THE CAMP WITH THE SONG IN ITS HEART

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BC BUBBLER

LINES FROM LORRIE

It's amazing! Camp has already been closed for two months! I don't know about you, but there are so many things I miss about the "off season". One of the things I miss the most is starting each morning with breakfast inspiration. It could be Monday morning trivia, a news event, a nature moment and certainly, I miss the weather report!

Fortunately for me, many days this fall, popping up on social media is staff member/trip leader……Amy Clapp! Amy has decided to make nature moments a regular part of her life this fall! She notices interesting, remarkable, too often un-noticed natural surprises! She always ends her brief nature moment by wishing each viewer would find a chance to get outside to spot the things she spots or to just have a nature moment of their own!

So daily, I take a look! There are so many remarkable fall sights and sounds at camp. There's a piliated woodpecker that calls to me when I walk by the yurt. Look up what one looks like! You'll be impressed! There's a patch of mushrooms thriving next to the lodge ramp. A good season for wild grapes is upon us here! Oh so sour! And then there are the trees!

This fall the tree colors are as bright as any year I can remember. Newspapers report that it's because last summer was very dry and this summer had a nice mix of rain and dry weather. You'll remember! Here at the end of October, most trees have lost their leaves and the ground is a carpet of yellows, reds, browns and oranges. The trees are done with this season's production of food for themselves. Chlorophyll is gone, green is over, leaving the colors of the leaves to develop according to the different chemicals in each tree.

We often think about bears as the major hibernating species. But truly….in New England in the fall, and in similar habitats, the trees are ready to take a well-deserved rest. Through the rest of the fall and the winter, we will enjoy the patterns of their branches and the art of "stick season" on our hill. I am grateful for the trees—each and every one. Grateful for the shade they provide in the warm summer months, grateful for the burst of new leaves in the spring, grateful for their contributions to the air we breathe.
Today, on my walk, I gave a hug to my favorite tree—the maple that stands in front of the lodge. I offered it thanks for a good season of shade and I wish it a safe, cozy winter. I know, wherever you are in the "off season", you have a tree to thank, too. Make sure to do just that!

BETSEY COX NEWS!



Right through September and October, many people found their way back to camp for visits. It began with a group of alumnae who have made a commitment to visit camp, to stay in a cabin, to do camp things for one weekend in early September. This year, Sarah, Trina, Jen, Melanie and Rosie made themselves comfortable in Killington and had a great weekend.

Sam, Gus and two dogs come regularly, too and did again. They got the blue mat into the boathouse so its ready for you all next summer.

Kim was the last BC staff member to swim for more than a brief dip in the pond. Sam leapt in and leapt out. So did a few other hearty visitors, including all 3 Muskin sisters! Kim swam more than half way through September.

Many BC people played a lot of soccer this fall. Among the local camp people were Ruby, Iyla, Amara, Zora, Faye, Claire, Anna, Ivy, Hazel and Ellie. I know a whole lot more of you kicked your ways to wins and losses in the glorious fall weather this season.

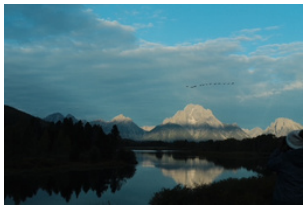
Angie and Todd, Michelle, Ava and Ruby S. all spent a weekend at camp. Ari and Scott, Bronwyn, Somerby, Lucy and Lizzy all enjoyed time in early October, just before we turned off the water!

International staff (and Marcy and Laird!) enjoyed some exciting travel in the great American West! They saw buffalo, geysers, beautiful rock formations, and met other interesting travelers!









Thanks for the photos, everyone! We miss you!

The Barstow eighth grade (a school just down the back hill), visited camp to do final closeup and to earn some funds for their field trip. They raked the leaves off the tennis court and all the porches. Some of them rebuilt the infrastructure for a holiday tree made of sap buckets down in town. Another group cleared the raised beds in the garden and pulled the sunflowers. They worked hard and enjoyed an afternoon outdoors!

The Orchard at Mom's garden produced ten apples that Lorrie promptly made into delicious apple sauce. It was enjoyed by Steve, Dev and even Laura Baker, Clair, Natalie, Cassidy and Scott way out in Washington State. Thanks to Laura for supporting their growth!

Steve and many camp friends and neighbors pressed 42 milk crates full of apples into delicious apple cider! I wish you could taste it! It took a full day of hard work and good fun! Devri returned for a week to turn off water, join a celebration and enjoy Vermont. She and Angie hiked Mount Horrid to enjoy the colors in that part of Vermont! Angie's first fall foliage!





Lorrie went to Iceland for a week and thoroughly enjoyed her stay!

Halloween is upon us! What are you going to transform yourself into! Send photos!

Already, several campers have rushed to apply for camp! Hooray! Also, the first staff member has signed up! Returning for her second summer from the UK, working at BIRCH is Layla!

Send your news! We promise to publish it!

Camp mystery: All of a sudden and out of nowhere, a beautiful pair of low black boots appeared in Camel's Hump. Whose are they?? Got a guess? Even better….know whose they are? Steve found them long after the cabins have been closed for the season! Hmmmm…..

2027 Campers

as of October 30, 2026

Bronwyn M, NH, S1* first to sign up!
Somerby M, NH, S1* first to sign up!
Winnie M, VT, S12 * second to sign up!
Jo C, Canada, S1 * third to sign up!
Josie H. NY, S2 * first new camper!
Catherine L, MA, S2 * second new camper!
Bea R, CA, S1
Tessa W, MA, S1
Sigrid N, VT, S2
Britta N, VT, S2
Caroline F, VT, S23
Iris H, VT, S3

Muggie Leader Applications will be sent out these first weeks of November!

Remember our July 4th Celebrations?

Enjoy a flash back to our costumes in honor of Halloween 2026!



























