



Help a Kid Program

Creating After School Opportunities for Children

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Dear Friends,

We do need your support and when it comes to kids, I have found that people really want to help. Everyday, we want to make sure that each boy and girl in our school district has a healthy and safe place to go after school , on the weekend, or during school vacations.

The requests received always exceed our ability to fund the requests. We welcome any level of support from individual and business sponsors. Please consider sending a contribution so we can make a difference to a young person in need.

Thank you,

William C. Shuttleworth
Superintendent of Schools

The Lower Kennebec Region School Unit (RSU #1) serves the communities of Arrowsic, Bath, Phippsburg, West Bath and Woolwich. The Help-A-Kid Program was created to insure that all students in our region have an opportunity to attend after school activities. We wanted to eliminate transportation, tuition or entry fees as reasons that prevented kids from being involved in quality programs.

Over the last two years, the fund has supported over 200 students. Some of the activities include:

- ~Swim Lessons
- ~Martial Arts Training
- ~Music Lessons
- ~Newspaper Club
- ~Golf Lessons
- ~Camp Sunshine Scholarships
- ~4-H (formerly Maine Conservation) Camp Scholarships
- ~Bath Skate Park Membership
- ~Art Lesson
- ~Basketball Camp
- ~YMCA Memberships
- ~Boy Scout Sponsorship
- ~Pottery Classes



In our fast paced world, we seldom take a step back to reconnect with the natural world. The Primitive Skills course of the 4-H Camp is an introduction to the skills required for self-reliance "unplugged" from the TV, game boy, computer, or other technology. Students gain confidence and experience in backcountry living and nature awareness. Activities include shelter building, primitive and modern fire building, backcountry cooking, identification and uses of wild plants, tool making, knife safety and wood carving, water purification, rope making, tree identification, nature observation and awareness, as well as tracking skills.

We believe kids do best when they are playing, having fun, learning new skills, engaging with peers, challenging personal limitations and being outside - all part of what Help-a-Kid supports.

Do you have an talent or craft that you would like to share as an after school activity?



BASKETBALL

Along with fellow Harlem Rockets player, Ricky “Seven Footer” Lopes, Jason “White Shadow” Gibbons (a local resident) worked with a number of students in the Harlem Rockets basketball camp during the 2007 summer vacation. The daily sessions focused on basketball fundamentals, important life lessons, and good sportsmanship. Jason continues to inspire kids to say no to drugs and remain in school and work toward graduation with pride.

We hope that this very popular program will return in the summer of 2009.



KARATE

Ed Hall of Hall’s Olympic Martial Arts Center works with students to build self control, confidence, discipline, respect, as well as self-defense techniques.

ART



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The ArtVan Program, "Creativity through the Arts" is a mobile arts therapy program that brings the arts to all people, providing the arts as a healing agent for safe, creative expression and self-discovery. Keeping the Arts Rolling at Bath Middle School with the AVAX (ArtVan Artists Xtraordinaire) afterschool program where youth create, express, learn and exhibit their unique talents!

Quotes:

“The Help-A-Kid Program makes a difference to a lot of kids in this area. I know that it is not a good idea to have kids home alone from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.”

- Mike Field, Chief of Police, Bath, ME

“My daughter was in an eight week program with the Art Van and she not only learned a lot of new art skills but the group addressed bullying, popular culture and its negative affects.”

- Mom of a 12 yr old middle school student

“We think it is wise to have kids involved in a meaningful, structured activity instead of going home to an empty home after school. We have many hard working parents that cannot afford to create these opportunities for their children so we went out and created a fund to help these families.”

- Charles Durfee, Chairman, RSU #1 Board of Directors

“Bath and other RSU communities have always supported our kids. Help-A-Kid can only continue to do this work with your support.

- Bill Giroux, Bath City Manager

Please consider sending a check to:

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All funds directly benefit kids.

This is a charitable tax deduction.