

Have Fun with EdGE this School Year!



The Mission has opened registration for our EdGE afterschool programs for the 2024-2025 school year. EdGE offers afterschool programs for students at seven schools in Washington County: Beals Elementary, Cherryfield Elementary, D.W. Merritt Elementary, Harrington Elementary, Jonesport Elementary, Milbridge Elementary, and Rose M. Gaffney Elementary. Most afterschool programs begin in October.

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Community Member Profile: Sarah Saxby from Frenchboro



The Mission's communities are vibrant and diverse and they span a nine-thousand-five-hundred square mile area that more than ninety-thousand Mainers call home spanning from southern Maine to the Canadian border. We are sharing the stories of these people and their communities, in their own words. First up is Sarah Saxby who lives on Frenchboro.

How long have you been on your island, or coming to your island?

I have been on Frenchboro since October of 2014, and my husband's been here since April of 2011.

What's special to you about your island?

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Volunteers Make an Impact on the Downeast Campus

Hundreds of people visit the Mission's Downeast Campus in Cherryfield each week. Some of these visitors include seniors utilizing the food pantry, kids using the challenge course as part of EdGE, dogs and their owners' taking walks on some of the trails, and families enjoying a meal as part of the Downeast Table of Plenty. At the heart of this is a group of volunteers working to support the Mission staff and programs and make the campus a more welcoming place for the whole community.

Around a dozen volunteers help at the pantry every week. They...

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In the News

Here are a few of our favorite pieces from this summer.



WABI TV 5 shared more about the exhibit featuring the Mission's archives at the Great Harbor Maritime Museum.

The *Working Waterfront's* editor Tom Groening joined the Mission and *Sunbeam* crew on their trip to the annual Frenchboro Lobster Dinner to share more about the Mission's work on outer islands.

Star 97.7 highlighted the impact Housing Improvement volunteers from 11 states had on the Downeast region this summer.

The *Ellsworth American* celebrated the four students from Hancock and Washington Counties who received full, four year scholarships through the Davis Maine Scholarship.

THE MISSION IS HIRING!



EDGE AFTERSCHOOL LEADS AND ASSISTANTS

EdGE Afterschool Leads and Assistants support Mission Downeast initiatives that leverage education, leadership, experiential, outdoor activities, and mentoring-based programs to build youth engagement, aspirations, and resilience. This position works with a team of staff to facilitate EdGE afterschool program with a focus on students in grades K-8.

These are part-time positions averaging four to eight hours weekly at a rate of \$14.15 to \$22 per hour depending on experience.

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