies of Master Presenters". He also conducted a workshop with the SwimJamaica team.



"One closed, Another Opened"

The National Stadium Pool was closed for renovation on May 1, 2009. The proposed date for reopening is January 2010.



National Stadium Pool

The Bournemouth Bath Pool was opened to the public in December 2008; however the official opening ceremony was held on May 1, 2009.

The Bournemouth Bath pool has been the home for all the Lime sponsored students since May 1, 2009. JUTA has continued to provide the students with transportation.



Bournemouth Bath Pool

Over the summer SDC in partnership with SDF & NHT sponsored 164 students to complete 2 courses of the SwimJamaica programme.

SwimJamaica Long and Short Courses

Our SwimJamaica instructors Rohan Whyte and Georgina Boland went to Antigua and conducted a short course & a long course respectively with the Wadadli Aquatic Racers.



Training Courses.

As the SwimJamaica programme grows, the need for qualified instructors also increases. We conducted three training courses in August; the Assistant Course had 5 participants, the Trainee Instructor course had 12 participants while the Instructor Course had 7 persons. For further information on becoming a SwimJamaica Instructor call the office at 926-1514.

New Course Dates

- **Assistant Course**
October 13-14, 2009
Tuesday & Wednesday
- **Trainee Instructor Course**
October 21-23, 2009
Wednesday - Friday
- **Instructor Course**
November 2-6, 2009
Monday – Friday

SwimJamaica is endorsed by the

- Ministry of Education & Youth • Ministry of Health
- Jamaica Olympic Association • Early Childhood Commission
- Mayor of Kingston & St. Andrew

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