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The camp with a song in it's heart



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"I believe in Me" (Awesome poem found in the Rangeley Public Library)

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Lines from Lorrie-February Fancies, March in like a Lion...

There is a wonderful book out and around called The Boy the mole, the Fox and the Horse, by Charlie Mackesy. Our very own



The Boy-tu-walk Affaile I - - - II Joan Higgins shared it with us a bit ago. You'll be hearing it, if you don't know it, at one of our Vespers this coming summer at camp. It was on my mind during

February, Valentine's Day month, a month infused with love for people, places and our world. It is the story of four unlikely friends who meet up for a time, a time that changes each of their lives for the better. You'll see.



The book has also been on my mind this midwinter because, down at the Farmhouse, I fill six bird feeders all winter long. For the animals and birds that prefer, I also sprinkle plenty of bird seed on the ground. On Valentine's Day morning, I looked out to see a healthy grey rabbit, a very chubby squirrel and a blue jay around the same bird feeder. Three unlikely friends, each with the hope for breakfast!







It is quite unusual to see a rabbit in broad day light. They are likely meals for a variety of predators that we have around camp. But this particular rabbit took a pretty safe risk. In broad daylight it was less likely that its major enemy, the fox, would be out and around and those easy breakfast seeds were very tempting. So there it sat, carefully picking

out the sunflower seeds and the corn kernels resting on the ground. I learned that wild rabbits are reluctant to leave their burrows for more than 330 feet. I was careful to make sure I tossed bird seed around within that

Imagine this! Rabbits chew twice every second and that equals about 120 chews per minute. I challenge you to chew that much and that fast! Wow!

Squirrels are frequent visitors to the bird feeders in the backyard. Lots of people find them quite expensive to feed as they are never full. They are gymnasts at heart and will hang upside down, inside out—any way that allows them access to the feeders. They work hard all day long gathering seeds from the ground and from the feeders in order to build several large stashes across the lawn that they can visit when hungry. Here's an interesting fact for campers at Camp Betsey Cox for Girls! Female squirrels love the summer and are most active in that season. Male squirrels prefer the colder weather.

And blue jays? We have at least 8 or 9 every day. They actually compete with the squirrels for acorns, their favorite food. But now, with two feet of snow covering all camp's acorns, they frequent our feeders. Our blue jays have probably been circling our feeders for all the years we have lived here as they can live up to 27 years. Of our three frequent visitors, the blue jays are the smartest. They can figure out how to use sticks to bring food closer and they have strategies to scare away the squirrels and the occasional rabbit.

(www.chewv.com)

Each wintry morning I celebrate the fact that a representative from each of these three very different species had met together happily to share a pleasant feast. And here at the edge of camp, I celebrated the fact that soon, many different sorts of people will gather together for the incredible summer of 2022!

I can't wait!

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News from near and

Camp Betsey Cox supports and honors the brave women, men and children in Ukraine as they battle for democracy and freedom. We

acknowledge that their courageous efforts are currently for their own freedom. However, all world citizens who are privileged to enjoy life in a democracy, must join in the struggle, in whatever way we can. We see that democracy is precious, fragile, and must be fought for steadily. May peace return soon.

A few beautiful snowy midwinter pictures of camp!





Announcing the 2022 Muggie Leaders and Staf! We are excited to share that the following girls will be this summer's first-year Muggie Leaders! They are a strong group of girls who are ready to begin the process of discovering their full potential as leaders at camp and beyond.

Doga B., Sharyn B., Clara C., Leah D., Lilly E., Linnea F., Alice G., Makenna H., Mitra M., Francie N., Sydney P., Maeve S., Tessa S., Margot S., Willa S., Hettie VD., and Zoe V.

And the 2022 Staf! The following girls will return to Betsey Cox for the next set of adventures in the leadership program at Betsey Cox. During second session, they will participate in one of the Betsey Cox service learning trips out in the world!



Kira B., Lila D., Kate L., Joanna R., Tae W.

Congratulations to both groups of Muggie Leaders and Staf!



Cornelia F will be heading to a one month study abroad program this summer. Very fun! We will expect a postcard to read in the Lodge including the destination of the program! Taylor and Emily will take to the Softball fields this summer. They will miss camp, but they both are trying their hands at higher level opportunities in their sport. Ed and Yvonne of Right Mind Farm figure skate all winter long! They had a performance this past weekend that Lorrie got to view. Here is a snapshot for all of us!

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We hope many of you got to enjoy watching the Olympic skating this year! Great things happened on the ice! Nathan Chen breaking records with his quad jumps, and on the speed skating Oval, Erin Jackson breaking all kinds of records. And she learned to skate just 5 years ago. Awesome! **Theary** and **Brent** spent a week down in Florida and got to have a meal with Don and Mary Jane! Sandi and Kath**leen** also have been in Florida and reported spending some time with Jen Mainey who will be back at Camp for S3. Sandi, Devri and Lorrie have been putting their heads together about the Staf trip during S2. Stay tuned! **Angela** is plotting a girl's adventure to Camp this summer for the drive up from Florida. Mya's friend **Elizabeth** who will join us this summer will be in the van, along with Elizabeth's Mom Sarah. And of course **Zena** our four-footed friend! Lizzy, Nora, and Judah just planted 102 sweet pepper plant seeds in rich, soil! A sign on spring on the way for sure. Devri and Sean have walls and a roof on their house in Maine. They are thrilled not to be shoveling the inside of their house anymore! Contra Dances are being scheduled with **Steve** and his crew of musicians and other fun summer opportunities are in the works!

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!

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Announcing the Summer 2022 Camper List as of March 4, 2022

Session 1	Mae W	Nina FF	Erica K
Priya B	Willow W	Mackayla F	Alanna M
Amara B	Zoe W	Lucy F	Clio M
Alexa G	Anouk Y	Lucy G	Clara M
Josie H	Session 2	Caroline GH	Daisy M
Carmyn LF	Priya B	Audra H	Mirabella P
Madison P	Amara B	Sloan H	Yvie S
Lucy P	Alexa G	Dylan H	Sheimy S
Hattie C	Josie H	Willa H	Josie W
Emiko C	Carmyn LF	Lulu J	Willow W
Misa C	Madison P	Nola J	Lily B
Celia F	Lucy P	Piper J	Ella C
Viv F	Addie B	Danica K	Anna C
Lexa H	Sasha CW	Talei LS	Augustine F
Chloe L	Rosie K	Adrienne L	Kelsey G
Pele M	Olivia O	Fiona L	Lila G
Maddie R	Lucy S	Emmy M	Jade H
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Eva S	Rachel T	Mira M	Isabel H
Susannah S	Luna W	Grace M	Abby K
Iyla S	Juniper B	Lily M	Kate K
Ruby S	Sarah C	Juliana M	Nina L
Beau S	Charlotte M	Solin M	Grace L
Rayna T	Paige M	Cibelle M	Libby L
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Ada VD	Addie T	Oona M	Vera L
Jessica B	Liv T	Adi Nair	Ayla M
Avina C	Hattie C	Andie P	Elsa M
Adelle D	Emiko C	Haven P	Amelie M
Carolina F	Misa C	Ivy P	Callie M
Evie F	Celia F	Jazmin R	Emily N
Jasmine G	Viv F	Jossy SG	Sasha N
Iris I	Lexa H	Sylvia S	Anna O
Annika L	Chloe L	Ğreta S	Hannah O
Emily K	Pele M	Phoebe S	Anna P
Summer K	Maddie R	Millie T	Nora P
Hanna L	Eva S	Shelby T	Siena P
Siri L	Susannah S	Molly T	Audrey P
Elizabeth L	Iyla S	Hannah T	Alex R
Abby L	Ruby S	Session 3A and 3	Lila R
Ally L	Beau S	Priya B	Hazel RH
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Penny L	Rayna T	Amara B	Danica S
Halley L	Ada VD	Alexa G	Ella S
Allee M	Dahlia A	Josie H	Ivy S
Nora M	Paloma A	Carmyn LF	Adrienne S
Samantha M	Lucia A	Madison P	Ivy S
Nassar N	Lillian B	Lucy P	Talia S
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Izzy P	Elsa B	Addie B	Clara S
Olivia P	Elodie B	Sasha CW	Ella T
Julia P	Megan B	Rosie K	Maci-Mae V
Roarke R	Josie B	Olivia O	Nora W
Avalon R	Vivienne B	Lucy S	Yaela W
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Josie S	Nina B	Luna W	
Plum S	Ella C	Sarah C	
Isla S	Rory C	Charlotte M	
Eve S	Adele D	Paige M	
Poppy S	Frankie D	Addie T	
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Yaz SU	Frankie EO	Liv T	
Viv S	Vinnie EO	Emma C	
Astrid VD	Naila FF	Maren J	
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I Believe in ME!

By Peter H. Reynolds

I believe in me.

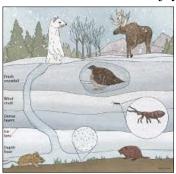
I promise to remember who I am
I promise to think about what I where I am,
Where I'm going and where I want to be going.
And what I need to do to get there.

I promise to be a creative thinker,
A constructive problem solver,
A curious explorer,
A real listener,
A caring person,
An active citizen. I promise to help others.

To help others discover their own drams
And be proud of who they are.
To Believe that with time, patience,
And positive energy,
We can move the world to a better place.

Nature Moments!

The archery field is always a maze of animal tracks. Deer, rabbits, squirrels, chipmunks, fox, voles, shrews and others who winter over are enjoying camp!



Did you know that small animals spend much of the winter in the "subnivean zone"? That is the zone beneath the snow and above the frozen ground. A whole world beneath the snow!

Send us your Nature Moments and we will share them!

days when the Sun shines hot and the blows Cold: when it is Summer in the light, and Winter in the shade.

~Charles Dickens



Action!