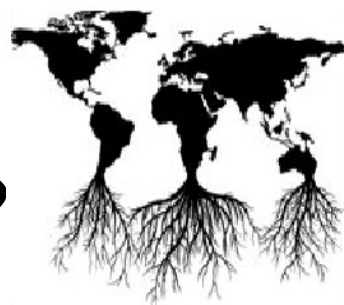


The Bubbler



Camp Betsey Cox



The camp with a song in it's heart

BC 2026 Session 1

Lines from Lorrie

The 250th birthday of the United States combined with the 74th season at Camp Betsey Cox made for a very exciting first session!

On opening day, 22 new campers joined over 80 returning campers and leadership participants. Staff from around the world welcomed everyone to their cabins and their activities!

Within a handful of days, on July 1, we began each morning with an imaginary visit to 1776 Philadelphia! On July 4, we were immersed in a memorable celebration of old fashioned relay races, feasting with and outside BBQ, all culminating in an appropriately large and exciting fireworks display over our Water-front.

At our community gathering following our dress-up-in costume-July 4th dinner, we spoke together about our national values as expressed in the Declaration of Independence and our Constitution. Each cabin created a list of reasons why they were proud to be an Ameri-

can. Here's a summary of their thoughts:

I am proud to be an American because:

We are free, we have national parks, we have all kinds of people, we believe in civil rights, we can protest, we have the opportunity to grow, we have the freedom to vote, we are a democracy, we have beautiful nature, we have great global food, we can have individual beliefs, national libraries, we have choices, and of course.....because Camp Betsey Cox is here!

After the Americans made their lists, our international community members made their lists on why they are proud to be a member of their countries. Everyone learned something about Ireland, Canada, the UK, Scotland, New Zealand, Syria, Tibet and Spain.

Sitting together at the pond, singing in the night under exciting fireworks, a very busy day set the tone for the full and happy weeks ahead.



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Thanks to the Service day Bubbler articles that made up this BC Bubbler!



Activity Highlights: There are beautiful flowers and plants growing in the garden and orchard. Zinnias, Black-eyed Susans, snap dragons and calendula have finally blossomed. Tomatoes, Kale for salads, broccoli and zucchini are growing well. Some staff at the garden are very excited for the butterfly peas. The campers currently living in Bromley just created better paths for walking around the garden. Bromley campers say that garden is one of their favorite activities.



Down near the archery field is Blueberry Hill Hotel where we hold the drama activity. Usually at drama, campers play fun games, acting activities or simply being dramatic at times. Recently they've been cooking us something exciting—the annual play! Be excited for the play “When Bad Things Happen to Good Actors”.



SERVICE DAY

Service day at Camp Betsey Cox consists of each cabin doing jobs on or off camp property. The day helps everyone feel good when they help others! Some of the activities were making cookies and cards for people living in an assisted living home in Rutland,

working in the camp garden and orchard, making fleece scarves for new Americans living in Rutland, weeding a pollinator garden at the community center in Pittsford. We all felt incredibly grateful to get the opportunity to give back to our wonderful community.

REMEMBER WHEN?

- Abby was covered in poultry at the farm
- Spain won World Cup Soccer
- BIRCH had a Pancake cook off
- Boating played Capture the Noodle
- SangaCox tennis tournament
- We all explored VT on Hike Day
- The Play!
- First year campers stepped in BC Mud!
- Naomi was a human pottery wheel
- Miniature Adirondack chairs in Woodshop
- Don, MJ and Angie's Friday morning pancakes
- Lorrie's songs on the last night
- The slideshow!
- Thunderstorms with Light shows!

OLDER CAMPER CANOE OVERNIGHT TO CHITTENDEN RESEVOIR

The second week, older campers who live in Mansfield embarked on an exciting older camper canoe trip! They travelled with Ella, Eva and Rosie to Chittenden Dam, where they canoed out to an island, cooked their own food over a fire, and camped in hammocks. Upon their return, the Mansfield older campers presented a trip report song to the tune of "The Wheels On The Bus".

Here are a few of the lyrics:

*The wheels on the van go round and round....
All to Chitty D.*

We forgot all our food,.....all back at camp.

We swam off a great big rock.....all at Chitty D.

We sang a bunch of social songs.....all at Chitty D.

We went for a sunset paddle.....all at Chitty D.

Killington went next at the start of week 3 with Mya, Elizabeth and Liv. They dodged some raindrops and had a great overnight!

PERCY JACKSON THEME DAY

This year, our STAF worked tirelessly to transform our camp into camp Half Blood (from Rick Riordan's award winning series PERCY JACKSON AND THE OLYMPIANS). The staf each dressed up as Greek gods and put on a short skit accompanied by staff members playing Percy, Annabeth, Grover and Clarise.

The campers spent an hour going around to Camp Half Blood activities. All the activities were run by our staff and muggies. First Year Muggies ran around making sure campers were always at activities. Additionally, Second-year Muggies were hidden all around camp with little treats for campers to find.

After an hour of activities the campers either went to free

swim or free time while the staff and STAF set up the feast.

Theary and the Kitchen provided a tasty feast of parmesan chicken and the Staf baked book-accurate Homemade Blue Chocolate Chip Cookies.

The evening ended with a rousing game of Capture the Flag that culminated in all the STAF and actors jumping into the pond. It was a fabulous day!



Some Session 1 Fun!



A FEW RANDOM SESSION 1 EVENTS:

A few campers and staff got the opportunity to go watch a soccer game at the Vermont Green stadium. The adventure was filled with endless ice cream and cheering. It was an exciting game with Virginia playing Maryland as they were tied for a majority of the game. In the last 10 minutes, Maryland scored and took home the victory. The campers returned with happy smiles and full stomachs!

In the second week an instructor from Taiko drumming in Burlington came to BC to teach our campers traditional Taiko drumming techniques and patterns. Six campers from Camp Sangamon joined our campers in the fun. The beat rang out throughout camp, filling the air with happy sounds. They were taught hand movements and Japanese phrases that added to the exciting music!

The second social with Sangamon happened during July 4th week! The theme was. “America !” Everyone dressed up for the fun night. The music was filled with Hilton songs and songs like “Party in the USA” and “American Pie”. We danced our hearts out with our Sangamon friends and had a blast! We sang social songs in the lodge before the evening started, energized by the delicious brownies we had for dessert! What a fun night to remember!

LAST THOUGHTS

Friends spent camp
Imagining and acting on
Responding, growth and fun,
So much laughter, and
Too much sun.

Soon
Everyone
Says
So long.

In time
Our
New and returning friends come.



**A SPOT FOR YOUR FRIENDS TO
WRITE YOU A NOTE!**