ne Bubble, **May 2022 Camp Betsey Cox**



The camp with a song in it's heart



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2022 BC Staff and Campers hail from:

Australia Bahamas Cambodia Ecuador Canada Hungary Mexico **Poland South Africa** Turkey **United Kingdom United States**



Lines from Lorrie





And so....the first swimmers have jumped in the pond! The first bell rang over camp!

Theary put out the

first meal of the year! Steve mowed and mowed and mowed! The first BC merch was picked out! The first campers have told me which cabin they simply MUST be in. It all feels SO good!

There are so many exciting pieces to the summer of 2022! There are interesting new staff, a good many from other

countries! There's a new water mat for you all at the pond-bright red! The slide is ready new in 2021! There are new and unique cherry tomatoes already in the



ground for you to tend. There's a new yard Jenga game, a new ring toss, even beautiful new pot holders for the kitchen team. A new red farm barn almost finished. You will notice all of this!



And there are so many wonderful pieces that are always part of camp because they return and return. There's Twister and Black, Christmas and her new calf, 13 well-loved cabins, each peacefully waiting for you. There's the trail up Blueberry Hill, the view of Bird Mountain, staff members who have returned for ten years

and more! Hikes in the Green Mountains taking you to glorious views on Hike Day. All of this awaits June 26! That day WILL arrive. See you first session people then and second and third session people? See you soon thereafter. Hooray!

As the camp song from our very first summer says,

"Can't wait for summer...to head for Betsev Cox"!













Camp Betsey Cox

May 2022

News from

Lorrie and Steve Spensley have been hard at work around camp getting things ready for our arrival! Sean, Devri and Keegan, turned up to help turn the water on with Wayne and Steve. The cooler has been inspected. We have some new lights in the wash houses! We have a new water mat to play on as Lorrie said! And Steve has indeed been mowing!

The garden is tilled and ready for planting. Thanks **Steve! Lorrie** connected with a new local farmer to help get our veggie starts. She and **JoAnne Kenyon**, plan to put some plants and seeds in this Memorial Day weekend.

There is one plant that is already flourishing in the garden— **Rhubarb! Lorrie** is working through her list of favorite rhubarb desserts— I got to try the rhubarb



merengue pie- delicious!

Ed Safford and Yvonne Brunot from Right Mind Farm have started planting our camp lettuce. They are scaling back some this year in the farming side of life. Which means a slightly smaller tomato and green bean tunnel. But never fear, they will be supplying camp with veggies for sure! They have glorious garlic that was planted last fall growing beautifully right now!

Promprey Pork will be back this summer after two summer's away from camp to share her talents in the BC Kitchen again! We are so glad! She promises a spectacular salad bar for the summer!

Theary Meas will be heading the Kitchen team this summer! She has been running a catering business this year and is already designed interesting menus for all of us!

Priya and Zora B. both performed in the Rutland Community Theater's performance of the Little Mermaid. Priya played the part of Scuttle the Seagull and Zora was a dancing sea creature. Excellence abounded. Amara B. has taken to the lacrosse field this summer and has scored many times! On her team is Phoebe S, sister to Greta S. Both sisters will be joining us this summer at Betsey Cox!

There are several camp horses returning for

another summer. **Black, Twister, Dustin and**Cal are back for sure, as well as some new

equine faces. Black, Twister, and Dustin (and Memory) have all had some winter love from Sarah Hardy this year upon occasion as she is living in Vermont now—much closer to Camp!

Sarah and Elizabeth's chickens will be returning to the camp farm again happily. We will have 2 piglets from Hilary Lambert's farm in Pittsford joining us, 3 Sheep—Widget, Cleo and Mini from the Woolfden Homestead in Monkton, VT. They belong to Lizzy and Nora **Woolf** who will be seen at Camp S1 with their son Judah! We have brown, black and white sheep this summer! It will be your task to learn whose who. As Lorrie shared-Christmas the cow will be returning with her new calf! Her calf will be a little smaller than Jolene, last year's calf because her birthday is right around now! We may even get to name the calf. The name will have to start with the letter "K". Start thinking! And of course, there will be the usual kittens to cuddle. Marcy, Steve, and Lorrie will put up the low ropes course for High 5 to inspect and check our course over. Looking forward to seeing you all challenge yourselves on them!

Various swimmers have been in Burr pond! **Lorrie, Kim and Marcy** have all spent time underwater these past few weeks I know for sure!



The wildflowers are everywhere! Purple and white violets, lady slippers, trillium! So neat. This patch of yellow lady slippers was spotted.

The spring bugs are out too right now, we are working on having the birds eat many of

them before you all arrive. Several Robins have nests around camp! There is a next by Arts and Crafts on an overturned picnic table, and the birds that discovered the mop storage area as an excellent nest site are back. I am not sure what bird is nesting there!Do you know the birds in your backyard? Hettie, Ada and Astrid 's Mom, Liv shared a picture of a bird's



nest that was made in a hanging pansy planter! Amazing! Keep your eyes out for nests this time of year! Fun to match birds to their nests!

Campers! Muggies! Staf! Staff!
Please share your news with us! Send any bits of news to info@campbetseycox.com.
We look forward to hearing from you!

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Camp Betsey Cox May 2022

Who they are...



Tennis Emma Folmer (US) Samantha Smith (US)



Arts and Crafts

Ozgur Bayraktar (Turkey S12) Sybren Spensley (US), Niamh Gee (UK), Dilara Sayit (Turkey), Emilie Pelletier (US in and out), Elaine Griffith (US in and out), Jennifer Mainey (US S3)

Archery

Evie Happel (US) Jessa Molaski (US in and out)



Pottery

Naomi Gordin (US) Lizzy Woolf (US, S1) Alley Foster (US, S23) Staf: Kate Lynch, Tae Weiss Waterfront

Elizabeth Farnham (US) Rochelle Van As (South Africa), Julia Gonzalez (US), Violet Gordon (US), Tori Schoonmaker (US), Kim Spensley (US)



Woodshop:

Angela Van Buskirk (US S1) Dave Hyman (US S23)

Riding!



Sarah Hardy (US, S12) Darcy Trowers (UK) Flora Forgacs (Hungary) Ella Nates (UK) Courtney Coffman (US) Staf: Lila DeAvila

Weavery

Marcy Covey (US) Bonnie (US) Eden Pletner (Canada)





Drama:

BIRCH

Zhane Tuner (UK)

Allie Ehlinger (US)

Amy Clapp (US)

Cassie Elish (US) Weronika Szreder (Poland)

(camperaft trips, ropes, nature)

Boating

Alex Gonzalez (US) Emma Gillespie (US)

Music

Juno Knox (US)



Alice Verity (UK) Abby Pilz (US) Piper Chapman (US) Tilly Zwirn Givnish (US)



Health Care Team Kathy Pominville (US-S1) Betsy Benton (US-S2)



Mary Jane Norton (US S1, S3) Cara Soifer (US S3)



Garden

Mikaela DeRosia-Rosenzweig (US) Lorrie, Lucy, Juno, support! Staf: Kira Bergeron



Kitchen Crew:

Theary Meas (Cambodia/US) Promprey Pork (Cambodia) Savy Ouch (Cambodia/US) Emilie Pelletier (US)







Assorted Others:

Lorrie Byrom (US) Devri Byrom (US) Don Willis (US), Sean Donegan (US), Sandi Pilt (Aus/US), Kathleen Schoonmaker (US), Steve Spensley (US), Marcy Covey (US), Alley Foster (US) ,Dave Hyman (US) ,Amy Clapp (US), Kayla Davine (US), Lily Kirchenbaum (US) Lucy Koup (US) Lizzy Woolf (US), Jessa Molaski (US) and a few more will be making an appearance!

...and where you can find them!

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- A chorus of tiny spring peeper frogs sings nightly now in Vermont Lorrie reports! In Maine, in the mountains we just starting hearing the peepers!
- Ruby Throated Hummingbirds are back in both Maine and Vermont! They buzz you sometimes!





• Dragon fly larvae and dragonflies! Ever wondered what the heck is the bug-like-shell on the dock? Well—that is a dragonfly nymph exoskeleton! Dragonflies have three stages in their life cycles—eggs, larvae, adult. Eggs are laid in the water and then hatch into the larvae stage. This stage of the life cycle can take up to 4 years! And they always hatch into adults in the spring. The adult dragonfly usually only lives about 2 months!

https://www.learnaboutnature.com/insects/dragonfly/dragonfly-life-cycle/

Big news for this year's STAF!







A group of seven eager travelers (Joanna, Kate, Kira, Tae, Lila, Sandi and Kim) are up for a grand adventure in Peru! Our group will travel with an organization called Globateers. Globalteers organizes multi-cultural service learning trips in Peru and Cambodia. Yes! Betsey Cox people will spend second session high in the Andes mountains. Based in Cuzco, Peru, they will bring books to people in remote villages and spend time with Peruvian kids whose lives they can enrich. They will learn all about Peruvian culture while talking with teens living in Cuzco and the villages. A visit to Machu Picchu, a glorious 15th century Incan civilization so deeply nestled in the mountains that for years it remained hidden.

It's exciting to have BC energy out in the broader world! Dust off your Spanish, STAF!

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