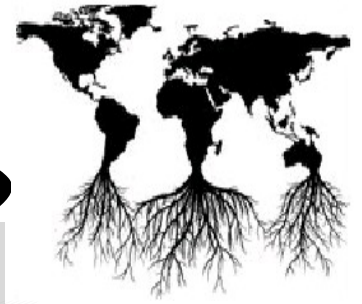


The Bubbler



Camp Betsey Cox



The camp with a song in it's heart



March "in like a lion out like a lamb" ...or is it the other way around in 2024?

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"I believe in Me"
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March 2024

Lines from Lorrie

Robert Frost, a poet claimed by three New England States, really has to have been most fond of Vermont, don't you think? His poem, **The Aim was Song** is perfect for us as we enjoy the month of March! Here it is (*with recognition of Frost having preceded gender inclusive language!*):

The Aim was Song

By Robert Frost

Before man came to blow it right
The wind once blew itself untaught,
And did its loudest day and night
In any rough place where it caught.

Man came to tell it what was wrong:
It hadn't found the place to blow;
It blew too hard—the aim was song.
And listen—how it ought to go!

He took a little in his mouth,
And held it long enough for north
To be converted into south,
And then by measure blew it forth.

By measure. It was word and note,
The wind the wind had meant to be—
A little through the lips and throat.
The aim was song—the wind could see.

Weather mythology holds that March will "come in like a lion and go out like a lamb". This year, it seems to have come in like a lamb and out like a lion! Camp saw a



very odd winter this 2024. Very little snow fell to delight we skiers. Camp looked like late fall or early spring most days. Enough snow did fall for me to see signs of a large turkey flock, deer on the archery field, rabbit and squirrel tracks galore and down behind the Farmhouse, fox tracks. The mazes made by the subnivean animals (moles, shrews, voles) were fun to follow, but came

altogether too infrequently without snow cover. Subnivian! Great word!

And then... The biggest snowstorm of the winter happened on the fourth and fifth day of spring! Out shoveling, the snow was up to my knees! Three days later, it is supposed to be 50 degrees and it will all vanish. March is an amazing month! Did you know.....once a big snow storm like this one ends, if the next day the temperatures are 32 or above, the snow will automatically compact from 20" to around 6"! Do you believe it?



So now the winds of March are singing through, if Frost is correct in having taught the wind to sing rather than shout! We look forward to a warm breeze or two or three as it stirs up the energy for us to begin serious preparations for camp! Hooray!

The strange winter (that followed a strange summer weather pattern, as those of you who were here know), reminds each of us of our responsibility to do what we can to face the challenges of climate change. I look forward to our first Vespers gathering when you'll have a chance to share how you might have contributed to the work ahead of us. Here, in the summer of 2024, we will practice and pledge to live gently and simply on the land. We do make a difference, and we know we will be encouraging each other to do the same once back home.

See you first session people soon!
June 23 is coming right along!

News from near and Far...

Steve and Kim made a CD called KEEP-SAKE! They wrote: "Like so many recording projects from the last few years, KEEPSAKE had its inception during the height of the COVID pandemic. ...we decided to fill up some of that 'lockdown' time with formally working up a repertoire of songs....This year we thought it would be fun to make a recording as a keepsake for our family, hence the title." **Steve** invites you to hear KEEP-SAKE! Go to his website:

www.stevespensleymusic.com and either stream it or download it! Free of charge! It is terrific!

Amara B participated in a math competition at the University of Vermont. Her coach was her science teacher, **Orla Dundas**, who happens to have been a weaving counselor over 25 years ago! Hooray for surprising connections!

Dave and Alley traveled to Portugal! Wonder what kind of pottery is done in that interesting country and what construction projects **Dave** will be dreaming up for you while he is there! Both of them plan to do a lot of writing while abroad.

Sarah H flew out west for some days of skiing with **Elizabeth F**.

Alex G and Juno K continue to be housemates in Rangeley, Maine where they both have jobs at Saddleback Mountain ski area. **Juno** manages the ticket office and **Alex** is at the ski school desk. Keep your eyes out if you come to Saddleback for some winter fun!

Devri is working a couple days a week at the Rangeley Lakes Trails Center where she gets to take ski now and then! **Sean** grooms the trails there as well!

Camp Betsey Cox and Camp Sangamon were among the 12 Vermont camps named "Best Summer Camps in Vermont" by **Newsweek** magazine. Of course we are!! Congratulations to us all!

Sam S and her family rented Susan McGary's house for a week-long vacation here on the edge of camp. Sue's house is the big white one you can see from Blueberry Hill (which she owns!). With **Sam** in town, **Piper C** appeared for a visit. **Piper and Caleb** are moving schools and will be at the University of Vermont next year. **Piper and Lorrie** already began to plan for the seeds and plants in the

2024 garden! **Abby P** also showed up for a visit! **Abby** will be working two days a week at camp (Sundays and Mondays, everyone!) while she completes a required internship at her school.

Alumnae returning! **Emma P, Christie B, Sarah M, Natalie M, and Nina AS** will all be returning after a few summers of visits only! Have a guess about what each one will do!

Evie F and Amara B faced off in the finals of their regional basketball tournament. Both teams were undefeated. It was a hard fought battle that was won with one point by Evie's team.

Elsa M and Priya B participated in the district music festival held in Rutland, Vermont, **Elsa** on the trumpet, **Priya** on the saxophone.

Lorrie had two visits with **Lizzy W** this March! **Lizzy and Judah** visited **Lizzy's** father in their cottage across our pond. **Judah** thinks about camp people, camp dogs and camp horses every night before he goes to sleep. After that visit, **Lorrie** visited **Lizzy and Nora** at their homestead. **Lizzy** has organized a crystal shop in their new barn. So many beautiful things our natural world produces! **Nora** has learned to make brooms! One is hanging in the camp farmhouse. There will be field trips to the Woolf Den homestead this summer! You should plan to go!

Jazz B has been very involved with theater this year, playing "Bloat" in *Finding Nemo*, in community theater, and "Donkey" in *Shrek* at school. Thanks Jazz for the news!

Announcing the Muggie Leaders 2024!

Addie B, Massachusetts
Kate C, New York
Shanique H, Jamaica
Chloe L, Colorado
Clio M, New York
Mirabella P, Massachusetts
Mya VB, Florida

We are very excited for this tight group to join us this summer. They have excellent skills to contribute to BC. We are excited to offer them an amazing summer of challenges and adventures!

They will be a force!

Campers! Muggies! Staf! Staff!

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

Announcing the Summer 2024 Camper List as of March 24, 2024

<p><u>Session 1</u> Jo C. Elsa R Nala R Colleen D Lily S Grace P Camille C Analise M Avah H Emma D Zora B Faye S Norah K Aya N Phoebe S Ella C Camela C Chloe N Dottie O Willa Z Juni B Lucy F Zoe W Natalie S Amara B Nini N Eliana BF Isla S Jane B Zoey H Ally L Aubree B Anjali N Clara M Phoenix L Lilah B Ruby S Julia P Eve S Elsa M Maia G Luciana M Nora M Ruby S Caroline GH Astrid VD Claire S Wren A Avalon R Aurara S Willa H Willow W Tori'Elle BB Riley C Viv V Leo B Plum S Carolina F</p>	<p>Grace C Anouk J Samantha M Naila F Hannah T Dahlia A Manya GP Poppy S Vinnie EO Rayann C Cleo VW Priya B Iyla S Ava S Abby K Lexa H Grace M Pele M Signe VW <u>Session 2</u> Saoirse K Tilly R Suzie S Izzy F Carolina F Zora B Faye S Winnie M Mabel B Margaret S Josie W JJ Fox Eloise D Zara T Elena A Ruby S Franny S Vera L Olivia E Nora B Mae R Madison M Lucy F Lucy D Hadley S Annika C Karen I Amelie O Bailey T Amara B Josie B Maya W Ruby S Maura N Opal C Evie F Piper J Louisa E Emiko C</p>	<p>Autumn S Riley Kim Annika K Zoey H Molly W Kaya D Alex R Lila R Clara M Willow W Celia F Penny L Millie T Fiona L Kelsey G Vivienne B Aurora S Daisy M Macie-Mae V Rory C Josie M Jazz B Mae W Sparrow Z Ivy S Callie M Leo B Samantha M Anouk J Amina I Megan B Adrienne L Lucia D Anya K Yaela W Priya B Ava S Olivia O Paige M Elodie B Pele M Cibelle M Maya Adem Iyla S <u>Session 3</u> Elizabetta T Tilly R Zora B Eleanor D Iris H Margaret S Emilia T Josie W Ela N Maren J Ivy S Ashlyn E Viv K Audrey P</p>	<p>Amelie M Anya B Ella S Amara B Heron B Hazel RH Liv T Knahla M Shelby T Merin B Zoey H Evie F Emiko C Roarke R Eloise C Alfrenque B Celia F Andie P Millie T Ella C Cecilia L Mitzi P Bella E Macie-Mae V Callie M Anna C Kelsey G Jazz B Mae W Talia S Astrid VD Nora P Asha M Emma K Willow W Siri L Hanna L Emma C Priya B Luisa BP Olivia O Paige M Elodie B Mara M Cibelle M Maya Adem</p>
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If you don't see your
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BC Leaders 2024!

For Leaders completing 9th grade this June

Greta S, S12
Calix D, S12
Jasmine G, S1
Josie H, S12
Sarah C, S1
Daisy M, S12
Viv F, S12
Lu T, S12
Olivia P, S12
Nina B, S1
Misa C, S23

Sydney M, S2
Dylan H, S23
Maddie R, S2
Iris I, S2
Frankie D, S2
Arden H, S2
Zoe M, S23
Max A, S3
Malika D, S3
Megan W, S3

I Believe in ME!

By Peter H. Reynolds

I believe in me.

I promise to remember who I am

I promise to think about what I where I am,

Where I'm going and where I want to be going.

And what I need to do to get there.

I promise to be a creative thinker,

A constructive problem solver,

A curious explorer,

A real listener,

A caring person,

An active citizen. I promise to help others.

To help others discover their own dreams

And be proud of who they are.

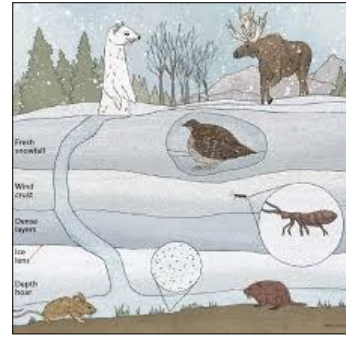
To Believe that with time, patience,

And positive energy,

We can move the world to a better place.

Nature Moments!

The archery field is always a maze of animal tracks. Deer, rabbits, squirrels, chipmunks, fox, voles, shrews and others who winter over are enjoying camp!



Did you know that small animals spend much of the winter in the "subnivean zone"? That is the zone beneath the snow and above the frozen ground. A whole world beneath the snow!

Send us your Nature Moments and we will share them!

It was one

of those

March

days when the **SUN** shines hot

and the

wind blows **cold:**

when it is **summer** in the

and **winter** in the *light,*

shade.

~Charles Dickens



This year's STAF will make Betsey Cox's second trip to Bolivia this summer! The trip will be led by alumni sisters **Sarah and Natalie M** both of whom have moved to the Burlington area, close enough to camp that they can enjoy a Bolivian adventure!

The Staf group includes :

Sasha CW, Alexa G, Rosie K, Caryn LF, Lucy P, Lucy S, Susannah S, Rachel T, Ada VD, and Luna W.

Fortunately, the Bolivia trip goes second session only. Staf will treat you all to a fabulous first and third sessions even as they prepare to travel!