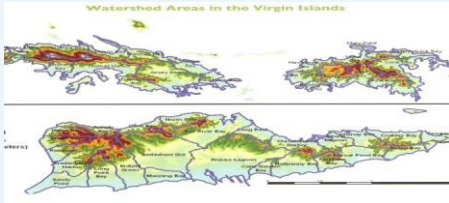


CAMP UMOJA

Protecting & Preserving our Natural Resources

Philosophy

The V.I. has lost more than 50% of its inland forests, mangrove forests, large amounts of its sea grass beds, a number of salt ponds, and many of its coral reefs. Perhaps this is because we have forgotten the importance of our various ecosystems. The total area of beach on St. Thomas is only 41.90 acres, which is only 2% of the landmass. Of that we only have 7 beaches that are truly open to the public.

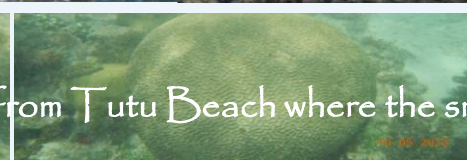
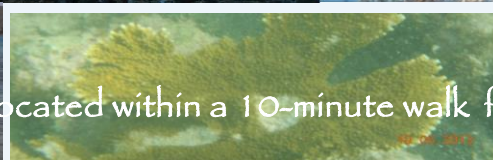


Mission

Camp Umoja's mission is two fold. It is dedicated to preserving and protecting our natural ecosystems. Also, it is dedicated to creating a place where youth can be educated about the fragile marine and land environments in the U.S.V.I.



The campground is located within a 5-minute walk from Mandahl Bay beach and lagoon. The once sandy, now rocky, seashore of the beach provides hours of exploration, snorkeling and fun. The lagoon provides a safe place to kayak and peacefully enjoy studying our endangered ecosystems.



Camp Umoja is also located within a 10-minute walk from Tutu Beach where the snorkeling is a must.



Activities

Besides the beach activities students can participate in bird watching while hiking through the forest. They can then relax, enjoy the views & play board games or experience cooking on an open-pit fire using wood, with food from the garden.



Trails through the natural forest and agricultural gardens, will enrich young and old with information about the plants and animals in this watershed ecosystem.

Open-air classrooms are designed for teaching about the cultural, historical and ecological aspects and practices of our islands and their people.

Students or adults may take part in seminars with scientists, environmentalist, artists, horticulturist, agriculturist, farmers, and historians.



Hands on learning activities that will provide groups with a learning experience within nature's natural ecosystems.



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