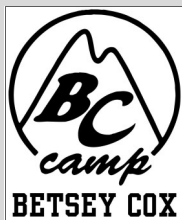


Camp Betsey Cox



The camp with a song in
it's heart

We will miss you!

Send us a note or some
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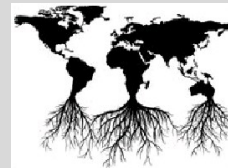
Inside this Bubbler

- BC Staff Tennis Tournament
- Gold Rush 2023
- Popsicle Race or Swim or both raised \$250 this year!
- Teen Beach Movie Opened August 18 One night only!
- Camp Census results
- Disco Social
- Drone pictures!



Thanks for joining us
for Session 3
Summer 2023!

The Bubbler



2023 Third Session in Review!

Lines from Lorrie

What a summer! A marvelous multi-national staff! A diverse, multi-national and fun-loving group of campers! A good bit of rain, but not TOO much! And now... plenty of tears as we leave this place and the people that make it so special.

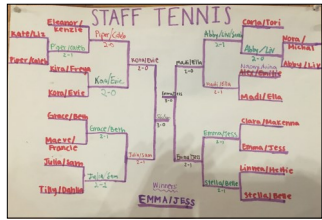
Third session, always the capstone, brought Addison Fair, a contra dance, a BC Cabin Casino day, an American Revolution theme day, and SO many people finishing so many achievements in all activity areas. Third session kids were thoroughly engaged with all the fun camp has to offer!

Here are a few more highlights:

- Killington's canoe overnight on Chittenden Dam
- a real musical performed by our very own people! Teen Beach Movie!
- the last will and testament....everyone got something left to them!
- play time with our goat family— a little goat therapy for goats and people
- Farewells to Jolene, Leroy, the piglets and kittens and our awesome horses.
- Continuing love to the goat family and Sarah's chickens. Thank goodness they are still here!
- Sangacox Archery games and tournaments!
- fewer weeds in the pond! YAY waterfront staff and the Weed Razor
- end-of-season Popsicle Race or Swim, BC Bi-athlete.
- Camp Betsey Cox donates to Palestinian Children's Fund, to Maui Strong, and to Oceana.
- Disco Social! We sparkled! Remember Eleanor's wings, and Belle, Beth, Madi and Liv's disco ball earrings?
- Staff tennis tournament ends with Jess and Emma winning!
- A camp weaving wins a blue ribbon at Addison Fair!
- Julia in the *Addison Independent* tossing a skillet
- 5 campers take a muddy bath in the Elly Spensley memorial puddle!
- BC garden produce enjoyed by all....potatoes....carrots...greens...pesto...etc!
- One more round of Promprey's curry!
- Revolutionary Theme Day— Staf in wigs!
- Pottery and wood shop art show!
- Bromley and Sugarbush lalapooza horse show!
- Tetherball
- Swimming on the mat!

SO many great adventures and SO many fabulous memories!

And so...we all return to the countries, towns and cities from which we traveled. We carry with us new and old, but always deeper friendships. We carry with us our individual and camp commitments to make the world a better place in whatever ways we can find. We commit to kindness, generosity, civility and....to life lived well in the out of doors! See you next summer!



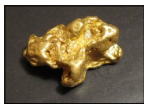
Staff Tennis Bracket 2023

Tennis Tournament

Throughout the summer the staff of BC have been playing a very competitive tennis tournament. Matches have been played during free time a couple times a week. A large group of eager onlookers gathered to watch **Emma F.** and **Jess J.** play against **Sam S.** and **Julia G.** in the final. The game was intense and the crowd cheered for their favorites. **Emma and Jess** defeated **Sam and Julia** and won the tournament! Rematch in 2024?

Gold Rush!

This session Betsey Cox had its first Gold Rush since 2017! This past Monday, the 14th, our precious rest hour was interrupted by horses galloping through camp, their riders instructing campers to go down to the pond. At the Sangamon dock, campers found that they were transported to California in 1848, and had to dive to find gold for their families. Little did they know, there were robbers around (**Muggies**), who had kidnapped the fair ladies (the **Staf**), and were trying to steal the miners gold. However, there were Sheriffs (more **Muggies**) there to keep the miners and their gold safe from the robbers, and eventually save the fair ladies from the wrath of the robbers. Later that night, each cabin used their collected gold to purchase items from a blind auction, notable winners received a box of coal and a cabin trip to get ice cream at a local scoop shop.



Popsicle Race or Swim or Bi-athalon!

As part of this very busy last week of Third Session, Tuesday evening brought us the annual BC Popsicle Race!



We voted at lunch to choose three charities that are important to us. We decided on the **Palestinian Children's Fund**, which provides access to healthcare for kids in the middle east, and an organization that is aiding Maui in the aftermath of the devastating fire there. **Maui Strong.** And **Oceana**—working to save our world's oceans. After an energizing dinner of baked potatoes and chocolate chip cookies, campers chose to walk, run, or swim to raise money for the organizations. Six lengths at the pond, or one lap—walked or run around camp raised \$1. We had many marathon athletes among us! They either ran 5 laps or swam 12 lengths. We even had several biathletes who ran 3 laps and swam 12 lengths. At the end of the night everyone received a delicious popsicle as a reward for their efforts. It was a successful fundraiser and we raised \$250 as a community!

Musical: Our Session 3 campers have been hard at work producing this summer's musical... **Teen Beach Movie!** Directed by the fabulous Staf **Hettie VD** and organized by the dearly departed **Stella RR** and **Sam S.** (to UC Berkeley and University of Florida respectively). The play follows Brady (**Kelsey G**) and Mack (**Olivia O**) as they become trapped in the classic beach movie, *Wet Side Story*, and have to find their way back to present day. The cast and crew have been working hard learning songs, choreography, and lines for these last three weeks to perform it in the

lodge on the last night of camp. Break a leg! PS. It was awesome! A truly great Camp Play!

Disco: Week two of 3rd session started off on a high note for Camp BC with Disco Social! A popular 3rd session tradition, the Disco Social is a big hit around both BC and Sangamon and the outfits are always on point. This year, we were graced with many magnificent outfits such as **Dahlia S** with a handlebar mustache, **Abby P** with extravagant makeup, and so many sparkles making the whole thing a night to remember. People from both camps danced all night long to YMCA, More Than A Woman, and Disco Inferno as well as many more songs. Thanks to the EPC (evening program coordinators) BC's tennis court was decked with colorful lights, a smoke machine and, to the delight of sugarbush campers and muggies alike, a bubble machine.



Census: At the end of each summer we vote democratically (YAY DEMOCRACY) on which members of camp deserve certain superlatives. There is a long list of these including but not limited to, craziest counselor, best camp horse, loudest snorer, favorite camp activity and favorite BC bug. After much deliberation, we made some final decisions. Abby P. won craziest counselor, Dahlia S. won best camp horse, Hettie V.D. and Maci-Mae V. won loudest snorer, Waterfront won favorite camp activity and Wolf Spiders won favorite BC Bug.



Addison Fair

In Vermont where everything is quiet, BC girls and nonbinary youth were treated to a day at Addison County Fair. BC campers engage in a day of fun and food with traditional fair foods such as fried bread, fried oreos, french

fries, nachos, snow cones –and believe me when I tell you— so much more. There was music, games and rides. Sangamon joined Betsey Cox in their activities. The most popular rides were the Ferris Wheel and the Pirate Ship. During the day, Addison sanctioned activities such as a skillet toss which one of our very own lifeguards, **Julia G.** participated in and was even featured in a local newspaper for. Overall, we made everlasting memories at the Addison Fair here in Vermont getting to experience a major part of the summer as local Vermonters with friends old and new.

Camp Last Will & Testament gifted by the Mugz:

In order to mark the end of the summer as it passes away peacefully on August 19th, all camp members are rewarded something in the will. With help from counselors and fellow cabin mates, we all decide what they will enjoy the most. Examples of this are **Sandi** getting everything to be orange, **Carmyn** getting to go on American Ninja Warriors, **Caleb** getting a staff swing set and **Amelie** getting unlimited clothes for her bear (Bernard).

And a few memories in pictures for you all!

