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Grandfather and granddaughter team up to lead camps on an island in the Caribbean



Albert Fuller Sr. is in the green shirt in the second row. Jamiya Fuller is in the back wearing a white headband. *Photo Provided*

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CURACAO -- The retired leader of UF/IFAS Levy County Extension accepted an invitation to return to a Caribbean island this summer to help lead a pilot program similar to one that took place again in Levy County this summer.

Albert Fuller Sr. and his granddaughter Jamiya Fuller traveled to the Antillean Dutch island of Curacao to give leadership to two different types of camps. This was due to an invitation from the 4-S program of that island. The specific purpose of the request was for the Fuller duo to provide educational leadership to pilot test two different summer camping models. The models included residential and day camping.

Jamiya served as a team counselor. Her responsibilities included: Teaching and leading songs, set up and teaching science STEM projects, assisting with Archery Instruction and assisting with campfire activities including teaming up with several local youth to lead songs she taught them.

Mr. Fuller's responsibilities included: Overall planning and implementation of educational activities; joint planning with host coordinator for implementation of the entire event training/preparing; leading adult counselors to conduct camp activities; and assessing the potential for expansion of the program on that island and on other Antillean islands.

The tentative plan next year is to double the number of camps in Curacao and expand to at least one more island.

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Mr. Fuller also served as lead the facilitator-counselor for the high ropes challenge course and for the low ropes challenge course activities at the camp. These activities were conducted on structures built by Fuller in and around the challenge park named in his honor.

Click [HERE](#) to see that Aug. 21, 2015 story about the park being named in honor of Mr. Fuller.

While on the island the grandfather-granddaughter team conducted a workshop for after-school teachers and volunteers. The focus of the workshop was Science/STEM projects and archery instruction.

This was Jamiya's first summer in six years away from levy county camps and it was Mr. Fuller's first time in 39 years away from UF/IFAS Extension 4-H camps. The revelation for both of them was that children and youth around the world are the same no matter what language they speak or how they look. In this camp situation on the island, all of the challenges and fun times were almost the same as every other camp in which either of them has participated.

All of these camps and the workshops on the island were conducted for the Curacao 4-S organization which is similar to the 4-H program in the United States.