

THE EXUMA FOUNDATION - DECEMBER 2014



LAND PREPARATION

ENVIRONMENTAL ED



Above. Stuart Manor students setting out the school garden.
Below: Letter from a student at Forest school to the Prime Minister following a field trip to Moriah Harbour Cay.

Work on the land preparation behind the activity centre is now near completion. The work began by ripping the bedrock and crushing the large boulders (top). This was followed by a machine which 'eats' the rocks and produces a workable tilth. (This machine was donated by Craig Symonette who read of the Foundation's work with breadfruit in a newsletter.)

This area will now be planted with fruit trees and pigeon peas and as far as possible irrigated with water harvested from the roofs of the centre.

GRAND ISLE EVENT



All the trustees on Exuma in early November attended a fund raising dinner in aid of the hospital held at Grand Isles and organized by Peter Nicholson. On the following day a group of invited donors took part in a cycle race from George Town to Williamstown.

Paul LeFevre spoke to the guests at dinner and described the Foundation's work. Brochures were distributed.

Kyle Saunders
Forest Primary School
Exuma, Bahamas
24th November, 2014

Hello Mr. Prime Minister

This is Kyle Saunders, a six grade student at Forest Primary School. I am writing you this letter to tell you about an eco-tour. My class and I went on, to Moriah Harbour Cay National Park. With a few rugged hills, unspoilt coast, and areas of genuine natural beauty, this national park is a wonderful asset to the island of Exuma. I must say that visiting this park, has brought joy to my life.

I hiked up a very high hill that overlooked the beautiful ocean behind Stocking Islands. We saw lots of sea organisms like the soldier crabs, weelks, corals, land crabs, and conch. We also learned about vertebrates and invertebrates, like the spiny lobsters, Queen conch, Elkhorn coral, Green Sea Turtles, and the white Cay Rock Iguana.

I know that this park on my island of Exuma, is not here by mistake or accident. God saw it fitting to bless Exuma with this natural beauty. So I just want to say "Thanks," to your government for protecting this land for our generation, and the ones to come.

Sincerely,

Kyle Saunders.



CAPTAIN'S LICENSING

All of the

above should now be addressed as "Captain" having passed the necessary examinations following classes at the Campus. The examinations were set by The Bahamas Port Authority and the course taught by Captain Lightbourne of Gadites Maritime and Navigation. Course includes first aid, navigation and conservation responsibility.

Our thanks to everyone who makes The Exuma Foundation possible.

May we wish you all a blessed holiday and a peaceful, happy and healthy New Year.



FOOD PRESERVATION

Martha Smith (right) and two of her helpers with some of the preserved fruit they have made. This project was funded by the Foundation with a grant from the Global Environmental Facility (GEFS). This project was made possible by the newly equipped kitchen.

COASTAL HYDROLOGY



These students are from the University of Miami taking part in a course on coastal hydrology run by Dr. Kathleen Sealey. The Foundation provided transport and lab facilities for a fee. COB students were involved.

BAKING CLASSES



Fifteen successful participants in a baking course run by the Culinary School of the Department of Hospitality at COB.

Participants made lemon meringue pie, cheese cake, carrot cake, fruit cake, cookies, brownies, bread, frostings and icings, Danish and croissants. Inset: Chef Eldred Saunders and COB Coordinator Krivoy Knowles.



SCOTIABANK GIFT

The manager of Scotiabank Exuma, Ms. Arnette Watson and her team, making a donation of food to Danny Strachan for the Food Bank to be distributed before Christmas.

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