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Preparations being made for Buoyage Infrastructure Partnership

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Welcome

Welcome to the sixth issue of the ReefComm newsletter. In this issue, we will focus on one of our major target audiences, our youth.

Folkestone's Summer Camp Programme

From the glimpse of the marine world from a glass bottom boat ride, the ten kids at Folkestone's Summer Camp became even more interested about the marine world.

The five day camp was hosted at Folkestone from 11th August until 17th August 2009 to increase youth awareness of the marine reserve and its importance to protect the marine organisms within the reserve.

Apart from the exhilarating glass bottom boat ride, the kids were given the opportunity to learn to snorkel, took a tour the Marine Museum and were also engaged in craft sessions that allowed them to build models of the coral reefs.



Campers viewing the shipwreck on the west coast

The camp also included interactive academic sessions allowing the kids to learn about sea turtles, coral reefs and associated marine organisms and the importance of beaches.



Campers learning to use snorkel masks

The sessions were facilitated by various agencies such as National Conservation Commission, Barbados Sea Turtle Project, CERMES and Folkestone Marine Reserve staff. Special thanks to Mrs. Alison Pierre, member of the St. James Parish Ambassadors Committee, and two of our JCR Ambassadors, Zicala Thomas and Toria Smith, who assisted the kids.



Campers learning about marine organisms

JCR Ambassadors meet UK's J8 team

The United Kingdom Junior 8 delegates were recently on a mission to Barbados to learn first hand how climate change and HIV and AIDS are impacting young people in the Caribbean.

The team was also given the opportunity to meet members of the Junior Coral Reef Ambassador Programme at the Alexandra School. Katherine Blackman, along with Mr. John Nicholls, gave the team an insight to the project and the programme. Three JCR Ambassadors gave the team a tour of the Folkestone area introducing them to environmental



JCRA members chatting with J8 team

problems in the area and highlighting activities of which the JCR Ambassadors have been involved.

Visit our Website

<http://www.cavehill.uwi.edu/cermes/folkestone.html>



JCR Ambassadors on turtle patrol

Around 8:30pm on Friday 19th June 2009, the ambassador along with the patrol officers walked along the beach of Drill Hall and Hilton area in search of nesting female hawksbill sea turtles. Every year around this time until October, hawksbill turtles can be seen nesting/hatching along the west coast of the island.

The JCR Ambassadors were privileged to observe this. The group was led by Field director of the Barbados Sea Turtle Project, Mr. Darren Browne.



JCRA members observing a hawksbill turtle nesting

JCR Ambassadors in St. Lucia

Thirteen of the JCR Ambassadors at the Alexandra School participated in a field trip to St. Lucia in July to learn about its local marine environment.

The main focus of the trip was the visit to the Soufriere Marine Management Area (SMMA). During the site visit the ambassadors met Ms. Sonia Cazaubon who introduced them to SMMA and its establishment. After that the ambassador snorkelled around Anse Chastanet, one of the popular snorkelling sites in the SMMA.



JCRA on SMMA patrol vessel to Anse Chastanet

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