

The camp with a song in
it's heart

Happy Autumn!



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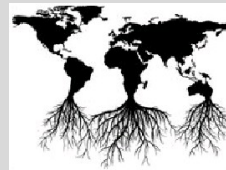
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BC Jack-o-lantern

The Bubbler

October 2025



Lines from Lorrie

Post-camp is a unique experience! Right after campers leave, most staff prepare for their non-camp lives with only a few staying around for a few memorable last days of quiet. During the late August weeks and for the month of September, the weather is usually delightful! This year was no exception. Staff who stayed around enjoyed fine swimming, life without bells and chunks of free time to do whatever they were inspired to do! Francie was the last to pull out, but college in Vermont kept her in the state. Ella finished off her internship as a veterinarian. Devri and Lorrie worked away at various post-camp tasks all of which were infused with a quieter pace. Dave jumped right into his list of cabin repairs—not many, and most related to fire-places and roof work. Steve kept up with wood work, mowing and vehicle management.

September came along peacefully—even bringing rain with it now and then! We celebrated each drop! A few alumnae always return to enjoy the fine weather and it is fun to have them loving every camp moment they can capture from their busy family and work lives! We all caught up with every visitor's life, swam frequently and ate happily of the remaining food in the garden. Life was peaceful and so good.

For me, October is the month I wait for all year! The trees become my constant companion as I work around camp. My favorite October book is called "*Being with Trees*," by Hannah Fries. It's a favorite because it describes the many nature moments trees give to careful observers in October! We have reds, oranges, yellows and

the faithful greens of the ever-greens. Really, when we stop to think about it, and as Hannah Fries tells her readers, trees can be (and should be!) our favorite companions in all seasons! Think about it! Even right here at camp, trees give us spring blossoms, summer shade, fall colors and winter stick season when they show us their branches.

But the fall! This year Vermonters worried that the trees, having lived without Summer rains, might not have the fuel or the energy to put forth fall colors. We all know it was a dry, hot summer. I don't know about you, but I only put on my raincoat on one evening! All living things, trees included, dealt with a drought in our state. Despite that, the trees gave us a glorious fall. It came later, but oh, my....the tree at the farm—glorious! The trees around Blueberry Hill Hotel—also glorious! The reflection of the colors around the pond—spectacular. On my daily walks around camp I thanked the trees for their gift of fall colors.

If we were together in the lodge in the fall, Monday morning trivia would be about trees. Here are a couple facts from Hannah Fries' book: Did you know, for example, that trees, even around camp, live a very long time. The land our camp sits upon was once a hayfield and a potato field. But if you look hard, there are some old grandmother trees in our woods. You'll find them next summer when you're back. The oldest tree in Vermont is a white oak near Burlington. It's 280 years old, more or less. We will have to find out if Steve knows where the oldest tree around camp might be. Equally amazing, Hannah writes about

groves of quaking aspens. The largest group of them in the US is a grove (group) in Utah. Here's what she says: "These groves look like individual trees but are actually all part of the same enormous clone and share a common root system. The oldest one that we know of spans 107 acres and is made up of approximately 47,000 genetically identical trees!" The name of that tree (all 107 acres of it!) is Pando, the Trembling Giant and it is likely to be about 80,000 years old! Amazing! It is truly a HUGE nature moment!

Beyond the scientific facts about trees, Hannah Fries reminds us all that when we are among trees, their strong, peaceful, consistent strength is inspirational. We are SO lucky to live among the trees!

When you arrive at camp in the summer of 2026, take note! Trees should inspire each of us to stand tall, to take strength from each other as each of us stands tall, and to stand in awe of these living beings with whom we get to share the land.

In her book, Hannah Fries shares a poem written by Nancy Wood. When you think about how you feel when you are at camp, I'll bet lots of us would agree with her!

*My help is in the mountain
Where I take myself to heal
The earthly wounds
That people give to me.
I find a rock with sun on it
And a stream where the water
runs gentle
And the trees which one by
one give me company.*

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!

Kim and Lorrie had their last swim in Burr Pond. The water was 68F! It has been a warm, dry fall! **Devri** jumped in the water that day too, in Rangeley Lake! **Martha G and friends** had a visit and a dip on an October day too. **Nina and Matt** were the last BC people to jump in Pond on October 11! Cheers to our cold-weather swimmers!!



Jolene one of our BC cow's calf was born on **October 6!** Baby Elsa is long legged and all brown. Proud Mama! **Kelly and Tom** report both Mama and baby are doing great.

Sarah H., Sarah J., Rosie M, Trina S., and Abby S. spent a fall weekend in Killington. Four of these camp alumnae have daughters that came to camp!

The seventh grade at Barstow School (**Amara B and Anna AM** is in that grade), worked for a morning to help close up camp.

Four groups were very helpful, one working with **Hilary** in the Orchard, one with **Lorrie** in the garden, one covering the roots of the maple tree in the front of the lodge with wood chips, and one with **Dave** on a couple of projects at the wood pile and around cabins. **Theary** cooked grilled cheese and tomato soup for the group. The kids earned money to cover costs of a three-day field trip to the Hulbert Outdoor Center here in Vermont.



Lizzy, Nora and Judah have all been around camp this fall. Plans are brewing about the garden and orchard next summer **Sam, Gus** and their two dogs spent a pleasant weekend in Bird Mountain where **Sam** lived for many summers!

Gretchen P. and her partner, **John**, Mom and Dad to **Aine P**, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at the Blueberry Hill Hotel! They got married there under a big celebratory tent in the Archery Field a beautiful October day all those years ago!

In local athletics, the Barstow 7/8th grade soccer team was undefeated! Three BC people played very well: **Elly C., Amara B., and Anna AM.** **Evie F.** ran swiftly and effectively as part of an award winning Middlebury running team.

Amy C. has been around camp a bit. **Devri** saw her at a Middlebury Varsity soccer game and learned that **Celia F's** JV team has had a good season.

Kathy P. was at camp frequently this fall doing a painting project at Breadloaf. She and **Pearl** are doing well.

Elly M. has helped secure grant funding for a project at Castleton University Congratulations!

Marcy and Laird took a trip to Croatia, Slovenia and a bit of Italy. They had some exciting bike rides on the trip.

Ella N, Gemma H and Emma V have been getting together now and then between vet school studies, including to celebrate **Ella's** birthday! Photos indicate some Fun! BC celebrating was at hand! **Liv E** has been in touch and all of these wonderful staff are working on returning for summer 2026! Amazing news! **Niamh, Liv and Ella** have been in touch with each other and are plotting some fun adventures too!

Kim and Steve visited Rangeley this October. They hiked with **Devri** at the Rangeley Lakes Trails Center and also to a mountain pond-Rock Pond on Saddleback Mountain.



Leo B reports that Bromley (Chit chat), the kitten is well and getting along well with her fellow cat,

Frankie. We trust that Brown Bat is happily helping **Abby P** at Culinary School! And Tangerine with the **Munoz family**, and **Pitter Pat** with the **Suttmeier family** on the West Coast.

A big shout out to all working at Camp to button up for the winter— **Steve, Dave, and Lorrie** are the main team, but also **Marcy and Laird, Eric (Anna's Dad), Brock** (from the Dock project), and **Theary** too. **Thank you!**

Our gorgeous Farm Maple tree all dressed up! This tree was planted in honor of Barb Schneider, "Mrs. Camp". So glorious in the fall light!



Campers enrolled for 2026...as of Oct 31!

Jo C, Canada
 Iris H, Vermont
 Nelle W, Vermont
 Jessica B, France
 Gemma M, Connecticut
 Bea R, California
 Olivia S, Maryland
 Zoey H, New Jersey
 Winnie M, Vermont
 Maren J, Massachusetts
 Zara T, Vermont
 Sasha D, Connecticut
 Lila H, New York
 Grace S New York
 Suzie S, New York

Riley K, New Jersey
 Savannah W, Vermont
 Ella T, New Zealand
 Georgia T, New Zealand
 Shelby T, Vermont
 Louisa Emmet, New York
 Avah H, Vermont
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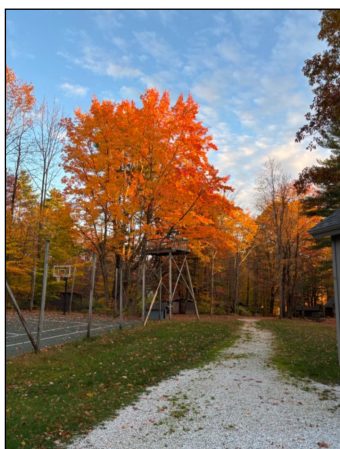
**First Campers
 signed up for 2026...
 Drumroll please...**



**Jo C.
 Iris H.**



*October sky at
 Burr Pond*



Main Yard in the Fall

*Remembering
 July 4
 Costume Supper
 on this
 Halloween!*



*October carrot
 harvest from
 Mom's Orchard*



July 4 Minions from Mansfield!



*More fancy
 dress from Arts
 and Crafts Staff!*

We have had a few Birthdays since Camp ended!

Eloise D. Ivy S, Tori'Elle B, Nelle W, Louisa E, Suzie S, Nora B, Celicia L, Vinnie EO, Zoey T, Maia G, Yaela W, Lucy F, Zoey S, Eliana BF, AJ, F, Isla S, Maura N, Liv T, Viv F, Luisa BPC, Annika C, Damla B, Autumn S, Astrid VD, Riley K, Leo B, Aspen D, Helena S, Iris H, Maren J, Emma K, Taylor S, Mia F, Ruby S, Chloe L, Nora M, Lu T, Lucy G, Kelsey G, Addy H, 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!*



Winter Office USPS 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
of course we had to add these!



Did you hear about the evil hen?
She laid deviled eggs!

Why don't skeletons like Halloween candy?
They don't have the stomach for it!

Why is a cemetery a great place to write a story?
Because there are so many plots there.

Who does a Werewolf go trick or treating with?
Whatwolf and Whenwolf

What do you call two witches trick or treating together?
Broommates

What did the happy pumpkin say?
Life is gourd

Halloween Trivia!
*In honor of Monday
Morning Trivia*



Halloween is said to be based on what Celtic celebration?
Samhain

How many pumpkin seeds in an average pumpkin?
500 more or less.

From top to bottom what are the three colors in candy corn?
White, orange, yellow

What part of a pumpkin is edible?
Every part of the pumpkin is edible—leaves, blossoms, skin, stem.

What New Hampshire city holds the record for the most lit jack-o-lanterns on display in one place?
Keene, NH

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/>)
(<https://www.today.com/life/holidays/halloween-trivia-rcna37519>)

Returning Betsey Cox families!



Tell a new family about **Betsey Cox**, and if they enroll for 2026 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?

- Angela's poetry
- Pepper the horse
- The waterslide at Burr Pond
- Theme day pirates
- Witches Brew at BIRCH
- Chittenden canoes adventures on Trip day
- Don's Pancake mornings, Sandi too for S3!
- World Cup Soccer
- Disco Social
- Abby's this or that quizzes