

GOT BORED SURVEY

Conducted Autumn, 2001 in the Blue Hill Peninsula

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Methodology

A total of 428 responses were received to written surveys distributed to regional schools and in the Blue Hill Public Library. Participation was voluntary and individual responses held confidential.

Findings

Respondent's Town of Residence

- ♦ Most respondents reside in Blue Hill and peninsula towns.
- ♦ High school students probably account for responses from outlying areas.

Town	Frequency	Percent
Blue Hill	135	31.5%
Sedgwick	61	14.3%
Penobscot	50	11.7%
Surry	39	9.1%
Brooklin	36	8.4%
Brooksville	34	7.9%
Orland	25	5.8%
Castine	23	5.4%
Hancock	2	0.5%
Trenton	2	0.5%
Deer Isle	2	0.5%
Ellsworth	2	0.5%
Sullivan	1	0.2%
Bucksport	1	0.2%
Belfast	1	0.2%
No town specified	14	3.3%
Total	428	100.0%

Respondent's School

- ♦ Most responses were provided by students at
 - ♦ George Stevens Academy,
 - ♦ Blue Hill Consolidated School and
 - ♦ Blue Hill Library

- ♦ Duplication may have occurred between library and schools responses.

SCHOOL	Frequency	Percent
George Stevens Academy	189	44.2%
Blue Hill Consolidated	57	13.3%
Blue Hill Library	40	9.3%
Sedgwick Elementary	29	6.8%
Penobscot Elementary	23	5.4%
Brooklin Elementary	20	4.7%
Liberty School	19	4.4%
Surry Elementary	16	3.7%
Brooksville Elementary	14	3.3%
Adams School (Castine)	13	3.0%
College (pretest)	7	1.6%
Blank	1	0.2%
Total	428	100.0%

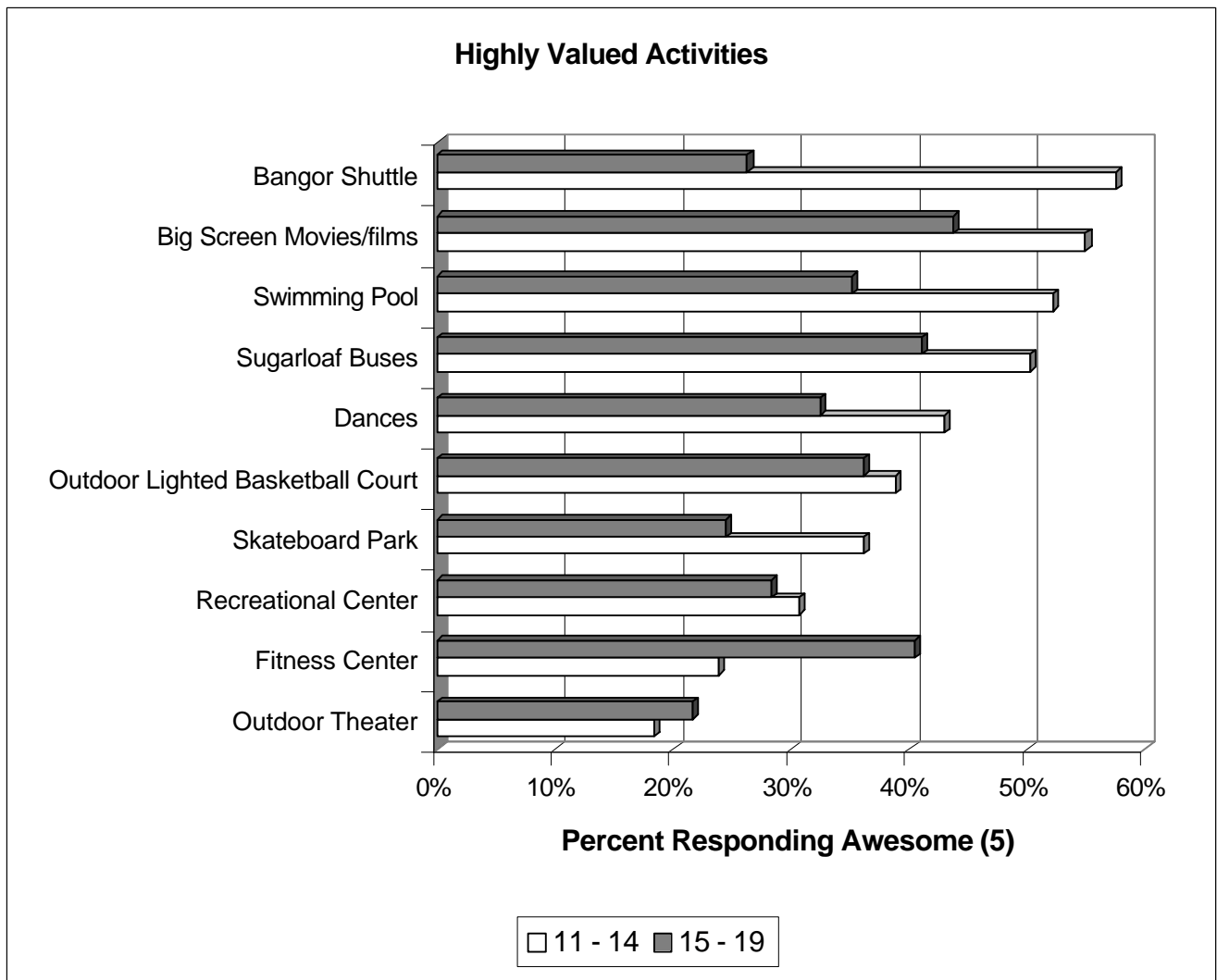
Respondent's Age

- ♦ 428 people ranging in age from 8-48 responded
- ♦ Analysis is focused on 403 youth ages 11 to 19.
- ♦ In this group average age is 14.25.

AGE	Frequency	Percent
No Age specified	13	3.0%
8	1	0.2%
9	3	0.7%
11	9	2.1%
12	54	12.6%
13	108	25.2%
14	63	14.7%
15	60	14.0%
16	57	13.3%
17	43	10.0%
18	3	0.7%
19	6	1.4%
20	1	0.2%
21	1	0.2%
24	1	0.2%
28	1	0.2%
36	1	0.2%
44	1	0.2%
46	1	0.2%
48	1	0.2%
Total	428	100.0%

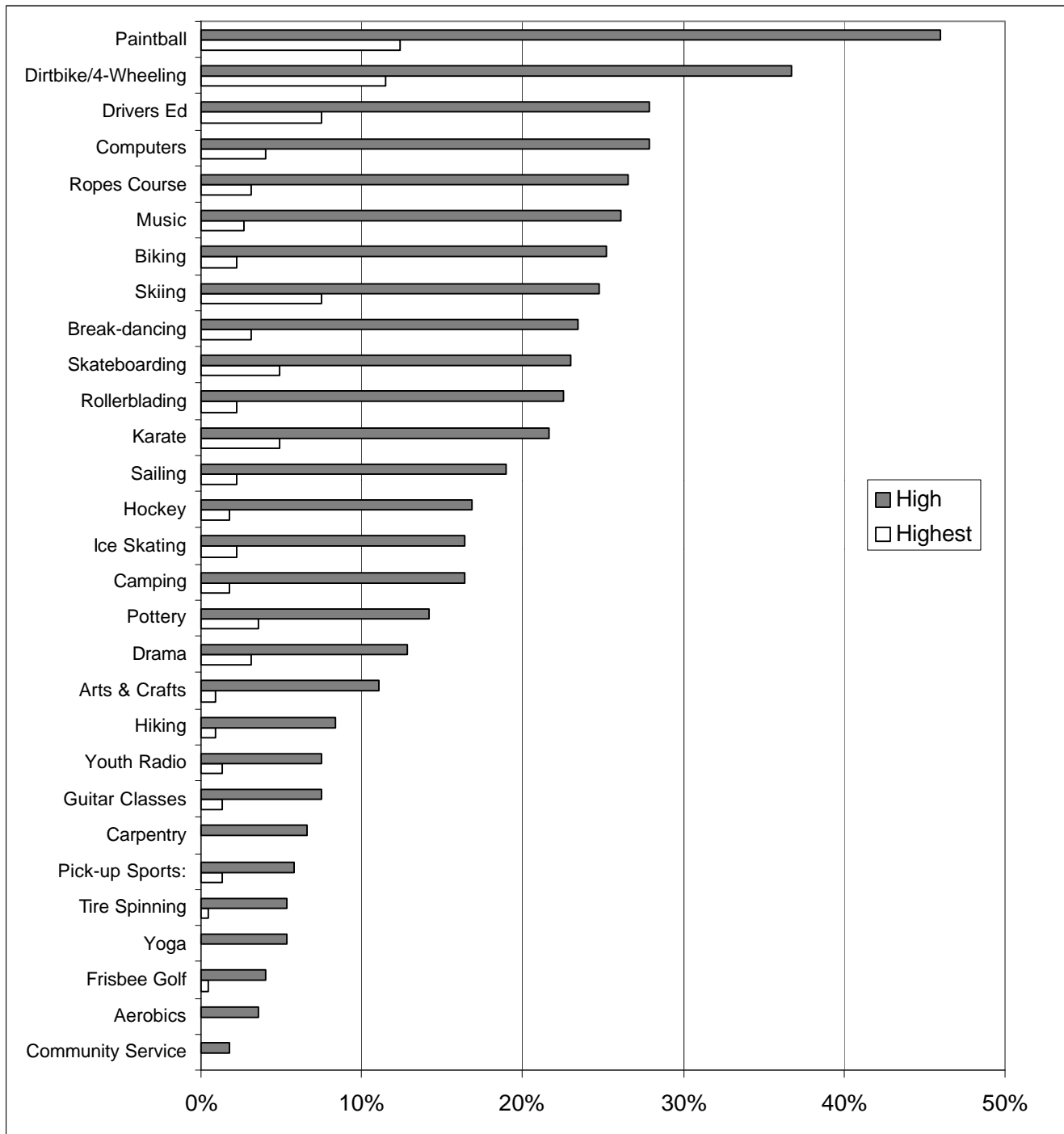
Highly Valued Activities

- Younger respondents more often respond enthusiastically to proposed activities. The one exception is older teen interest in having a fitness center
- Transportation is a big issue for persons who do not have driver's licenses, they don't always need a new activity as much as a means to get to existing activities. Buses to Sugar Loaf are popular with the older teens as well.
- Swimming is the third choice for younger teens. Distance to Ellsworth and lack of transportation may prevent their use of the Ellsworth YMCA.
- Movies are the first choice for older teens and second choice for younger teens.



Special Activities or Interests: Ages 11 - 14

- Paintball is a run-away winner for favorite activity as well combined first through sixth choice.
- Dirt biking and drivers education are also popular and underscore young teen interest in mobility.
- Computers and music are the only two highly ranked indoor activities.



Special Activities or Interests: Ages 15 - 19

- Music receives a higher rating with older teens.
- Paintball and Dirt bikes rank high as with the young teens.
- Tire-spinning is ranked high, but many respondents joked about this as an option. Break dancing may similarly be assessed with caution.

