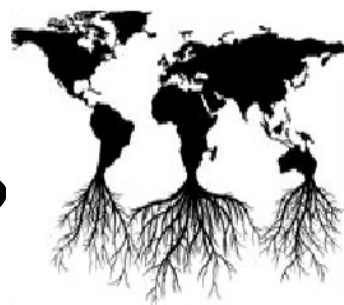


The Bubbler



Camp Betsey Cox



December 2021

Lines from Lorrie- Happy Solstice!

The camp with a song in it's heart



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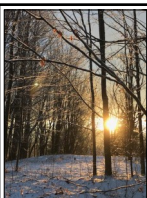
Camper applications are rolling in for 2022!

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Happy New Year!

Our best wishes to you and yours!



It's Solstice time here at camp. The sun sets around 4:15 and darkness settles quickly. The weather has been strangely warm this early winter, but snow has come,

and gone, and will come again! This year we are saving the bonfire for you—at the end of second session. But around camp, small Solstice fires will be lit, songs will be sung, and we will welcome back the light, bit by bit, over the next few months.

My Solstice celebration always includes singing one of our favorite camp songs—you know it—***Loud Are the Bells of Norwich***. Remember? Here are the words as you dust off your memories to find it:

Loud are the bells of Norwich and the people come and go.

Here by the tower of Julian I tell them what I know.

All shall be well I'm telling you.

Let the winter come and go.

All shall be well again, I know.

I am sure you remember the other verses—the ones about daffodils! For those of you for whom winter is NOT your favorite season (and you're right...I love winter and all the other seasons, too!), singing about daffodils as winter is just beginning is a bit painful. Of course, all of us are grateful that "*Love, like the yellow daffodils*" will surely come through the spring snow, so sing out, if you remember the words!



This year, as I sang Julian's song, I decided to learn more about her, the author of these words and the person celebrated around a certain tower in England. Here are some things I learned:

- an English poet and folk singer named Sydney Carter wrote the music to these words, both of which we love.
- Sydney Carter tells us that Julian lived in England way back in the mid 1300s.
- Julian was a hermit and a mystic. She chose to live in a small cell in a church now known as the Chapel of Julian.
- Julian claimed that she spoke to her God in a vision. She was looking for answers to why there was evil in the world. "*Was it really necessary*", she asked?
- Her God allegedly answered that "yes", but "*All will be well; all manner of things will be well*". That became Julian's message and she was apparently successful in bringing peace to her part of England as she steadily taught this message.

In these days of continuing challenges in our country, I am grateful that Betsey Cox people will steadily face the challenges and will, as Julian did, help bring peace and wellbeing to our world.

May each of you be well through this holiday season and on.



News from near and Far...

The biggest news this December was **Linnea F's Quinceanera!** Throughout many Latino and South American countries, girls enjoy a big celebration when they turn 15 years old. **Linnea's** family comes from that heritage and they put on a splendid party right down the hill from Camp in Linnea's hometown of Brandon, Vermont. Betsey Cox people showed up in large numbers and "dressed to the nines" as this event is a special-occasion dress event! Coming the farthest, I think, was **Francie N.** and her mom, long-time Betsey Cox staff member **Lindsay.** Also there were **Margot S., Zoe V., Clara C., Makenna H., Maeve S., Mitra M., Immy M., Sharyn B., Hettie VD., Cecily C., Abby P., and Lily E. Priya, Amara and Zora B** were in the processional that led **Linnea** to her place on the stage. Following the on-stage rituals, everyone enjoyed a fabulous mostly vegan dinner and a lot of dancing followed. It was like a fancy-dress Social! Great fun was had by all! The next morning, most of the BC guests showed up at camp and enjoyed a winter picnic of tasty leftovers on the tables outside (it was warmer there than inside the winter lodge!). It was a real treat to have a BIG Betsey Cox presence on site in the winter! Thanks goes to **Linnea** for turning 15!



There was an unusual December tree-lighting at the Pittsford Village Farm right after Thanksgiving.



The "tree" was built out of maple sap buckets in celebration of our town's heritage in making maple syrup every year. In the choir at the event were **Iyla and Ruby S. Kayla Davine** and **Emma** were there, too. **Steve and Kim Spensley** helped set up for the event. **Theary Meas** made delicious sugar cookies with some help from **Amara and Priya.**

The pond is freezing over and several local camp people can't wait



for the chance to skim over the surface in their skates!
(Photo from a 2019 skating picnic!)



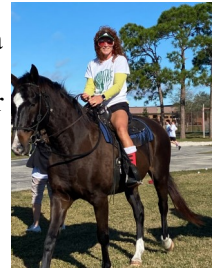
Snow flakes have fallen, and more are promised! Many people are eager to get out those skis for a run down Killington or Pico.

Devri and her partner **Sean** are building a new house up in Rangeley, Maine! It will be several notches up from a camp cabin, but still pleasantly wooden! **Lorrie and Mike** got to watch its beginning in the early fall. **Devri** will be helping to manage a Nordic ski center at Saddleback mountain when she is not enrolling campers and staff for the

summer of 2022!

The Florida camp family (**Don, MJ, Angela, Todd, Mya and Evan, along with Zena**) have been enjoying pleasant Florida weather! Not too hot and certainly, not too cold!

Angela sent this picture of her riding a horse at the a school she teaches at for a fundraiser run. She got to motivate runners from horseback!



She credits the BC Riding program for teaching her the skills she needed to this chance! Hmmm, maybe the horses could join the BC Popsicle race??

Jen M took a little trip out of Florida to go to Aruba. **Sandi P and Kathleen S** also spent and will spend some time in Florida this winter.

The other big news is that next door at **Camp Sangamon**, the Barn, (home of the Sangamon Woodshop and other treasures) over 200 years old, has been lovingly disassembled for cleaning and rebuilding. Wait until you see....



A beautiful outside tree, lit by us with lights and decorations and reflections in the snow by Mother Nature!

Campers! Muggies! Staf! Staff!

Please share your news and pictures with us! Send any bits of news to info@campbetseycox.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Campers 2022!

Applications are rolling in! Come Join us!

(applications as of December 22, 2021)

Session 1

Halley L.
Amara B.
Priya B.
Willow W.
Ally L.
Abby L.
Evie F.
Eve S.
Jessica B.
Celia F.
Yaz S-U
Avalon R
Penny L
Hanna L
Siri L
Carolina F
Poppy S
Lexa H
Viv F
Pele M
Anouk Y
Samantha M
Matilda L
Iris I
Jasmine G
Eva S
Maddie R
Luna W
Izzy P
Bea S
Carmyn LF

**Session 2**

Josie B
Haven P
Shelby T
Lucy F
Viv F
Amara B
Piper J
Emma M
Mira M
Liv T
Elsa B
Mackayla F
Andie P
Millie T
Vivienne B
Lizzy M
Celia F
Adele D
Priya B
Dahlia A
Adi N
Megan B
Hannah T
Paige M
Grace M
Lexa H
Jossy S
Pele M
Addie T
Maddie R
Dylan H
Molly T
Frankie D
Matilda L
Oona M
Sylvia S
Bea S
Paloma A
Carmyn LF
Rosie K
Sasha CW
Ellie TH

Session 3A and/or Session 3

Ivy S
Maren J
Vera L
Willow W
Hazel RH
Lillian B
Grace K
Ella CS
Liv T
Addie T
Talia S
Callie M
Nora P
Reidan Y
Asha M
Grace L
Ivy S
Priya B
Paige M
Amina I
Alanna M
Matlida L
Nina L
Yvie S
Zoe M
Luna W
Clio M
Libby L
Carmyn LF
Rosie K
Sasha CW
Augustine F

We recommend that you sign up by the end of February 2022 to be sure there is space in the session of your choice. There are a few campers who are penciled in, not listed here until it is official, so if you think you are one of them, make sure to be in touch!





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Solstice images: Lizzy W's Mom Selena, Solstice Crystal and Devri's Maine Solstice Fire!



Excerpted from "Winter Solstice 2017: Five things you should know about the shortest day of the year" -

Justin Grieser, The Washington Post, December 21, 2017

The December solstice marks the exact moment when the sun's most direct rays reach their southernmost point south of the equator, along the Tropic of Capricorn, at 23.5 degrees south latitude. The time and date of the solstice change slightly each year, but this year's solstice occurs at 11:28 a.m. Eastern Time on Dec. 21. The reason we have a solstice — and seasons — is because the Earth is tilted on its axis of rotation by about 23.5 degrees. This tilt causes each hemisphere to receive different amounts of sunlight throughout the year as our planet orbits the sun. In the Northern Hemisphere, we see the sun take its lowest and shortest path across the southern sky, and at local noon, your shadow will be the longest of the year. The word "solstice" comes from the Latin words *sol sistere*, which means "sun standing still." On the December solstice, the sun's daily southward movement in the sky appears to pause, and we see the sun rise and set at its southernmost points on the horizon before reversing direction. It's a yearly astronomical turning point that humans have celebrated for millennia.

Nature Moments! I had a Nature Moment!

Moose!

Devri and Sean spot Moose regularly on the way to their cabin in Rangeley Maine at dawn and dusk. They venture out towards the road to lick the salt. Amazing!

Bald Eagle!

Devri saw a Bald Eagle soaring above the Rangley Lakes Trails Center at noon on December 21, the shortest day of the year and the 2021 Winter Solstice! The Bald Eagle has been the US national emblem since 1752 and a spiritual symbol for native peoples for far longer than that.

(https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Bald_Eagle/overview)

The Eagle is also believed to be the embodiment of the spirit of the sun! How fitting to see it on the Solstice!

*Send us your Nature Moments
so we can share them in the next Bubbler!*

Spread the Word about Betsey Cox!

Tell a new family about Camp, and if they enroll for 2022 your family will receive a \$150 discount off your daughter's tuition.

If you recommend a family to our brother camp- Sangamon, your family will receive a \$100 discount.

Thank you for spreading the word about our camp community!



Leadership Applications are in, and we are excited to see the amazing group of applicants! We will be making decisions about the 2022 Leadership program in January, getting in touch with all of the participants and sending out the news to all of you in the February edition of the *Bubbler*.

** If you have not sent in an application and hope too, please reach out to Devri at info@campbetseycox.com*

