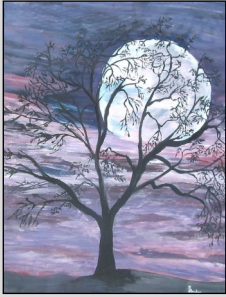




The camp with a song in it's heart

Happy Autumn!



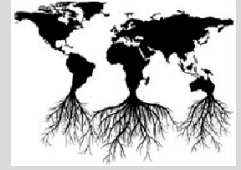
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BC Jack-o-lantern

The Bubbler



October 2023

Lines from Lorrie



October 29: I woke this morning to the sounds in my head of a favorite little Halloween ditty I used to sing to my first-grade students long ago. Here's how it goes:

*“Out in the night there’s an eerie bleery sound.
Down from the darkness and gathering around.
Witches and goblins are gathering around,
For it’s Halloween!”*

And so it is! I assume you have your costume built and ready to go!

In Vermont, October is wrapped in warm colors. Here in the last couple days of the month, yellow, red and orange leaves either stayed on the trees or fell to carpet camp such that even on chilly days, I felt warmer than you might think.



Orange pumpkins of various sizes sit on most everyone’s porch

and Don’s pumpkins, having grown plump on the edge of the camp garden, almost made it to the Farmhouse porch. Predictably, I suppose, various post-camp animals enjoyed eating them from underneath and they became an October treat for them all.

It has been very busy here during post camp. Steve and Dave worked on various exciting projects like repairing those

pesky cabin leaks that developed over the rainy summer. Dave reroofed the original farm barn and is currently polishing off a new Lincoln roof. A friend who is a carpenter straightened out the unusual pitch of the office floor and of Lincoln’s, too.

Camp looks quite put together these days! Devri, Abby, Sarah, Theary and I worked away at closing down the kitchen and packing up the lodge and our other buildings in the weeks right after camp. Abby created a number of tasty treats to keep the maintenance team happy!



We harvested lots of potatoes, onions, beets, squash, beans and greens, thanks to the care you gave to the plants all summer long. Alex came back after her West Coast

travels with Ella and Freya and helped put the final cleaning touches on the kitchen before she moved back to Maine for the winter season.

Flowers have continued to bloom steadily, no matter what the weather. The garden still looks beautiful!



Despite the sound of Dave’s hammering and of Steve’s weed whacker and mower, it is peaceful here.

Each morning, I give thought to how privileged most of us are to be able to be in places where we can experience peace. In this world where struggle, violence and pain define the lives of too many, each of us has an opportunity, even an obligation

to do what we can to model lives where compassion and good works define a different choice for how to live.

We have an obligation to learn deeply, to understand thoughtfully, to use our imaginations and our actions for the betterment of our world.

Of course Mary Oliver wrote a beautiful poem for this season. Here it is for you to enjoy:

SONG FOR AUTUMN

Don’t you imagine the leaves dream now how comfortable it will be to touch the earth instead of the nothingness of the air and the endless freshets of wind? And don’t you think the trees, especially those with mossy hollows, are beginning to look for the birds that will come—six, a dozen—to sleep inside their bodies? And don’t you hear the goldenrod whispering goodbye, the everlasting being crowned with the first tufts of snow? The pond stiffens and the white field over which the fox runs so quickly brings out its long blue shadows. The wind wags its many tails. And in the evening the piled firewood shifts a little, longing to be on its way.



News from near and Far...

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

BC LOCAL SPORTS REPORT:

From watching everyone play World Cup Soccer this summer, it was clear that there would be many BC people joining soccer teams across all ages and levels this fall. Here in Vermont, the following BC people were observed by **Lorrie** on various fields: **Linnea** was mentioned more times than could be counted in local papers for her excellence as goalie for Otter Valley School. **Iyla, Priya, Celia, Andie, Millie, Penny, Amelia, Nora, Evie** (another skilled and fierce goalie!), **Amara, Ruby, Emma, Faye, Zora, Josie, Caroline** were impact players, and I know more BC people played both here in Vermont and beyond. Such talent and skill! No doubt some of you ran, did gymnastics, field hockey, swimming, or other great fall activities. Good job, everyone! **Emma D and Faye S** are dancing in the local Nutcracker. They are both “snow princesses” and other roles. **Faye** says her favorite role is as a “present angel”, and angel who gets to bring Clara her presents.

People who came by:

Devri was at Camp until Labor Day. She was joined by our first visitors—mountain bike friends from Maine including **Sean!** The crew biked, camped and enjoyed camp. **Devri** looked after a fun dog named **Ringo** who stuck with her instead of the bikes. **Ringo** got to meet **Sam H** and **Gus’s** dog **Jack**, and fast friends they became! They were visiting from their campsite at nearby Lake Bomoseen with **Gus’s** sister and dog and husband. It was a fun day romping for all! **Theary** made a feast of chicken wings (a favorite), fried rice (another favorite), and spring rolls (yum) for the mountain bikers. They were enchanted and grateful for the all leftovers!

Ava, Priya and **Abby L** were the last three campers to spend the night in a BC cabin in the fall, and it was a rainy cold early October night! Of course they all knew just how to stay warm and cozy after the rainy nights down in Pico this past summer!

Kim and **Lorrie** were the last Betsey Cox swimmers, we think. October 5th. In for at least 15 minutes! **Marcy** also dipped into October.

Don and **MJ** came up from Florida to view the colors and to pay their Vermont family a good visit! They arrived in 81 degree weather and left in the 50s. Amazing! They did get to use the woodstove and shared some delicious pumpkin pie baked by **Lorrie** before they left. **Sarah H** was the last staff member to stay in a

BC cabin this fall. She spent a night a week during post camp in her cabin, making it easier for her to get to work as the ninth-grade Science teacher at Rutland High School. It was a treat to have her around!

Evie H and two friends from Middlebury College came down for a camp visit on the last day of warm weather!

We hear that **Clara** and **Makenna** are doing well in their courses at Castleton University. **Elly** and **Matt** report sightings! **Alley** has been doing some beautiful pottery work post season. **Dave** has been making some beautiful pens in whatever spare time he can find. They are selling some things on Etsy and attending a craft fair or two this fall.

Angie is coaching tennis in Florida. **Mya** is in a weight-lifting group at school.

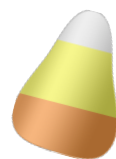
Kathy is doing a lot of good things, as a retired school nurse! She is keeping busy.

Alex G is back at work at Saddleback Maine, and her roommate is **Juno** (summer 2022) also working at Saddleback! **Devri, Sean** and **Alex** all took a WFA class together this past weekend. Everyone is well trained!

Devri came over to camp in mid-October to help turn off the water system with **Wayne** and **Steve**. They had a grand time together with only one rainy afternoon. **Devri** saw **Amy C** and caught her sons’ soccer game. Homemade pizza and icecream followed. Yum! Speaking of pizza, **Lorrie** made a Halloween themed pizza this very Halloween. Look!



Theary cooked a great Cambodian feast for the Town of Pittsford’s Library cooking club. It was terrific! **Theary** has had her kitchen certified and inspected by the State, and is making delicious Cambodian fusion food as take out this winter. In case you are in the area! **BC Lodge in the fall:**



Campers enrolled for 2024...as of Oct 31!

Dahlia A, DC
 Wren A
 Leo B, MA
 Priya B, VT
 Amara B, VT
 Zora B, VT
 Aubree B, VT
 Luisa BPC,
 Mexico
 Opal C, VT
 Rory C, VT
 Jo C, Canada
 Annika C, CA
 Rayann C, NY
 Ella C, VT
 Colleen D, NY
 Calix D, NY
 Emma D, VT
 JJ F, VT
 Carolina F, NY
 Celia F, VT
 Iris H, VT
 Zoey H, NJ
 Maren J, MA
 Abby L, VT
 Ally L, VT
 Penny L, VT
 Josie M, CO
 Maura N, VT

Andie P, VT
 Avalon R, VT
 Elsa R, VT
 Nala R, VT
 Suzie S, NY
 Faye S, VT
 Ruby S, VT
 Iyla S, VT
 Plum S, NY
 Lily S, NY
 Ivy S, MA
 Talia S, MA
 Hadley S, MA
 Greta S, VT
 Phoebe S, VT
 Cleo VW, DC
 Maci-Mae V, VT

**Enrollment is moving
 right along, and more
 applications roll in
 everyday!**

Returning campers:
 Please don't hesitate to
 send in your applications
 to be sure there is space in
 the session of your choice!

**A Few more BC 2023 Costumes for
 Halloween night!**



**First Campers Signed
 for 2024...
 Drum Roll Please....**

up

JJ F. and Iris H!

Right on!



We have had a few Birthdays since Camp ended!



Lousia E, Suzie S, Nora B,
 Ceclia L, Vinnie E-O, Zoey T,
 Maia G, Yaela W, Lucy F,
 Caroline L, Manya G-P, Yas
 S-U, Hettie VD, Isla S, Maura
 N, Lila R, Liv T, Viv F,
 Luisa BPC, Poppy S, Rain S,
 Autumn S, Beah W, Astrid
 VD, Luma W, Leo B, Anya K,
 Carolina F, Lucia B, Maren
 J, Iris H, Emma K, Rachel T,
 Emma C, Josie S, Addie M,
 Ruby S, Chloe L, Sy'Rai R,
 Nora M, Lu T, Elliot TH,

**Lucy G, Hattie C, Kelsey G, Chloe N, and Yaiza VC
 Birthday Round**

*We wish you a happy birthday!
 A joyous and celebrated birthday,
 To you dear BC Campers,
 We wish you a long long life!*

**Camp Betsey Cox 2024
 Dates and Rates and Applications
 are online!**

We recommend that you sign up by the end of
 January to guarantee the session of your choice!

**Sign up by December 31, 2023 and receive
 our 3% early enrollment discount!**

Muggie Leader, Staf applications, and BC Leader
 supplemental questions will be emailed out this
 coming month!





Winter Office US Mailing Address

Please send all traditional USPS mail to us this winter addressed to:

Camp Betsey Cox
 PO Box 1093
 Rangeley, Maine 04970

Halloween bad jokes--Skeletons and Ghosts!



1. What is a ghost's favorite dessert?
I-Scream!
2. Why did the skeleton go to the BBQ?
He needed some spare ribs.
3. Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?
She didn't have the guts.
4. What is a ghost's favorite play?
Romeo and Ghouliet!
5. What do you call a skeleton that stayed out in the snow too long?
A numbskull!
6. Why don't skeletons ever go trick or treating?
No-body to go with
7. Wanna know why skeletons are so calm?
*Because nothings gets under their skin!
(various sources!)*

Pumpkin Trivia!



- Are pumpkins fruits or vegetables?
Fruits because they grow from the plant's flowers.
- How many pumpkin seeds in an average pumpkin?
500 more or less.
- How many pounds do the largest pumpkins put on in a day?
50 pounds
- What part of a pumpkin is edible?
Every part of the pumpkin is edible--leaves, blossoms, skin, stem.
- Which of these names are names of brands of pumpkins?
 Baby Bear, Spooktacular,
 Ghost Rider, Trick Jack, Sweetie Pie
Answer: All
- What is the Guinness world record for number of pumpkins carved in 1 hour?
*109 by Trevor Hunt
(<https://bartonhillfarms.com/25-fascinating-pumpkin-facts/>)*

Returning Betsey Cox families!



Tell a new family about **Betsey Cox**, and if they enroll for 2024 your family will receive a \$150 discount off your Camper's tuition.

If you recommend a family to our brother camp- **Sangamon**, your family will receive a \$100 discount.

Thank you for spreading the word about our camp community!

Remember these favorite things?

- Theory's opening day carrot cake
 - Emilie's sugar cookies on theme day
 - *Finding Nemo* and *Teen Beach Movie*
 - Jolene and Leroy
 - Abby's Rock of the Day
 - Taylor Swift Tuesdays
 - BC Builders and the new 'Shop addition
 - Iron Chef challenges at BIRCH
 - Free Swim
 - Promprey's masterful salad bar
 - Pillows, bags and rugs made at Weaving
- And MANY more!**