

Blowing Point Youth Camp

August 17, 2009

This week-long summer camp was sponsored by the Blowing Point Youth Development Centre to teach a group of approximately 30 children about the island's local culture and history including foodways, heritage and music. I had the privilege to attend the opening ceremony and with Don Mitchell, introduce them to Anguilla's rich heritage, including the island's numerous shipwrecks and underwater archaeological sites.



The session lasted approximately an hour. Don and I emphasized the importance of leaving the marine artefacts in the sea and how they might benefit future generations of Anguillians. All of the children raised their hands when we asked them if they would like to see the shipwrecks found during the survey. After my presentation on maritime heritage, Don explained some of the island's history including the first governors, the working parts of a sugar plantation, and his pastimes as a child living in the Caribbean.