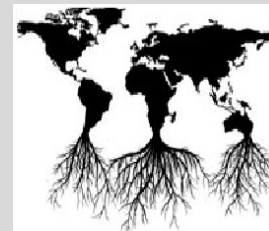




The camp with a song in it's heart

The Bubbler



November 2025

November Lines from Lorrie



November and Thanksgiving the season of gratitude!

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Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude.

*AA. Milne,
Winnie the Pooh*

As I write Thanksgiving thoughts today, light snow is drifting across the riding ring (where the Stables are currently under exciting restoration), across the archery field, across the garden and I can see in my mind's eye the lazy flakes drifting into the pond only to melt off into the water that you loved so much in last year's very hot summer! Can you imagine these scenes in your own mind's eye?

Two summers ago, Marcy gave me a gift that I treasure and wear every day! It's a simple bracelet on which are engraved the words "be grateful". Its meaning holds the highest value I can think of! Gratitude! Every day, from 7:00 a.m. when I plunge into the swimming pool up at the Pico fitness center until I click off my bedside lamp at the end of the day, I see those words. "Be grateful". And I take time to name things for which I am deeply grateful.

As chance would have it, a day or two ago Devri sent me an article about the power of taking time to be grateful. Some days, wrote Debra Kawahara PhD it can be hard to see things to be grateful about. Life has challenges and messy circumstances now and again. But always, if one looks beyond and deeper, gratitude can emerge. Gratitude is to have the courage to notice the wonders and good things in life even when things feel less than wonderful and less fine!

Camp gives us so many opportunities to be grateful. Think about the people at camp who inspire you to be your best person! Was it a counselor who helped you meet a goal at an activity or who managed a fantastic cabin discussion about a difficult situation there? Was it hilarious announcements that bring so much laughter into the dining room? Was it finding the deepest friendships you will value forever?

In this season of Thanksgiving I am grateful for the many people who come into my life over the summers at Betsey Cox. I am grateful that there are SO many that inspired me and that together, each and every summer, help us all to create a community that uplifts each of us. Our camp value of "growth and change" allows us to celebrate who each of us is at the onset of our time at camp and who we become when we depart, only to count the days before we return again! Our camp value of "imagination and action" gives each person the chance to become strong imaginers of actions that will allow each and every one of them to be positive contributors to this world of ours.

Camp gratitude! There's so very much of it in each of us! May your expressions of gratitude in this Thanksgiving season be inspired by your time at camp, past present AND future!

Sing a song of harvest home.

***Come you thankful people come.
Sing a song of harvest home.***

***All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin.***

***Earth, our mother, does provide
for our needs to be supplied.***

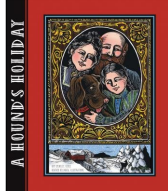
***Come you thankful people come.
Sing a song of harvest home.***

Happy Thanksgiving!



News from near and Far...

Did you know **Kim Spensley** is an author? Look for ["A Hounds Holiday"](#) through the [Northshire Bookstore](#) in Manchester, Vermont. A favorite spot for BC staff on a rainy day off. Her book, is illustrated by a great friend Heather Bellanca, tells the story of a dog's adventures on a winter holiday. You will have read it learn more about the pup's escapades! A great story for all during the Holidays, and we remind you of it every year!



Lorrie has been singing George Frideric Handel's Messiah in a community choir. A beautiful piece of music filled with joy and famous for its "Hallelujah" chorus. It is sung around the holiday season in many communities.

Angela finished coaching tennis and has moved to the Basketball court. Lucky basketball athletes to have her for a coach! She and Todd also hiked in and around the Grand Canyon this fall! Cool!



Jen Mainey has been traveling again! She hiked in Portugal this fall! These Photos show

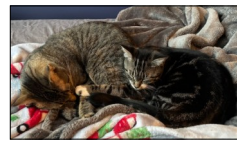
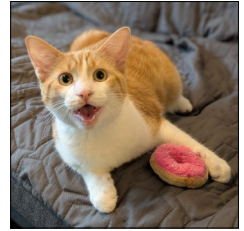


a bit of rain– but that doesn't stop **Jen**!

Kathy canoed the Allagash River with her siblings this fall! She also had some wet weather, but overall a river run!

Liv, Gemma, Ella and Freya are working on finding their way back to Betsey Cox for summer 2026! Good news! We will continue to have news of other staff who will make their way back to our special hilltop in the coming months! **Niamh** and **Emma** have been in touch too. Hooray! A good reason to celebrate!

Daisy and Clara sent in hellos and this great photo of **Pumpkin (aka Tangerine Cat)** Great shot! And looks like he might be enjoying a Saturday morning donut cat toy!

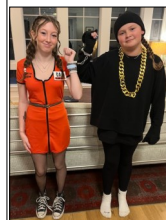


More cuddly camp cat photos! This is a scene from **Leo's** house– Frankie and **Bromley**. **Bromley** is on the right

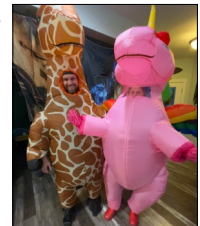
and is a 2025 Camp kitten, Thanks **Leo**! And this other pile of kittens is from **Natalie and Claire's** home. Such sweet camp kitties!



Natalie and Claire also shared some awards they earned this fall. Awesome!



Lola and Serena and Laura and Scott S shared their Halloween costumes with us! Love it!



We heard tell of a 2025 First year Muggie Leader gathering near Boston this past weekend. Here they are!



If you gather with camp friends we hope you share news and pictures! Always fun to catch a glimpse of your winter adventures!

Campers! Muggies! Staf! Staff!

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

2026 Campers as of November 26, 2025!

Anya B. NY	S23	Taylor S. VT	S3
Jessica B. France	S2	Shelby T. VT	S1
Hazel B. NY	S12	Bailey T. FL	S12
Jo C. Canada	S1	Georgia T, NZ	S1
D'Shae C. Bahamas	S3	Ella T, NZ	S1
Sasha D. CT	S12	Zara T VT	S1
Lola E. PA	S12	Savannah W.VT	S2
Emily G. MA	S2	Tessa W. MA	S1
Iris H. VT	S3	Nelle W. VT	S2
Lila H. NY	S3	Zora B. VT	S123
Avah H. VT	S1	Amara B. VT	S1
Zoey H. NJ	S123	Phoebe S. VT	S2
Maren J. MA	S3		
Riley K. NJ	S1		
Winnie M. VT	S1		
Gemma M. CT	S1		
Charlotte M. MD	S3		
Maddie M. CA	S2		
Piper M. CA	S2		
Dottie O. VT	S1		
Audrey P. MA	S1		
Mira P. MA	S1		
Bea R. CA	S1		
Grace S. NY	S2		
Suzie S. NY	S2		
Noa S. NY	S3		
Helena S. MA	S3		
Olivia S. MD	S1		
Ivy S. MA	S3		
Autumn S. VT	S3		

...And more applications arrive each day!



If you don't see your name and you think you have signed on, please be sure to get in touch!

Leadership Applications for Muggie Leaders First and Second Year and BC Staf are due by:

January 1, 2025

We look forward to all Leadership program Applications!



A wintry Betsey Cox sky

Our early enrollment discount ends

December 31, 2025.

Sign up by that date and receive 3% off all tuition.



Be sure to sign up soon to be sure there is space in the session of your choice!

We wish you a Happy Birthday! A joyous and celebrated birthday to all our Betsey Cox November Birthdays!



Cassidy B, Etta T, Aya N, Penny L, Noa S, Maeve C, Ava S, Finn W, Mary F, Adrienne L, Phoebe S, Zara T, Samantha M, Ellie C, Elena A, Rosie S, and May B!

*We wish you a Happy Birthday!
A joyous and celebrated Birthday!*

*To you dear November Campers,
We wish you a long long life!*



A BC Campfire for you all!

In this season of Giving, consider a donation to The Vermont Campership Fund

The Vermont Campership Fund was formerly known as the General Breed Fund. The fund was established in 1970 in honor of Stephen "The General" A. Breed. "The General" was a professor at M.I.T., a director at Vermont's Camp Keewaydin, and an advocate for summer camps. His passion was helping youth—no matter their financial background—attend summer camp. In 2018 we adopted a new name, the Vermont Campership Fund, to better communicate Mr. Breed's vision.

The Vermont Campership Fund provides "camperships", our term for summer camp scholarships granted to qualifying children. Funding is sometimes provided for specific projects which benefit these children and enhance the overall camp experience. To make a donation to Camp Betsey Cox or Camp Sangamon please visit [Vermont Campership Foundation](https://www.vermontcampershipfoundation.org/), and be sure to designate the camp of your choice on the donation. Many camp families benefit from this Foundation.

Your donation is 100% tax deductible. The Vermont Campership Fund is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Thank you!

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

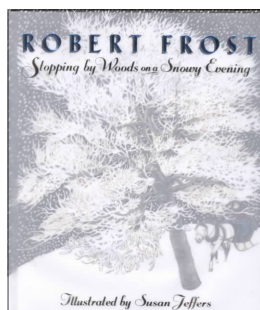
My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake -
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely dark and deep.
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep
And miles to go before I sleep.

Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening
By Robert Frost

A wonderful winter poem to share as we play in
November snow this year! Early winter in New England.



A beautiful edition of this classic Vermont poem by Robert Frost illustrated by Susan Jeffers. Makes a nice gift for the holidays!

Some Thanksgiving Trivia to share around the table:

- **Other nations that observe a Thanksgiving are: Canada, Brazil, Germany, and Japan**
- **November 27, 1924 was the first Macy's Day Parade. It had a different name then— Macy's Christmas Parade**
- **How do you know if a cranberry is sweet enough to harvest? They bounce!**
- **Abraham Lincoln was the first president to pardon a turkey**
- **Are pumpkins vegetables? No!**

Wild Turkeys! Lorrie and Steve reported **15 wild turkeys** on the Archery Field the morning of November 24! A group of turkeys is called a **flock**. And the family structure of a flock is built around the female turkeys!



Gobble! Gobble!



*Memories of camp-made
BC Blueberry Pie summer 2024
with freshly picked blueberries and
Laird's pie skills!
Delish!*

*In honor of
Thanksgiving Treats!*

