

## **Cape Sable Important Bird Area Committee Environmental Education through Awareness**

The Cape Sable Important Bird Area Committee is pleased to announce a very successful summer. We were able to complete our project goals increasing awareness about the uniqueness of Cape Sable Island and surrounding areas. The project involved community members of all ages.

Eight students and three adults from the Barrington Municipal High School were chosen to represent the BMHS Green Team Environment Club in Boston at the Gulf of Maine Institute Conference. This year the conference was based at Thompson's Island from June 28-July 4 2009. During this conference the Green Team presented the projects they worked on during the year. The rest of the week each team from all over the Gulf of Maine worked on various projects based on Environmental Justice in the Gulf of Maine.

The Children's Nature Camps were again successful with full attendance and community support. Support from educators and materials from Bird Studies Canada, Gulf of Maine Institute, Acadia University, Department of Natural Resources, Parks Canada and other professionals helped increase awareness to both the children and adults. Members of the BMHS Green Team Environment Club also helped with the nature camps.

The CSIBA Committee also incorporated some adult nature walks during the summer and a lichen walk is planned for this fall. Presentations were given to the local Elementary Schools and other community events about the endangered Piping Plover and other Species at Risk in our area. The local elementary school grades 2 and 3 took part in a poster contest about the importance of beaches and piping plovers.

Included in the report are pictures from the Nature Camps, GOMI Conference and other activities on a CD. Financial Report, Nature Camp Schedule, Nature Camp Certificate, Registration Form and Photo Waiver are included in the report. The parents signed a waiver to permit their child's picture to be used on a website. The NS Habitat Conservation Fund Logo was used on printed materials during the summer.

The CSIBA is currently updating their website, recognition and logos will be used on our website in appreciation to our funder.