



EdGE Summer Camp is Back!

CHERRYFIELD, ME -- The Mission was thrilled it successfully ran a safe and fulfilling summer camp for Downeast students during the unprecedented situation of summer 2020. In 2021, EdGE Summer is back again, offering camps in three locations: Cherryfield, Milbridge, and Machias. Camp activities include cooking, literacy, photography, science experiments, engineering, trail hiking, volleyball, basketball, the arts, and other engaging activities.

EdGE staff look forward to welcoming campers and providing a fun and engaging experience for them. As always, the number one priority for summer camps is to keep children, families, and staff healthy and safe. Registration closes June 4th - contact edge@seacoastmission.org with any questions or call 546-4466.

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The large room inside the EdGE Ed and Connie Greaves Education Center with new paint and floor, and ropes course gear at the ready on tabletops.

EdGE Center Gets Makeover

CHERRYFIELD, ME -- When Covid-19 forced a reduced 2020 Housing Rehabilitation Program, Downeast Campus Facilities Manager Scott Shaw used available time to oversee some desired renovations of Downeast Campus EdGE Center building.

Painters spruced up the building inside and out. The old tile flooring is replaced with new polyaspartic flooring. "We took the opportunity to renovate the kitchen - rearranged cabinets, added counter space, a gas stove, new refrigerator, dishwasher, and new sinks," explained Scott Shaw. The upstairs classroom and offices were carpeted. "The classroom will be a breakout room or a main meeting room for the staff," said Scott. The office walls had added insulation "to help with privacy." Additional toilets were also added, the biggest part of the renovation.

The EdGE Center is looking - and serving us - better than ever with these improvements.

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Dakin Hewlett Joins Mission as Journey Program Manager

CHERRYFIELD, ME – Maine Seacoast Mission announces the addition of Dakin Hewlett as the Journey Program Manager. The Mission EdGE Journey Program is an Emanuel and Pauline A. Lerner Foundation Aspirations Incubator grantee, focusing on mentoring, supporting, and working alongside youth and their families; providing leadership opportunities, community involvement, and travel opportunities.

Prior to joining the Mission, Ms. Hewlett served as Delaware Nature Society's Watershed Education Coordinator where she developed and implemented two youth programs - the Wilmington Youth Environmental Corps and Trail Ambassador programs. The programs provided mentoring, career skill development, outdoor activities, and community engagement projects to support youth aspirations.

Mission Downeast Director Melvin D. Adams III, Ed.D. said, "I'm excited to welcome Dakin to the Downeast Campus team. Her passion for engaging youth voices in the work, supporting youth, and collaborating with communities to increase youth aspirations and success is clear. She is dedicated to learn about history, culture, and place in which she works," said Mel Adams.

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The Island Reader

Anthology of Maine Island Artists & Writers

Coming in June - *The Island Reader 2021*

NORTHEAST HARBOR, ME -- According to Mission Director of Island Outreach & Chaplain - and co-editor - Douglas Cornman, *The Island Reader Anthology of Maine Island Artists & Writers*, Volume 15 and the 15th Anniversary Edition, should be available around June 1. The theme is *Sustaining Islands* with contributions from writers and artists on 15 islands.

The Island Reader 15th Anniversary Edition will be free of charge in hard copy or PDF format. You will also be able to read the new volume online. Donations are gratefully accepted to support the Mission's Island Outreach work.

Last year, according Douglas Cornman, "we shipped copies of *The Island Reader* to people in Maine, Texas, New York, Missouri, New Hampshire, Vermont, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Virginia, Idaho, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, and the United Kingdom."

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Photo of Mission medical team aboard lobster boat courtesy Associated Press.

Invaluable Work of Covid-19 Clinic Nurses

NORTHEAST HARBOR, ME -- Two women dressed in outdoor winter clothing, sitting on a lobster boat deck, huddled close and leaning forward into the two-sided pilothouse, trying, mostly in vain, to avoid the frigid salt spray of choppy, white-capped waters between Maine islands. This photo Mission medical team nurses Sharon Daley and Maureen Giffin, traveling to a Covid-19 vaccination clinic, is memorable.

With the last of a series of island vaccination clinics that began in February scheduled later this month, we especially want to acknowledge the invaluable, caring work of two nurses who helped Mission Island Health Director Sharon Daley administer the coronavirus vaccines: Maureen Giffin and Peggy Akers.

“What a pleasure and honor it is to work with two amazing dedicated nurses doing the Covid Vaccine clinics on the islands,” said Sharon Daley. “There is no way I could do it without them. Maureen and Peggy have been adaptable to climbing down ladders onto boats, flying on little planes when the wind is howling, and anything else they need to do. Most of all they treat each person they meet with care and respect. I am honored to work beside them and call them friends,” said Sharon.

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Wendy Harrington at her favorite place - Eastern Harbor

People & Places - Wendy Harrington

CHERRYFIELD, ME -- I joined the Mission in 2002. My husband Charlie and I worked with Gary DeLong to create the EdGE. The EdGE model included working with children, their families, and community. My work was, and is, centered on families and community and the belief that children thrive when they have the support of the people around them. In 2007, I became the Director of Service Programs and began developing programs offering support to our neighbors -- including EdGE families.

My favorite place has always been beside the ocean. My mother grew up on Nantucket in a fishing family. She instilled her love of the ocean in me. For the past 19 years, I have lived on [Eastern Harbor](#) and wake up to this beautiful sight every morning. This is my favorite place because of its beauty and because of the memories it holds for me.

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