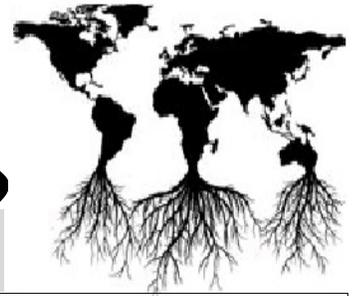




# The Bubbler



## March 2026 Lines from Lorrie

Winter has been an old-fashioned pleasure this year—cold weather, a good amount of snow, and many good things to do! We skied all around camp, skated on Burr Pond, rode sleds, as well as enjoying indoor winter sports like basketball! So many things, that this is the first *Bubbler* in a while! Apologies! This *Bubbler* features news from each of the winter months- December, January, February and March! We even have a few guest contributors to this edition! Put on your warm BC sweatshirt and come along for a tour of camp in winter!

**DECEMBER:** December, of course, is the month of holidays. At camp, the festivities begin with a Solstice gathering, honoring the darkest day of the year (the shortest day) and celebrating the beginning of the return of the sun. It is lighter a few minutes every day after the Solstice celebration. This year, we intended to burn the bonfire that we couldn't burn this summer because of such dry weather! On Solstice night, however, the wind blew so hard over just a little snow, we didn't risk lighting the big fire. Instead, we built a big campfire in front of the Blueberry Hill Hotel and gathered to cheer for the dark and the sun! We built a word tree with cards that we put on a camp evergreen reflecting the qualities we hope for and will work for in the upcoming year. Here are the inspirational words from the 40 of us gathered that early winter evening. We all think you'll enjoy our collective inspiration! We said....may our world see more happiness, community, joy, love, kindness, integrity, hope, love for earthly life, empathy, compassion, and optimism. The tree had "kindness" on so many branches! Looking at the words camp people value, they are a description the way it feels at camp, doesn't it?! The holiday season ends on New Year's Eve/Day. Here are a few international traditions that intrigued me! And yes...I do some of them! Do you? In Bolivia (a country some of us know very well), people always wear yellow on New Year's Day to increase good luck in the new year! In Canada, some people chop holes in the ice and jump in for a brief Polar Swim. I know some BC people who have done that! In Spain, people eat twelve grapes at midnight, one for each stroke of the bells! In Turkey, they sprinkle salt doorsteps to bring peace and abundance! Some Greeks hang onions on their front doors—a symbol of rebirth! I can't wait 'til next year to do some more of these things!

**JANUARY:** Once the holidays are over and life settles down, we notice winter animals. There is a fox living in the old barn next to the Farmhouse. We see its tracks. Two rabbits are at our bird feeders every early morning, hoping the fox doesn't eat bird seed. A large flock of BIG turkeys roosted in the trees near Kim and Steve's house. BIG

birds, small trees! Steve says they sink in the snow when they drop out of the trees, sometimes sliding along on the snowy ground for a good distance! Fun to watch! There are so many birds at the feeders at the Farmhouse—Chickadees, doves, cardinals, woodpeckers, juncos—the birds who stay at camp know, just like you, that camp food is the best! Sunflower seeds are the birds' favorite. In the early winter, the birds enjoy the seeds in our camp sunflowers. We wait to take them down until every seed has been enjoyed. Here's an interesting fact! Remember all the beautiful bird feeders that several of you have made in the BC shop that now hang in the trees around the Birch Grove? You may think that only spring birds make their nests in them, but in fact, birds that winter over will move into our bird houses to keep warmer in a small, cozy space! The deer make paths all over the archery field as they head to the lower horse pasture where we toss hay for the horses in the summertime. There must be some strands of hay left! There is lots of life at camp in the winter! Winter fun kicks in in January—Faye, Zora, Priya, Iyla, Amara, Ruby & Hazel spent a slippery morning investigating the pond ice. Those same people ski together at Pico and/or Killington. Sam S. was here from Florida and skied with Amara at Killington. The Pilz sisters showed up for a visit! Jessa joined in at the Solstice along with so many others! Anouk came to ski Vermont on her school vacation. Marcy, Kim and Elly have been skiing at Mountain Top frequently. Steve and I break tracks around BC on skis and snowshoes. The winter woods is gorgeous.

**FEBRUARY:** A favorite month for me! Half way through the month is Valentine's Day! From February first until the 14<sup>th</sup>, the makings for Valentines cover our kitchen table. Everyone coming through the door makes a Valentine, for there is never too much love to have in this world of ours! Think of our camp songs and all the references to "love" we have! For example: *Give yourself to love...if love is what you're after. Loving you's been oh, so lovely! Love is born in fire, it's planted like a tree. Love can't give you everything, but it gives you what you need.* I love to see how many acts of kindness we all can share in February! Each one will help us remember the thoughtful, peaceful world that we can build together.

**March:** "In like a lion and out like a lamb" Early March brings mixed precipitation and the sounds and smells of early spring. Birds return and sing loudly, the sap begins to run in the trees and the ground begins to squish. Colors emerge from the gray textures of winter. The earth starts to warm up. There is a sense of renewal. And... in just 3 months, we will gather together at camp to tell our stories! Hooray!

News from near and Far...

**Josie F, Emma D, Ellie C, and Amara and Zora B** have all been spotted on local basketball courts! They are talented and tough players for their teams!



**Evie F** ran Nationals for indoor track in NYC and **Clio M** arrived to cheer her on! It was amazing! Members of last year's STAF met up in **Mya VB's** town— **Kate C, Clio M, and Elizabeth L**, had a nice visit! **Kathy P** makes Skida-look alike hats that **Devri** sold at the Rangeley Lakes Trails

Center. **Priya B** is in South Africa with NMH! She will bring stories back to camp for sure. **Amy C, Celia F** and family spent part of February vacation at Saddleback Maine. Lots of snow and fun! **Elly and Devri** had two Vermont xc ski adventures together this winter a treat and good fun! **Adrienne L, Fiona L, Leo B, Sam S, and Abby P** stumbled upon an art exhibit in NYC featuring important symbols in people's lives - part of which was the opportunity to share what that meant for ourselves. We decided on the camp logo for our addition as it represents not only our values, but our community. Here is the four of us with one of our favorite paintings we saw at the NYC MoMA.



**Abby P** also visited Canada before a December visit to Betsey Cox.



**Charm** from BC Waterfront 2024 sent a note: She traveled last fall to the UK and Europe from Australia and got to stay with **Lil** (BC Waterfront) and her family and visit

**Paige** (BC Crafts) as well. They clearly still have their "ducks in a row!" **Nat** visited Perth in February for three weeks too!

**Marcy and Tinker** walk about BC most days! **Zora, Amara and Priya's dog Willa**, and **Tinker** have become great walk buddies. They both love to play in the snow! Cute! The Staff Team for 2026 is shaping up! Here are bits of winter news from Staff who will be back in 2026!

**Kira B** is studying in Italy this year, but will be back in the BC Weavery with **Marcy** for 2026.

**Eliza A** is not able to return but spend the semester in Ireland! **Ella N, and Gemma H** will be back for the whole summer! They both will be sharing time with a Vet placement as well for their school work. We are lucky! **Emma V** may make an appearance S3 if we can make it work. **Liv E** will be returning Hooray! **Ella, Gemma, Emma and Liv** traveled to Morocco this February for a horse packing trip! So Cool!



**Freya N** will be returning after a year of travel to work at crafts! **Ada VD** will be back inspiring us all creatively after a year at Skidmore. **Lucy P** will be back at the Waterfront after a year of school on the West Coast, **Alexa G** will be returning to Drama after a year at Wesleyan where **Sasha CW** also attends. **Sasha** will be joining the waterfront team. **Susannah S** will be back at the Garden, **Mya VB and Elizabeth L 2025 Staf** will be back at Boating and BIRCH respectively. We expect **Rachel T** too. **Abby P and Sam S** will be back at Farm and Tennis. **Lizzy, Norah and Judah** will be around and about this summer again! **Dave and Alley** spent much of the winter in the Caribbean but plan to return to the Shop/BC Builders and Pottery. **Don and MJ** went traveling on more than one cruise this year! **Don** will be leading up the maintenance team and **MJ** will be helping us all at Hugs and Health for another summer. **Julie R** returns for S2 RN, **Gwenn D** will be joining the team for S3. **Angela and Todd** will be back doing all the things! **Elly** too! **Theary, Promprey, Mel and Kate** will be back in the Kitchen taking care of us all again! We are lucky! **Evie H** is joining us for the summer! Back from a year away! **Diana C** will be making an appearance for 2 weeks at the start of the summer including July 4— a favorite time for her at Camp! **Nina AS** will be back in S3 to lend a hand in activities.

We have some amazing new US and international staff set to join us! Hailing from Washington, Vermont, Scotland, Germany, Ireland, UK, and Spain to name a few! Stay tuned for more news!

Please share your news and pictures with us! Send any bits of news to [info@campbetseycox.com](mailto:info@campbetseycox.com).

**Announcing the Summer 2026 Camper List as of March 31, 2026**

<p><b><u>Session 1</u></b>                  Elena A                  Juni B                  Eva B                  Juni B                  Hazel B                  Jane B                  Lilah B                  Amara B                  Zora B                  Jo C                  Yongyi C                  Rebecca C                  Camille C                  Emma D                  Yutso D                  Sasha D                  Lola E                  Lucy F                  Evie F                  Audrey G                  Avah H                  Zoey H                  Addy H                  Estelle K                  Norah K                  Riley K                  Indigo L                  Ally L                  Maya M                  Winnie M                  Noa M                  Lily M                  Gemma M                  Analisa M                  Bronwyn M                  Somerby M                  Clara M                  Chloe N                  Clare N                  Dottie O                  Amelie O                  Audrey P                  Mira P                  Beatrix R                  Elsa R                  Nala R                  Hazel RH                  Ruby S                  Suzie S                  Olivia S                  Rosie S                  Ruby S                  Faye S</p>	<p>Anne S                  Natalie S                  Hadley S                  Shelby T                  Bailey T                  Georgia T                  Ella T                  Zara T                  Tessa W                  Zoe W                  Willa Z                  Zoey Z</p> <p><b><u>Session 2</u></b>                  Ophelia A                  Elodie A                  Ivy B                  Willow B                  Jessica B                  Anya B                  Talia B                  May B                  Talia B                  Adlai B                  Hazel B                  Jane B                  Giulia B                  Liliah B                  Amara B                  Zora B                  Sasha D                  Lola E                  Josie F                  Evie F                  Lucy F                  Emily G                  Sarah G                  Jaelyn G                  Lila G                  Malaika K                  Riley K                  Aubrey K                  Eloise D                  Sasha D                  Josie F                  Lucy F                  Zoey H                  Nurah K                  Indigo L                  Vera L                  Gretchen M                  Maddie M                  Piper M                  Clara M</p>	<p>Eliza M                  Chloe N                  Amelia O                  Alex R                  Maisie R                  Chloe R                  Lila R                  Ruby S                  Margaret S                  Grace S                  Mia S                  Grace S                  Faye S                  Ruby S                  Anne S                  Elena S                  Ruby S                  Faye S                  Elena S                  Annabelle S                  Phoebe S                  Natalie S                  Stella T                  Bailey T                  Savannah W                  Josie W                  Nelle W                  Willa Z                  Zoey Z</p> <p><b><u>Session 3</u></b>                  Anna AM                  Anya B                  Zora B                  Liliah B                  D'Shae C                  Maci D                  Eleanor D                  Alyse F                  Caroline F                  Mia F                  Josie F                  Kelsey G                  Iris H                  Lila H                  Zoey H                  Maren J                  June K                  Nurah K                  Lyla L                  Claire M                  Audrey M                  Charlotte M                  Clara M</p>	<p>Grace P                  Katherine R                  Margaret S                  Noa S                  Helena S                  Josie S                  Ivy S                  Autumn S                  Taylor S                  Anne S                  Hadley S                  Elisabetha T                  Emilia T                  Mynkarri WC                  Myoni WC                  Annika V</p> <div data-bbox="1169 772 1500 1438" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>If you don't see your name, or you have any questions about your Session (s)...</p> <p>please reach out to us!</p> <p><a href="mailto:info@campbetseycox.com">info@campbetseycox.com</a>                          802 345 5974</p> <p>And... we still have space this summer, so if you know a potential BC camper that would fit our community, please encourage them to be in touch!</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1182 1564 1500 1879" style="text-align: right;">  </div>
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Our 2026

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



March BC Trivia:



- 1) Why did Don Willis stay up all night long on January 31/February 1?
- 2) Which BC Staff have their own Maple Sugar Shack?
- 3) What is Lorrie's favorite color?

**Bonus: What does Lorrie's favorite color represent according to Lorrie?**

*Answers: 1) to see snow fall in Venice, Florida! 2) Steve and Kim Spensley! 3) Purple Bonus: Growth and Change!*

**Betsey Cox: An Acrostic, by Clara M.**

**B**reathing in the sweet Vermont air  
**E**scape from the city, free as a bird  
**T**he pure, raw, happiness that radiates from the people  
**S**itting in the green, green grass with my friends,  
 making bracelets  
**E**very activity I visit, but the Farm will always be my  
 favorite, choosing it over and over again.  
**Y**ou are accepted no matter what

**C**ool, clear water ripples as I dive into Burr Pond, sun  
 reflecting off the surface, joy echoing through the  
 mountains  
**O**h, why would I ever wish to leave? 5 weeks go by fast  
 as a bullet.  
**X**oxo, "I will miss you," as the tears won't stop coming  
 on that one last Saturday.

**Announcing the First Year Muggie Leaders 2026!**

We are very excited for this group to join us as Muggie Leaders this summer. Each person offers a unique set of skills to contribute to Betsey Cox! We are excited to offer them an amazing summer of learning, challenges and adventures! Highlights: hike the tallest mountain in Vermont– Mt. Mansfield, Morally Courageous Speeches, Muggie Intro skits, Muggie Night Evening Programs & more!

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| <b>Anna</b>    | <b>Eve</b>       |
| <b>Asha</b>    | <b>Fiona</b>     |
| <b>Astrid</b>  | <b>Jazz</b>      |
| <b>Avalon</b>  | <b>Leila</b>     |
| <b>Callie</b>  | <b>Nora M</b>    |
| <b>Celia</b>   | <b>Nora P</b>    |
| <b>Cecilia</b> | <b>Penny</b>     |
| <b>Claire</b>  | <b>Talia</b>     |
| <b>Ella</b>    | <b>Tori'Elle</b> |
| <b>Emma</b>    | <b>Willow</b>    |



**BC Second Years!**

**Leo, Priya, Lucy, Vinnie, Adrienne, Abby, Grace, Pele, Liv, Ava, Iyla, & Hannah**

We will find the Second Year Muggies at Camp for Session 1 & Session 3. Second Years will work in one activity each session they are at Camp, sharing skills and learning new ones. Each week they will spend time with a different camper cabins getting to know campers in that setting too. During Session 2, most Second Year Muggie Leaders will make a return to Morocco and Spain lead by Amy Clapp and Lucy Koup-both long time BC women!

We are excited for their adventures this summer!



Cheers to the Second Years!



**The 2026 Staf are: Max, Nina, Misa, Dylan, Iris, Zoe, Daisy, Maddie, Greta, & Lu**

The Staf will be at camp all summer this year! 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 Sunday Seminars and are very important contributors to our Betsey Cox community!

We celebrate our 2026 Staf!

