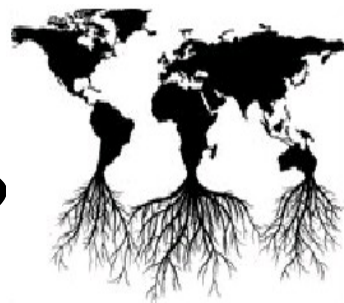


The Bubbler



Camp Betsey Cox



The camp with a song in it's heart



March "in like a lion
out like a lamb"



Inside this Bubbler!

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"I believe in Me"
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Spring 2025

Lines from Lorrie

It's April! Early spring in Vermont is a mixture of things! On March 1st, the thermometer I check every morning before heading out for a swim at the Pico Pool read -8 degrees! What?? It was meant to be moving towards spring! Well... in fact, March is a month of change. And after all, there is that Old Vermont Farmers' Almanac saying that, "March roars in like a lion and leaves like a lamb." And now, "April showers bring May flowers", even if a few of those showers are still snow flurries!

On one of my recent strolls up to the lodge to check on how the cabins and buildings were holding under the temperature and the wind, I noticed a flock (!), not just one or two robins, but a flock! It seemed a bit early for a whole flock of robins! When I got back to the Farmhouse, I looked into the matter. I have a favorite book called NATURALLY CURIOUS that I keep by my living room chair. The book is full of fascinating nature moments to watch for, described month by month. The author, Mary Holland writes:

"March is the absolute high point in anyone's life who anticipates and celebrates the annual celebration of the arrival of spring. Every day brings confirmation that no matter what is going on in the human world,

you can depend on the Natural world to observe the rites of spring."

She goes on to explain that robins, some of whom never left Vermont, love to eat sumac berries and the tiny frozen crabapples left from the fall. In fact, if you were to look when you get back to camp this summer, you'll be driving right by a plot of sumac just across from Right Mind Farm/Mom's Garden. And in the Farmhouse back yard, there's a crabapple tree that, until this month and the robins' arrival, had many tiny apples on it!

Spring awakenings mark the beginning of change across camp and around the country where winter transitions to spring. This particular year, change is afoot in many ways beyond those in the natural world. Changes are around us all perhaps more noticeable than in other years. There's a new President in our country, and he and his team are making many changes that each of us can see around us. You might be aware of some gatherings where people are expressing their feelings about the changes. Just like it is at camp, in our country, we share our ideas and thoughts so that we can truly be a country where we mean to support all citizens here and in the broader world to which we belong.

This Spring, did you

hear? Our planets were in action to the extent that all of them could be seen all at once if you knew how to spot them. I was out one night up by the garden where In the clear camp sky, I think I spotted them all.



Of course, you would know that I would think of you, each of you as unique and bright as the planets I saw above! Like the planets, you bring a special kind of light to this corner of Vermont in which we spend summer days and nights. Each of you different, each of you sharing your particular self with the rest of us.

We can't wait to welcome each of you to camp, summer 2025. Until then, cast your eyes to the heavens think about star gazing at camp! Soon!



News from near and Far...

There's gardening news! **Ed Safford** and **Yvonne Brunot**, long-time farmers of **Mom's Garden and Right Mind Farm**, will be transitioning to other interests this summer. Yes, of course they will still be camp community members, but they will not be found at the entrance to camp. We wish them well and thank them heartily for supporting the camp community's healthy eating and flower delights over many summers!

Taking up the task of reinventing Mom's Garden has been a fun creative challenge! **Lorrie** has shared that challenge with **Hilary Lambert** who, herself, is traveling a new career path this summer. **Hilary** and **Lorrie** are working on a plan to plant fruit trees, red clover, perennials and zinnias on that land. **Ed and Yvonne** are leaving a number of healthy blueberry bushes for us! Camp Blueberry Pie is on my mind! With homemade vanilla ice cream? Why not?? **Hilary** looks forward to the garden and to a few days of baking with you in the lodge.

Stay tuned for more news about the camp garden! SO exciting!

Camp community member **Amy Clapp** is the recipient of a National Excellence in Science teaching! What a well-deserved award! **Amy** will receive the award in Washington, D.C. where she will get to meet other science experts and enthusiasts. **Congratulations, Amy!**

Josie F, Emma D, Ellie C, and Amara B have all been spotted on local basketball courts! They are talented and tough players! News of **Ruby S** and **Evie F** talented basketball experiences is out and around, too! **Kayla** is always in the crowd of fans! So nice to check in with her!

Last year's STAF, well almost all of them, spent a weekend together at **Ada's** house this winter! Many will join the 2025 Staff—yes....they have their second "F" now! Can't wait to see them! **Kathy P** made Skida look alike hats for Christmas gifts. She also made felted life-sized birds! Such a talented person! **Kathy** traveled to the Galapagos Islands this March! **Priya B** was accepted as a participant on a Rutland High School trip to Japan! She will bring stories back to camp!

Iyla S has been working a weekend day as a cleaner at Mountain Top Inn. She and a friend enjoy the income and the time working together! **Kim, Lorrie, Devri, Marcy and**

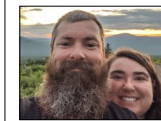
Laird can be found cross-country skiing up a storm this snowy winter! Good fun! **Clara** and **Vanessa** are visiting in Australia this winter/spring. **Anouk Y** went out to San Francisco this winter and got to see **Adrienne L and Lucia D. Lil** from last year's waterfront staff, had a year of great travels. She spent time in Australia with **Charm!** They traveled to Rottenest Island and met some quokkas—local fauna there!

Mya, Elizabeth, Chloe and Beau had some visits this winter too. **Orla** is in med school and is in an obstetrics and gynaecology placement and helped deliver 4 babies at least! Very exciting! She also participated in a fashion dance show to fundraise for medical equipment. **Natalie S** is part of an advanced intermediate gymnastics team and very active with ballet. **Claire S** broke her own school record in javelin this year, twice! She is also honing skills in volleyball and sings in an advanced treble choir. **Mud S.** is still cute and very friendly! Yay for camp kittens! **Marcy and**



Tinker spotted a barred owl at Camp! **Sparrow** got a spot on the VT State Youth Council as the chair of the Youth Mental Health Committee, and played **Meg** in **A Wrinkle in Time** at school. **Lorrie and Devri** have been talking with returning staff members to hear all their ideas about camp in 2025! Talks with **Hettie, Cori, Francie, Maeve, Alice, Don and MJ, Jen, Lizzy and Nora, Ella, Liv, Marcy, Laird, Kim and Steve, Angie and Elly** have us all totally psyched to get back together again! **Theary** is already planning fantastic menus! **Devri** has been talking to new international staff members as they begin to feel super excited to arrive! Summer, 2025??? TOTALLY wonderful!

A note to all BC Community Members:



I would like to let you all know that my partner Sean Donegan passed away peacefully in our home this March. Returning campers and families know that Sean learned of his cancer diagnosis in March 2024, new families some of you have heard this news. I want to thank each of you for your patience and kindness this past year. My apologies for slow correspondence at times.

I am excited for the summer season and being back on site with all of you!

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 2025 Camper List as of April 18, 2025

<u>Session 1</u> Elena A Tori-Elle BB Ava B Juni B Hazel B Jane B Lilah B Jazz B Amara B Zora B Ella C Jo C Rebecca C Eloise C Emiko C Emma D Viola E Mary F Lucy F Evie F Una G Avah H Zoey H Willa H Uma J Norah K Riley K Phoenix L Fiona L Ally L Eve M Winnie M Claire M Gianna M Analisa M Nora M Clara M Chloe N Aya N Dottie O Roarke R Avalon R Elsa R Nala R Hazel RH Ruby S Lily S Isla S Eve S Rosie S Ruby S Faye S Phoebe S	Claire S Natalie S Zara T Astrid VD Willow W Zoe W Kacie W Willa Z Zoey Z <u>Session 2</u> May B Liliah B Eliana BF Jazz B Amara B Zora B Opal C Rory C Maeve C Charlotte CL Riley C Sophia C Ella C Camille C Emiko C Eloise D Sasha D Olivia E Bella E Louisa E Celia F Mary F Josie F Lucy F Maia G Zoey H Addy H Karen I Piper J Leila K Nurah K Penny L Ceclia L Daisy M Madison M Elsa M Callie M Asha M Gretchen M Maddie M Piper M Clara M Chloe N	Clare N Quinn N Maura N Amelia O Audrey P Mira P Andie P Mitzi P Alex P Lila R Mae R Meg R Ruby S Ivy S Margaret S Grace S Suzie S Eve S Mia S Ruby S Faye S Elena S Annabelle S Zoey S Mia T Liv T Shelby T Bailey T Astrid VD Molly W Josie W Nelle W Finn W Kacie W Willa Z Sparrow Z Zoey Z <u>Session 3</u> Anna AM Cassidy B Alfrenique B Merin B Anyia B Heron B Amara B Zora B Annika C D'Shae C Anna C Aspen D Caroline F Mia F Kelsey G	Iris H Lila H Zoey H Maren J June K Serena LS Lyla L Vera L Knahla M Amelie M Callie M Asha M Ela N Nora P Grace P Clnae R Margaret S Noa S Helena S Josephine S Talia S Ivy S Autumn S Taylor S Annabelle S Aurora S Hadley S Liv T Elisabetta T Emilia T Zoey T Annika V Maci Mae V Josie W Willow W Zoey Z
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If you don't see your name, or you have any questions about your Session (s)...

please reach out to us!

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**Our 2025
Family Information
packet and forms will
be online and sent via
email by the end of
April!
Thank you!**



For 55 years, April 22nd has been celebrated as Earth Day– a day to celebrate the wonders of our planet and a reminder of all that we can and should do to protect it. Whether you are interested in doing something hands-on like a beach cleanup or going on a hike, letting your elected officials know about environmental issues you care about or simply taking some extra time to learn more about the natural world, there’s something for everyone. [50 Family Nature Activities](#), from [Environment America](#)

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 strengths
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.

Announcing the First Year Muggie Leaders 2025!

We are very excited for this group to join us this summer. They have excellent skills to contribute to Betsey Cox!

We are excited to offer them an amazing summer of challenges and adventures!

**Leo
Elodie
Priya
Emma
Vinnie
Lucy
Lexa
Abby
Adrienne
Abby**

**Pele
Paige
Samantha
Cibelle
Olivia
Ava
Iyla
Hannah
Yaela
Anouk**



This year’s Second Year Muggie Leaders will make Betsey Cox’s third trip to Bolivia this summer!
The Second Years are:

Max, Misa, Calix, Arden, Dylan, Iris, Sydney, Zoe, Daisy, Maddie, Greta, Lu, Olivia, and Viv

We will find them living in Bird Mountain and Haystack for Sessions 1 and 3. Second Years work in one activity each session they are at Camp and spend time with camper cabins each evening.

We are excited for their adventures this summer!



This year’s Staf will make Betsey Cox’s first expedition to the Italian Dolomites!

The 2025 Staf are:

Addie, Kate, Shanique, Chloe, Elizabeth, Clio, Mirabella and Mya

The Staf will be at camp for Session 1 and 3 and traveling for S2. Keep your eyes out for their amazing contributions to our activities and cabin groups! Staf live in camper cabins as part of the staff team. They organize our theme days and are important contributors to our Betsey Cox community!

We celebrate our 2025 Staf!