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Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – Twenty-eight youngsters ages 5-14 turned out on Saturday (March 16) for the 2013 Taga Kids Triathlon, held in conjunction with the 24th Annual Tagaman Triathlon in Saipan.

The young competitors triumphed over the swim-bike-run course under the tropical sun at American Memorial Park.

Topping the Age 6-8 Male category were 8-year-old Rintaro Miyawaki (20:45.32), 8 year-old Akira Kadokura (21:35.36), and 7-year-old Taiyo Akimaru (23:04.50). For the Females, it was 8-year-old Coume Kaga (23:51.44), 7-year-old Soleil Lamar (23:53.46), and 8-year-old Ayaka Sato (30:28.15).

For the Age 9-12 Male category, 9-year-old Lennosuke Suzuki (40:13.53) finished first, followed by 12-year-old David Boyer-Roberto, Jr. (40:47.80), and 9-year-old Blake Mister (41:41.67). The Females were led by 9-year-old Conatsu Kaga (43:55.82), 10-year-old Jin Ju Thompson (47:43.61), and 10-year-old Sami Nimura (55:07.99).

14-year-old Angel Marie Tan was the lone competitor in the 13-15 age category, finishing the long course in 1:00:37.



Coach Elias Rangamar of Northern Mariana Athletics explains the swim course to competitors in the 2013 Taga Kids Triathlon on March 16, 2013, in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.



Seven-year-old Louis Henley prepares for the swim course of the 2013 Taga Kids Triathlon on March 16, 2013, in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.



Eight-year-old Rentaro Suzuki tackles the bike course of the 2013 Taga Kids Triathlon on March 16, 2013, in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.



Ten-year-old Sami Nimura takes off on the bike course of the 2013 Taga Kids Triathlon on March 16, 2013, in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.



Five-year-old Wataru Kadokura was the youngest competitor in the 2013 Taga Kids Triathlon on March 16, 2013, in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.



Eleven-year-old Michael Villagomez celebrates his finish in the 2013 Taga Kids Triathlon on March 16, 2013, in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.



Young competitors share a light moment before tackling the swim-bike-run course of the 2013 Taga Kids Triathlon on March 16, 2013, in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Twenty-eight youngsters ages 5 to 15 joined the competition.



Young competitors in the 2013 Taga Kids Triathlon on March 16, 2013, in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands pose for a commemorative photo with pro triathlete Mieko Carey, center rear, following their race.

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