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Fifty-Three Youngsters Participate In V.I. Triathlon Federation's Succotash Splash 'N Drumstick Dash

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ST. CROIX -- In spite of the drizzles on Sunday morning, 53 kids came out to participate in the Succotash Splash 'n Drumstick Dash, an event hosted by the Virgin Islands Triathlon Federation, a press release the Federation issued this morning has made known.

While waiting their turn to race, most of the youngsters visited the face painting booth, where Good Hope Country Day School (GHCD) Interact volunteers painted on sporty and holiday themes on their happy faces. The Junior Tri VI Committee was pleased to see so many newcomers to the event, according to the release.

The five to six-year-old children were the first to take off from the shoreline of the Chenay Bay Resort. After a short point-to-point, 25-meter swim, the kids ran .25 miles through the grounds of the resort and back. Teague Gleason, Isaiah Wilson and Beckett Archambault took the top places in the field, respectively. Diella Maynard finished fourth overall and Fauquher was second and first-timer Mica Astropabio was



Winner of the Female 5-6 category, Diella Maynard.

Next, fifteen kids lined up the 7-8 category. They completed a 50-meter swim, followed by a .25 mile run. Joseph Freeman of GHCDs led the race from the start with a time of 1:15 for the swim. He finished the race just over 30 seconds ahead of second place, Connor Bass. Rex Andrews was third. First-timer Helen Collins led the female race from the start too, posting the fastest swim and run splits of the group. Annabelle Croney was second and Sabine Guerra was third.

The largest field of the race was the 9-11 category. The group has many fierce competitors, so the outcome is never certain until they cross the line, according to the release. Nine-year-old Kaeden Gleason was victorious this morning, beating out Mason Lambert by just 4 seconds. Tyler Jones was third overall in the 100-meter swim and .5 mile run. Lydia Wilson plowed through the swim and held her own on the run to secure her first-place position for the girls. Kirra Lambert was second and Maria Wilson was third.

The smallest group was the last to toe the line. The middle schoolers, ages 12-13, covered a course made up of a 200-meter swim and a 1-mile run. Mikey Dizon-Bumann, who just qualified to swim with the National Team in the CARIFTA Championships in the Spring, lead the 200-meter swim, just ahead of St. Croix Dolphins swimmer, Erin Andrews. Mikey held off second place finisher, Brice Richards, to win in 10:04. Colton Fauquher was third. Erin was the sole female competitor

The next event in the Junior Tri VI series will be the Rotary Mid-Isle Duathlon on February 5th in Gallow's Bay and is open for kids ages 5 to 15. For more information, please call 340-513-2707.