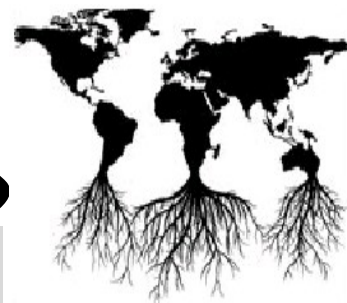


The Bubbler



Camp Betsey Cox



The camp with a song in its heart



*Apple Blossoms!
They are popping up
all around camp.*

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2023 BC Staff and Campers hail from:

Australia
Bahamas
Cambodia
Ecuador
Israel
Jamaica
Mexico
New Zealand
United Kingdom
United States
Vietnam

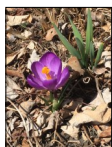


May 2023



Lines from Lorrie ...Arrivals

It is so exciting to live here at the edge of camp as spring settles over our corner of Vermont. The first arrivals of the season are the purple and white crocuses that carpet the ground outside Killington. These pretty flowers are native to the Swiss Alps, probably why they survive so well here in Vermont.



Shortly after I noticed the quilt of crocus flowers, I heard the next arrivals—the spring peepers. Back behind Bird Mountain, there’s a wetland area that hosts these amazing little frogs. This year I learned that spring peepers are known as “chorus frogs”, and that is certainly an appropriate name! The frog chorus is actually all the male frogs singing their hearts out, hoping to find a mate. The swampy area behind Bird Mountain becomes a symphony of heartfelt longing! Eventually, frog eggs will be laid that hatch back there in a matter of a dozen days or so. Then....a plethora of frogs no larger than an inch and a half can be found happily preparing for summer!

Here’s a final amazing fact about these creatures. In the chill of Vermont winters, spring peeper frogs can freeze up to 70% of their bodies! Their hearts stop

pumping, but they remain alive, waiting for the spring thaw to thaw them as well as their habitat! Amazing!

Pink Moon-The Pond *excerpt from Mary Oliver*

You think it will never happen again.
Then, one night in April,
the tribes wake trilling.
You walk to the shore.
Your coming stills them,
but little by little the
silence lifts until song is
everywhere.

Robins and dandelions come next and together cover the archery field in springtime glory!



As April moves towards May, other arrivals begin! Steve and Kim show up to take the plywood shutters off the lodge and outbuildings. Matt our camp electrician and parent to Maci Mae, shows up to patch up any electrical problems that winter winds created. Lizzy Woolf and Judah show up to begin shaping the camp garden. Piper, Abby and Caleb show up to help there and elsewhere around camp. Dave and Alley actually moved to Leicester, Vermont and Dave shows up to do some pre-camp carpentry work. A crew

shows up to work on fixing the Bromley roof. Jacob from Mapleleaf Mechanical shows up to confirm that our big walk-on cooler is in excellent shape for the upcoming summer! Sarah shows up with her pet Kubota and begins rebuilding the fencing of the riding ring and surrounding fencing. Devri and Sean, along with Wayne Potter and Steve show up to turn on the camp water system. Ed Safford and Yvonne Brunot show up to put in plants at Right Mind Farm. Lots and lots of stuff is happening and lots of arrivals continue!

But so far, the human arrivals are short term. It’s still in the 30s at night, and although warm days have happened, it’s still more fun to bask around camp in the daytime and return to a more traditional heated spot at night.

That won’t last for long, however! In this BUBBLER you will meet the 2023 staff who will be arriving in early June and then...and then...it will be your turn! We can’t wait!



News from near and Far...

First Swimmer of the Season

Believe it or not, the first swim of the season has happened! The event occurred on Monday, May 8. Yes...it was a sunny day, but it was also a spring day—temperatures hanging in the 50s or so and a gusty wind. Too cold for a real swim, but not too cold for an early picnic at the pond. **Kim and BC alumna Jane** chose to take their lunch their to celebrate the second or third sunny day of the past two weeks. As they settled in to their lunch, one of the gusty wind blasts blew **Jane's** day pack into the pond! Oh, no! Indeed that pack held many important things including **Jane's** car keys. And Oh, no again! The pack blew far enough away from the dock that **Jane**, threw off her clothes and plunged into the dark and chilly deep! It was a very short swim to be sure, but to **Jane** we salute you...the first BC person to take the pond leap in the summer of 2023!

The BC Garden has been getting a lot of care this year.

Lizzy and Nora joined in to support Lorrie with the Garden efforts. We added compost to the garden to help our soil reach its full potential. **A lot of**



compost!



Then **Lizzy** tilled the rich compost into our BC Land! She is a strong BC woman for sure! After that work was complete, **Lorrie** joined in to design the garden beds with walking paths between.

This will allow for the soil to stay loose and rich while our feet compact the paths.

A good idea! Peas have been planted along with potatoes, swiss chard, and kale (started at **Lizzy and Nora's** homestead). Broccoli might be next! There will be lots of flowers planted as always-including the usual marigolds marking the edge of the garden. **Right Mind Farm** will be plant-



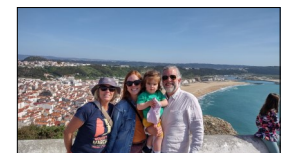
ing mostly flowers this season, but BC will collaborate with other local farms to supply our camp kitchen with fresh produce. We look forward to these new partnerships! We will continue to get our crates of apples from **Champlain Valley Orchards** and our milk from **Monument Farms** in Weybridge, VT. Wonderful.

Sarah joined the BC precamp crew this spring and brought her own tractor! She has put new cedar fence posts along the riding ring and Steve replaced 16 saplings at least- for the rails. **Sarah** also moved up to the upper horse pasture to replace some of the cedar posts in that field as well. Yay BC Riding Staff!



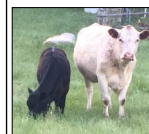
News from BC travelers! **Elaine** went overseas this spring and saw several camp friends. She stayed and traveled with **Louise** (pottery)in the UK, **Sanne** (aret and crafts a bit ago!) from Sweden, and

Ozgur and Cuneyt in Turkey. So special! **Jen** spent time in Portugal where her son Matt and his wife Mallory and Max live. Gorgeous! She did some hiking on El Camino while she was there. We look forward to hearing their stories!



Other arrivals to announce:

At the BC Farm we will see the return of **Jolene (Christmas's** calf from 2021, as new Mum!**Jolene** is all black and she has an all white calf named **Leroy** who will come too! **Leroy** was born in March. The three sheep will return, we have 2 piglets, chickens, and 4 kittens in the mix too! At the stable, we will have 8 new horses! It will be very fun to get to know them! **Almost time for Campers to arrive too!**



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!

Camp Betsey Cox Staff 2023

Who they are...



Arts and Crafts

Sybren Spensley (US), Freya Nates (UK), Belle Domasz (Aus), Kora Lynch (US), Emilie Pelletier (US in and out), Jennifer Mainey (US S3), Niamh Gee (UK S3)



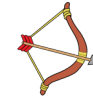
Tennis

Emma Folmer (US)
Grace Carrier (US)



Archery

Evie Happel (US)
And Staf



Pottery

Naomi Gordin (US)
Alley Foster (US)

Waterfront

Julia Gonzalez (US), Madison Thompson (UK), Jessica Jim (US), Dahlia Saba (US) Tori Schoonmaker (US), Angela Willis in and out (US) Kim Spensley (US) Elizabeth Farnham in and out (US)



Woodshop:

Nora Carrier (US)
Eleanor Khan (US)
Dave Hyman (US) and **BC Builders**
Emilie Pelletier in and out



Riding!



Sarah Hardy (US)
Beth Taylor (UK)
Liv Edelsten (UK)
Michal Rakovytskay (Israel)

Weavery

Marcy Covey (US)
Bonnie (US)
Kira Bergeron (US)



Drama:

Stella Robinson Rosendorff (US)
Sam Smith (US)

Boating



Kate Lynch (US)
Ella Nates (UK)

Carla Musto(US) on and off

Music

BC Leaders,
Apprenti and others!

Maybe a Juno sighting too!



BIRCH

(camcraft trips, ropes, nature)

Amy Clapp (US)
Caleb Gillespie (US)
Elizabeth Farnham (US)
Angela Van Buskirk (US)
& various hikers!



Farm:

Makenzie Taylor (NZ)
Abby Pilz (US)
Piper Chapman (US)



Health Care Team

Kathy Pominville (US- S1)
Mary Farrand (US-S2)
Cara Soifer (US S3)



other local RNs will join us as well, and Elizabeth Farnham, EMT

Garden

Tilly Zwirn Givnish (US)
Piper Chapman (US)
Lizzy Woolf (US)



Our amazing Kitchen Crew!

Theary Meas (Cambodia/US)
Promprey Pork (Cambodia)
Alex Gonzalez (US)
Emilie Pelletier (US),
Abby Pilz (US)



...Where they are from...



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), Amy Clapp (US), Kayla Davine (US), Jenn Larocque (US), and a few more will be making an appearance!

...and where you can find them!



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A few important things for 2023:

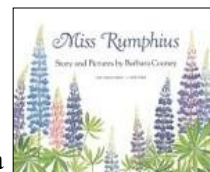
- We are once again requiring that all members of our community are vaccinated against COVID-19. Please be in touch with any questions.
- Our family information packet and forms for Opening day are available online: <https://campbetseycox.com/>
- Half of tuition balances are due June 1. Send to our summer address please: 140 Betsey Cox Lane, Pittsford, VT 05763

NATURE MOMENT! I HAD A NATURE MOMENT!



May 17, 2023 Rangeley: This morning we woke up to snow flurries! We have many Lupine growing around our house, and today, each leaflet held sparkly crystal snowflakes in its green cuplike leaves.

Lupines are amazing in bloom. There is a wonderful book called *Miss Rumphius* by *Barbara Cooney* that tells the story of Alice, who travels, lives by the sea, and makes the world a more beautiful place. We recommend the story!



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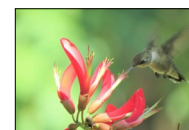


Sean and I also have a family of snowshoe hares living on our property. The first time we saw the two adults their fur was turning from white to brown. This is how they camouflage in different seasons. So neat! There are many rabbits that live around camp too. We sometimes end up sharing our vegetables with them!



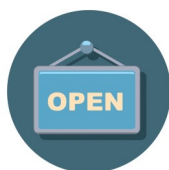
Lorrie reports that dandelions and Robins have arrived at Camp! Here are bright blue Robin's eggs in a trio! Do you have any nests at your house?

The Hummingbirds are back in New England! Amazing animals and pollinators too!



Still a few spaces open in S3
July 29-August 19 in certain age groups.

Spread the word, and if you know a person
who would thrive at BC be sure to
reach out to camp!



Action!