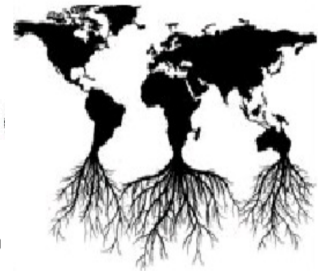


# The Bubbles



## Session 1, 2024

### Lines from Lorrie...First Session

We can't believe that first session is over! What an incredible three weeks! Such wonderful people filling each and every cabin! Such great weather for us to enjoy daily. And the animals! We have fallen in love with Jolene, Marble, the goats, the kittens, the piglets and yes....the very cute kittens!

On the second Saturday of the session, every cabin completed a service requirement. We made fleece scarves and beeswax candles for Ukrainian people. One cabin made environmental posters to hang in libraries around the state. We made chocolate chip cookies for our local food shelf and rice crispy treats to reward ourselves for the good work we did. Another group made beautiful wooden mandalas for a local rest home to display.

One cabin's contribution was to write this session's newsletter! Here are their favorite memories for you to enjoy!

#### **A Trip to White Rocks**

*by Ella C*

On this week's trip day we went to White Rocks. It was a warmish day. It took us about two hours to get up. It is very rocky but not not worth it. When you get to the top you can see all of Vermont. If you are feeling hot at the end there is a stream to cool off - a lot of people including me would recommend it.

#### **Joke Zone**

*By Ella C*

Why are bees so sticky? Because they use honeycomb!

#### **The Kittens; a Haiku**

*by Judah W*

My favorite kitten  
is the fluffy one, Baggins  
He likes to play strings



*Juni Binshadler*

### **Birthdays**

*by Ruby S*

At Betsey Cox we've had some birthdays...we've had Ada's, who is a Staf in Sugarbush. We had another birthday in Sugarbush, Jo who is a camper turned nine. Birthdays at BC are very fun, at lunch we sing happy birthday in a round to make the camper, staf, or staff feel special. The cabin with the birthday person gets to have a special treat from the kitchen, traditionally cupcakes or cake. You may even get a package or two!

### **Socials**

*by Dottie O*

The socials at Betsey Cox are always my favorite part of the week. Each week after dinner on Wednesdays Camp Sangamon comes to us or we go to them. Every time there's a fun theme like y2k or any other one that camp has done. The socials so far have both included dancing and games. We always have late wake up the day after socials

### **Activities**

*by Juni B*

At Betsey Cox we have many activities. The activities are BIRCH, Arts & Crafts, Weavery, Drama, Woodshop, Swimming, Pottery, Garden, Riding, Tennis, Boating, Farm, Archery, and Music. The first one, BIRCH, stands for Buddies in Ropes, Campcraft, and Hiking. Next is Arts & Crafts. The name pretty much sums it up: you do arts and crafts. Weavery is weavery and that is only a few.

### **The Contra Dance**

*by Natalie S*

This session, on July 2nd, Betsey Cox and Sangamon got together on the BC tennis court. We danced for a long time, over an hour. We dressed up country-like (cowboys and cowgirls). We had a great time swinging, doci-doing, and rotating with our partners. And we promenaded two by two. We danced the zodiac and the broom dance. Best of all, we had a live band play for us! The Saltash Serenaders! We had an amazing night, but it was coming to an end. At last the boys headed back to Sangamon

## **Theme Day**

*by Jane B*

On June 29<sup>th</sup>, a rainy Saturday, Camp Betsey Cox had theme day. Theme day is a day full of fun centered around a theme. This year, the theme was Fairytales, in preparation for the drama's play, the Fairytale Network! There were activities relating to different fairy tales such as Princess and the Pea mattress testing and "What time is it, Evil Stepmother?" The rain made many activities indoors, but it was still very fun. We had to hunt for Captain Hook's treasure for a price, found by a camper from the Deer's Leap cabin! Deer's Leap went to the 19<sup>th</sup> hole for ice cream as their prize! The Staf put on a small skit dressed as different characters, and they put together a huge banquet. To end the day, for the evening program all the campers hunted for a golden egg to restore the magic. Another Deer's Leap camper found this! To celebrate, we had a dance party. All together this was a successful theme day.

## **The Horses**

*by Phoebe S*

At Betsey Cox, one of my favorite activities is going horseback riding. A lot of campers have never ridden horses before and this is a great opportunity for kids to start riding. A lot of people's favorite horse is Ravioli/ Oli, because he's gentle and doesn't get scared easily. We also have a new pony this year called Spud, she's a very cheeky pony. Riding is a really fun activity and you learn about grooming, horse care, tack, and also learn how to steer the horses. Sometimes we even go on trail rides. Also, the people who work at the riding are really nice.

## **Announcements**

*by Dottie O*

Betsey Cox always has announcements every day at the end of meals. On days like theme day the announcements are all funny things like giving the animals swim lessons and drama going to Broadway!

## **Cabin Cookout**

*by Dottie O*

Every Sunday night each cabin has a cookout at their fireplace or, when it's raining, in their cabin fireplace. We cook burgers, hot dogs, and grilled cheese. After that we make s'mores.



## 4<sup>th</sup> of July

*by Zoe W*

This session at Betsey Cox we celebrated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July! It was very fun. Some of the things that we did included a relay race, a counselor hunt, and fireworks. During the relay race, we are separated into 5 teams. Stars, stripes, red, white and blue! Some of the relay races were the egg and spoon race, wheelbarrow race and a few others. For our meal, we had pancakes with whipped cream, blueberries and strawberries! For lunch we had 2 special guests come and cook hot dogs for us. The guests were Burt Woolf and Don Willis. We also had a pasta salad, pulled pork, watermelon and other delicious foods. Before dinner, all the cabins present a fun costume, that they create themselves. Some examples included Sour Patch Kids (Deer's Leap), croc jibbitz (Haystack), mice and cheese (Sugarbush), and bad bunnies (Killington). This is a fun way to show everyone's creativity. At the end of the night, we walked down to the pond and watched an amazing fireworks show put on by Dave, Emelie, and Don! It was such an amazing day that we won't forget.

## Evening Programs

*by Jane B*

At Betsey Cox, every day is full of fun! To help us go to sleep feeling our happiest, every night we have an evening program. These can include running around, to just sitting and listening to our talented campers and staff perform. One of our favorite games is Find, Make or Do, where we have to find, make or do things on a list. We also have a new one brought to us by Natalie Scott, an International Staff member from New Zealand, which is called the wave game. In this game, 2 or 3 people try to find hidden campers/counselors and once caught, they attempt to run away. This is one of my favorites. Another evening activity that was a highlight was the concert, where Christie and Eliza Densmore performed some of their songs on the tennis court. This concert was opened by Chloe and Josie who sang and played guitar. All of these evening programs were managed by the EPC (Evening Program Committee).



## **Washhouse Wizards**

*by Assorted Staff*

This summer, staff, staf, and muggies have been cleaning the washhouses together. Creatively dubbed “washhouse wizards” by Angie VanBuskirk, the wizards work collectively to make our spaces hygienic and sparkling. Angie shared this creative poem with the staff during orientation:

In the realm of the washhouse wizard, so wise,  
Where cleanliness reigns and dirt is despised,  
Refill the soap, the scent so divine,  
Scrub away the paste, leave the sink to shine.

Clean the sinks, yellow pollen in the air,  
Wipe the counter, with meticulous care,  
Trash bins emptied, fresh bags in place,

Toilet paper stocked, for every camper's grace.

Don't forget to flush, keep it all clear,  
Plunger wands at the ready, have no fear,  
Scrub the bowl, make it gleam,  
Sweep the floor, like a well-oiled machine.

Hang your broom, with a sense of pride,  
Recycle what you can, let nothing hide,  
Whistle as you work, in perfect harmony,  
Teamwork and care, the camp staff's symphony.

In the showers, bugs may lurk,  
Wear your gloves, don't let them irk,  
Hair in the drain, a common sight,  
But with teamwork and care, everything's made right.

## **CAMP SONG OF THE WEEK:**

Short Song Smorgasbord!

I am slowly going crazy, 1 2 3 4 5 6, SWITCH Crazy going slowly am I, 6 5 4 3 2 1, SWITCH *Repeat with increasing alacrity*

The merry-go-round broke down, boop boop  
It made the weirdest sound, beep beep The lights went out, but I didn't shout when the merry-go-round broke down  
Boop boop beep beep boop beep boop beep

I'm a little hunk of tin, nobody knows what shape I'm in  
Got four wheels and a running board,  
I'm a Ford a Ford a Ford  
Honk honk rattle rattle rattle crash beep beep (2X)

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A few thoughts from home...