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EdGE BRINGS SUMMER FUN

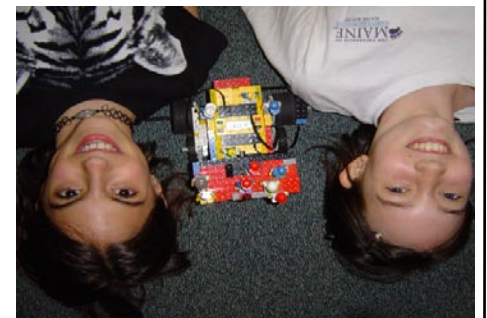
Offering thirteen camps to 150 campers, EdGE provided many new opportunities to students this summer. For five days each session, students enjoyed exciting challenges and sometimes an overnight experience at the Mission in Bar Harbor.



EdGE offered the following camps in June and July:



The ropes course in Cherryfield challenges individuals and encourages teamwork.



A variety of camp offerings ensures that students can choose activities they enjoy.

Evaluation from the 2004/2005 school year shows that EdGE continues to enhance the lives of youth in Washington County.

40 % of regular attendees raised their math scores by half a letter grade or more

65% of regular attendees raised their math scores

53% of regular attendees raised their Language Arts scores

2005/2006 will bring EdGE to the Ella Lewis Elementary School in Steuben

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Introductory EdGE Camp, for rising 5th and 6th graders this camp offered teambuilding, arts and crafts, nutrition, literacy activities, ropes course, sports, and fieldtrips.

Arts Camp, performing and visual arts centered camp that included film production with local cinematographer Barbara Hanania.

EdGEbots Camp, a technology camp featuring Lego robotics and GPS where students created five Geocaches and hid one at each EdGE school.

Kayak, Hike, and Bike Camp, which provided students access to Acadia National Park for their physically active camp.

Challenge Course Camp, allowing campers to meet personal challenges on the newly constructed ropes course at Weald Bethel.

HAPY (Happy, Active, Proud Youth) Camp, a camp developed by the EdGE staff to promote healthy lifestyle choices and strategies for developing a positive self image.



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EXCITING NEW GROWTH AND EXPANSION

As The Maine Sea Coast Mission kicked off it's Capital Campaign on July 11, 2005, one hundred years to the day from the founding of the Mission, the EdGE Program looked forward to some exciting changes. During the summer of 2005, EdGE offered a camp at the Ella Lewis Elementary School in Steuben in anticipation of the expansion of it's in-school and after-school programs to this, the sixth participating EdGE school in Washington County. The EdGE Program also eagerly awaited the plans for an EdGE building to be constructed at Weald Bethel in Cherryfield with funding from the Mission's Capital Campaign.

The new EdGE building will support existing programs and establish a central location for these programs. The building, designed by award winning Bar Harbor architect Roc Caivano, will provide offices, meeting rooms, storage space, a modern kitchen, and a large, multi-purpose activity room. Space at participating EdGE schools is limited and often unavailable. The new space will allow students from different schools to join in activities together. In addition, social service programs that are currently provided in the existing Mission center at Weald Bethel will have access to the public space in the new building. The Capital Campaign will also provide a strong endowment to help ensure the sustainability of these important educational activities.

Connie Greaves Bates, pictured here with Executive Director Gary A. DeLong, is funding the EdGE building, which will be named the Ed Greaves Education Center for her late husband, Ed Greaves.

