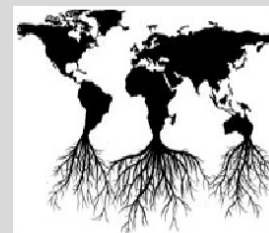




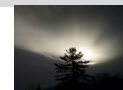
The camp with a song in it's heart

The Bubbler



November 2022

November Lines from Lorrie



November and Thanksgiving start off the winter season of gratitude!

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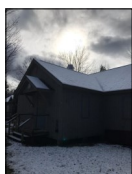
Thanksgiving hymn:

Come you thankful people come. Sing a song of harvest home. All is safely gathered in, 'Ere the winter storms begin. Earth, our mother, doth provide. For our needs to be supplied. Come, you thankful people come. Sing a song of harvest home.



The first snow has fallen over camp. There's always a sense of magic when one awakes to snow-filled

woods and meadows. The brown cabins take on the look of a gingerbread village. I wish you could see it!



Although there is a sense of quiet when camp is covered with snow, in the archery field, there's a different story unfolding! Recently I've looked out the Farmhouse window to see a pair of deer grazing on whatever can be found inside the riding ring over by letter H. Chickadees and other winter birds are all around the farmyard, hoping to pick up the last scraps of summer feedings. There's a flock of wild turkeys that spend time on the archery field, too. Their tracks are everywhere!



And of course, that brings us to Vermont's unique history with turkeys! Did you know, or would your cabin have guessed (in Monday morning trivia!) that turkeys have played a very significant role in Vermont's economy

for generations! Recent statistics reported in this week's Rutland Herald claimed that nearly 50,000 Vermont chickens and turkeys are raised each year. If you are ate turkey this Thanksgiving weekend, you may have enjoyed a bit of Vermont with every bite!

Here's another interesting fact! In 1947, that number was at 150,000 birds. And 200 years ago, way back in the 1800s, most farms raised between 12 and 50 turkeys to augment milk as a key product for the market place. All these turkeys had to be brought to market just before Thanksgiving, and transportation to Boston and New York for hundreds of turkeys was non-existent! So there were "drovers"! People who came to the farms, paid \$1.00 a turkey, and marched the turkeys to the city! By the time all the turkeys were gathered up, there were hundreds of turkeys marching along. The turkeys walked between 15 and 20 miles a day! A five-mile hike would have been nothing to these hardy birds! At night they roosted in whatever happened to be nearby—people's yards, church spires, roadside trees, schoolhouse roofs (the Burke, Vermont schoolhouse was flattened by too many roosting turkeys!). They came down from their roosts for breakfast, and if the

drovers were not prepared, the mass of turkeys would disappear into neighboring yards and fields to find their meal, only to be gathered up again by irritated drovers!

Times have certainly changed! I wish I had had the chance to see the turkey parade! For now, in 2022, I love seeing the wild turkey flocks that are increasing in numbers annually. Wild turkeys were nearly hunted to extinction in the 19th and 20th centuries, but thanks to the introduction of one pair of wild turkeys in southern Vermont, the turkeys have returned! Every Vermont wild turkey has as its ancestor, those two new birds. Wow.

A very happy month of thanks to each of you! Do you think it might be fun to raise a bird or two at the BC Farm? Maybe so! It's been done before and we might even practice generating our own turkey parade. Think of it!



News from near and Far...

The garden and **Lorrie** got a lot of early November help from **Tori S** who is back in Vermont and from Vermonters **Nora and Lizzy**, along with **Judah**. **Nora and Lizzy** have designed a plan for adding compost to the garden, a plan that will support even better food for us all to enjoy. And **Lizzy, Judah and their sheep** have summer 2023 in their plans! Hooray!



Garden cleanup helpers laid out the sunflowers on the garden lawn for the birds to feast on the seeds easily. Thanksgiving for birds! They munched indeed!

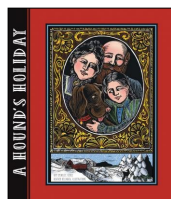
Tae W. reports that her experience in Colorado has been very rewarding! Lots of great outdoor adventures. **Luna W.** has had a few visits this fall with **Sasha CW** and **Jazmin R.**

Ruby S. will be part of the cast of “*Annie*” in the early December Rutland, Vermont Youth Theater production.

Alley F and Dave H. enjoyed a vacation in Europe. Italy was a clear favorite!

Mason J. from BC Farm 2021 is working at Kamuda’s deli. He reports that he and **Kasey** are doing well working in a restaurant at Killington for the most part. They got a new puppy recently. Trading puppies over more goats.

Did you know **Kim Spensley** is an author? Look for “*A Hounds Holiday*” through the [Northshire Bookstore](#) in Manchester, Vermont. A favorite spot for BC staff on a rainy day off. Her book, is illustrated by a great friend Heather Bellanca, tells the story of a dog’s adventures on a winter holiday. You will have read it learn more about the pup’s escapades!



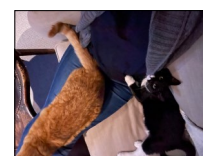
BC Music staff 2022– **Juno K.** is in Rangeley, Maine this winter! **Alex G** is also giving a Maine winter a go! Rangeley as you know is

also the winter home for **Devri. Juno** was spotted at the lighting of the Giving Tree—singing a few holiday carols with the *Corner Bar Duo* at the town’s annual community event. Music alone shall live!



Doga is school in Southern France this year. She is settled in with her French homestay family and her new school. **Ozgur** is busy giving violin and piano lessons and playing herself in an orchestra of music teachers. She is well. **Cuneyt**, also a past BC staff is still traveling often from Turkey for business. They all send their best to all their BC friends!

Audrey P. reports that her camp kitten (now named Oreo), is fully integrated into their family and sends along these two wonderful pictures! Happy cat!



Alice V was in touch over Thanksgiving. She is well in England and thinking about all of us! We have also heard from **Ella N.** who is applying to vet schools, **Niamh G.** who is teaching maths in a highschool, and **Rochelle, VA**, who is pursuing her work as speech therapist in South Africa. So wonderful to hear from all these good friends!


Lorrie has been singing George Frideric Handel’s *Messiah* in a community choir. A beautiful piece of music filled with joy and famous for its “Hallelujah” chorus. It is sung around the holiday season in many communities.

BC received a very generous gift through the Vermont Campership Fund, \$10,000 to support campers from the **New** family—long time BC alumni. Wonderful!

The new farm barn’s shed roof is covering the new silver van for the winter. A long time goal of our maintenance team! Hooray!

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

2023 Campers as of November 30, 2022!

Dahlia A	Washington DC	S1	Maura N	Vermont	S2	Mae W	New York	S3
Megan B	Massachusetts	S2	Emily N	Massachusetts	S3	Willow W	Massachusetts	S123
Jazz B	Virginia	S23	Sasha N	Massachusetts	S3	Anouk Y	New York	S1
Priya B	Vermont	S123	Nora P	Connecticut	S3	Partially Completed Applications: <i>Zoe W</i> <i>Massachusetts</i> <i>S1</i> <i>Emma D</i> <i>Vermont</i> <i>S1</i> <i>Celia L</i> <i>Vermont</i> <i>S12</i> <i>Willa H</i> <i>Vermont</i> <i>S1</i> <i>Calix D</i> <i>New York</i> <i>S1</i> <i>Elizabeth L</i> <i>Florida</i> <i>S1</i> <i>Zoey T</i> <i>S2</i> <i>Addie Miller</i> <i>Massachusetts</i> <i>S2</i> <i>Alanna M</i> <i>Vermont</i> <i>S2</i>		
Amara B	Vermont	S13	Liv P	Vermont	S3			
Opal C	Vermont	S2	Andie P	Vermont	S2			
Ainoah CP	Spain	S3	Haven P	Vermont	S2			
Rory C	Vermont	S2	Audrey P	Maine	S3			
Jasmin C	Massachusetts	S2	Alex R	Washington	S2	And more applications arrive each day! 		
Emiko C	New York	S23	Lila R	Washington	S2			
Misa C	New York	S23	Avalon R	Vermont	S1			
Vinnie EO	Washington DC	S1	Hazel RR	Massachusetts	S2			
Louisa E	New York	S2	Ava S	Massachusetts	S12			
Naila FF	Washington DC	S1	Ruby S	Massachusetts	S12			
Carolina F	New York	S1	Margaret S	New York	S3			
Evie F	Vermont	S1	Suzie S	New York	S2			
Celia F	Vermont	S12	Ivy S	Massachusetts	S3			
Jasmine G	Massachusetts	S12	Talia S	Massachusetts	S3			
Iris H	Vermont	S3	Autumn S	Vermont	S2			
Josie H	Massachusetts	S12	Iyla S	Vermont	S12			
Karen I	Massachusetts	S2	Ruby S	Vermont	S12			
Piper J	Vermont	S2	Beaux S	Rhode Island	S12			
Maren J	Massachusetts	S3	Franny S	New York	S3			
Anyia K	Massachusetts	S2	Yaz SU	Vermont	S2			
Vivian K	Connecticut	S3	Claire S	Washington	S1			
Abby L	Vermont	S1	Natalie S	Washington	S1			
Ally L	Vermont	S1	Millie T	Vermont	S2			
Penny L	Vermont	S1	Shelby T	Vermont	S2			
Grace M	Massachusetts	S1	Hannah T	Massachusetts	S2			
Winnie M	Vermont	S2	Molly T	Massachusetts	S2			
Paige M	Illinois	S23	Hannah T	Massachusetts	S1			
Samantha M	Massachusetts	S1	Mya VB	Florida	S1			
Sydney M	New York	S1	Maci-Mae V	Vermont	S23			

We wish you a Happy Birthday! A joyous and celebrated birthday!
November and December 2022 Birthdays!



Amina I	Cecilia M
Penny L	Susannah S
Annika K	Sarah C
Ava S	Francie N
Clara S	Lucia A
Adrienne L	Maddie R
Mitra M	Lilly E
Jasmine G	Josie H
Plum S	Willow W
Phoebe S	Audrey P
Emily N	Anna P
Samantha M	Sydney M
Lillian B	Maeve S
Sydney P	Pele M
Ivy S	



BC logo cake decorated by Courtney in special decorating seminar!



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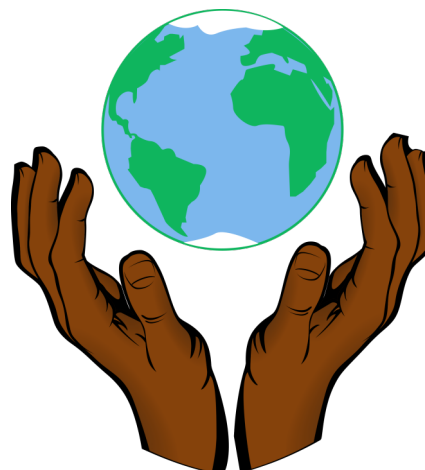
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Nature Moments!

During the middle of November, a serious cold snap occurred at camp. A snow/rain/sleet storm covered camp with a thin layer of icy snow EXCEPT for the mint in



front of the crafts cabin! The photo shows a thriving mint crop! Mint is useful for a number of health conditions. Ask Elaine this coming summer! Mint likes cooler weather, all the way down to -20. We have that during Vermont winters...sometimes! Not so much any more. The name "mint" comes

from way back in Greece when a nymph named Minthe, was transformed into the fragrant plant. Also, in Greece, mint was used to rub on tables before guests arrived for dinner. We have a lot of mint in this row across the front of the Crafts Cabin! Make sure to try some next summer!

Lorrie took this great photo on a walk to the Pond. It reminds me of a "yule log" The tradition of the yule log has its origins in Germany and Scandinavian pagan beliefs. The log is burned in the holiday season for luck and light; it is burned in hearths to keep the dark away in December. It has



been replicated as a chocolate and cream dessert decorated to look like a log-called Buche de Noel in French! Delish!

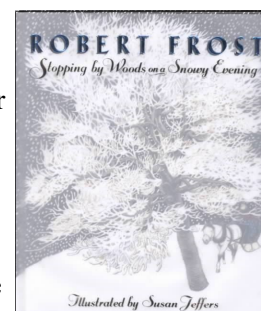
Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
-The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake
The only other sound's the sweep
of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep
And miles to go before I sleep.

Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening By Robert Frost



A beautiful edition of this classic Vermont poem by Robert Frost illustrated by Susan Jeffers. Makes a nice gift for the holidays!

A wonderful winter poem to share as we play in November snow this year! Early winter in New England.

**Leadership Applications for
BC Leaders, BC Apprentice, and BC Staf
are due to be postmarked by
December 16, 2022**

**We look forward to all
Leadership program Applications!**

**The BC early enrollment discount ends
December 31, 2022. Sign up by that date and
receive 3% off all tuition.**



**Be sure to sign up soon to be sure there is space
in the session of your choice!**