



# DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD JAMAICA



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## 1 General

### *1.1 Dukers Doing Well*

This year has been a great year for the Participants in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Programme. Many are using the programme to make contacts with other participants not only in Jamaica but in other countries.

At one school three Dukers passed nine subjects at the CXC level and another passed 10 subjects. At another school a Duker was awarded a scholarship worth millions to pursue tertiary level studies overseas.

Through this prestigious and exciting international programme, young people are improving their character, learning how to lead and how to follow, learning new skills, there are improving their relationships with their teachers and generally they are having fun doing this programme.

### *1.2 Bahamas*

A number of participants went to the Bahamas this summer and from all reports they had a great time exploring the various islands of the Bahamas.

### *1.3 CASC*

We had over 140 persons coming for the Caribbean Annual Sub-Regional Camp (CASC) this year which was held in Gordon Town. We had participants and leaders from approximately 14 countries attending. They attended our awards function at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel and they were very impressed with this very prestigious function.

The Opening Ceremony for CASC also went well. Thanks to the Jamaica Military Band, the Police Band and all those performers who contributed to these functions.

The Mayor of Kingston hosted the whole camp at Port Royal where they had a tour of the historic city and also the fish and bammy which was served after.

CASC 2010 will be in Guyana. Please start from early to seek sponsorship for those participants who would like to take part in the expedition in Guyana next year.

## **2 Seminar**

There will be two leaders Seminars. One will be on Friday, October 16, at the Methodist Church Hall in May Pen from 10 am until 3 pm. The other will be in Kingston at the NAA headquarters on Wednesday, October 14, from 12 noon to 4 pm.

## **3 Church Service**

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Jamaica Annual Church Service will take place on Sunday, November 8, 2009. You will be advised of the location as soon as this is confirmed.

## **4 Service Day**

Our Annual Service Day will be on Saturday, November 14, 2009. We encourage you to locate a venue in your community where you will conduct your service day this year.

## **5 Record Books**

Submit all record books to the National Award Authority for participants who are eligible to receive their bronze and silver awards by Friday, March 5, 2010.

## **6 Bronze and Silver Awards Ceremony**

The Bronze and Silver Award Ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel commencing at 2:00 p.m. Encourage your participants to work towards completing their award before that date.

## **7 Participants**

### ***7.1 Skill***

Encourage the participants to do a skill that will be of benefit to them economically later on in life such as, photography, art and craft, woodwork and home management just to mention a few.

Have sessions with your participants covering areas such as grooming, etiquette, deportment and public speaking.

### ***7.2 Exploration/Expedition***

It's very important that participants cover areas such as Map Reading, Camp Craft, Country Code and First Aid.

### ***7.3 Service***

Encourage your participants to also give service to your institution. This service can be for example maintaining the grounds.

### ***7.4 New Participants***

Register your participants as soon as possible so that they can start working immediately on the award so that they can complete it by March.

## **8 Reaching out to Youths Displaying Antisocial Behaviour**

In cases where you have young people who are posing a challenge to the institution, please suggest to the head of the organization that these youths can be encouraged to join the Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme. Of course if there is a Guidance Councillor at the institution you could also work closely with this person in using the programme.

We have seen many youths changed dramatically after they have joined the programme. This is noticed while working and socializing not only with other young people in their institution but also those from other institutions.

## **9 Leaders Training**

We plan to have leaders meetings/training sessions in Kingston, May Pen, and possible in Montego Bay in the near future. We will give you more information in the future.

## **10 Information**

Please ensure that the National Award Authority has email addresses, cell numbers and passport size photographs for all participants, award leaders and national volunteers. Kindly advise us of any leader who has joined or who has resigned from your unit. Inform us also if you have a new head of the organization.

## **11 Forum**

We hope to have a Youth Public Forum first in Kingston where participants can speak about issues affecting them. We expect to have the second Forum in May Pen. You will be advised of the dates.

## **12 Liaison Officers**

We have appointed a number of Liaison Officers who will be in contact with Unit Leaders. These Liaison Officers will communicate Award matters to the Unit Leaders and also give them advice and suggestion regarding the administration of the units.

## **13 Public Relations**

It's very important that you develop a plan to inform your immediate community and the wider community about the work that is being done using the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Programme. For example you can highlight the work of the participants at the school general assembly, have announcement made in during church service or inform community members at the community meeting.

You can also have photographs published in your school, community or church magazines.

**Note: Please send us the registration forms for your new participants as soon as possible.**