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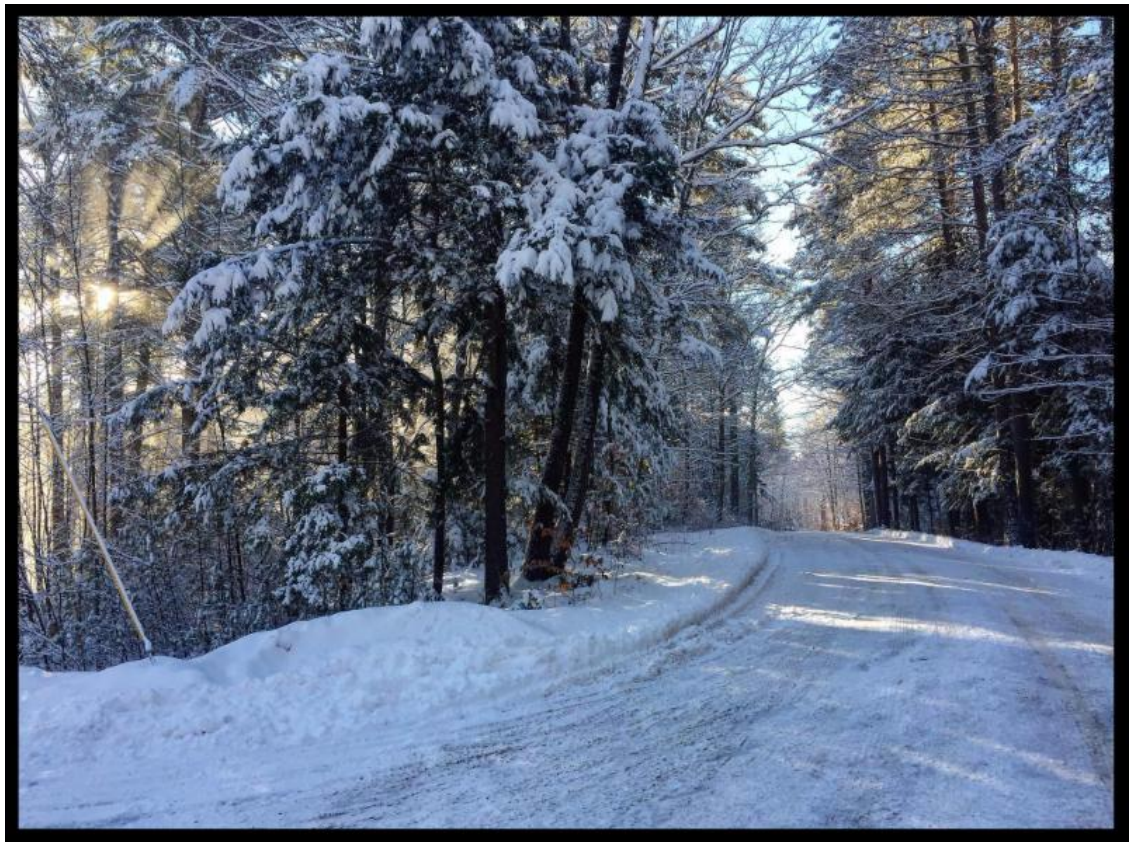
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**Bookkeeper**

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**A Letter From the Executive Director**

Dear Friends,

The Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center is celebrating its fifteenth year of operation. Fifteen dynamic, wonderful years! Our world has dramatically changed in that time period in ways that would have been hard to contemplate when our gates were first opened in 2003. Technology, politics, even our diocese and churches bear little resemblance to their counterparts today.

The good news is that the Camp and Conference Center has remained very much the same. The BCH Center remains a place to unwind and reconnect with nature and with God. It is a thin place, a place where the divine and the mortal nearly touch. At camp we play the same games, enjoy the same camp food and repeat the rituals of summer.

## Camp

- Alessia Doss, Director
- Abby Holmes

## Housekeeping

- Jes Stearns
- Lindsay Riccio

## Facilities

- Rory MacFarlane
- Caleb Baker

## Kitchen

- Peter McEachern
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## BCH Center Featured Staff:



**Jes Stearns,**  
*Housekeeping*

Jes joined the BCH housekeeping team in March 2009 and is our 2nd most tenured employee. As our head housekeeper, Jes is a familiar and friendly

face that guests look forward to seeing each year.

Jes and her husband Nelson were married at the Center in May 2016 and reside in

Swimming, boating, hiking, singing and going to sleep to the sound of cicada's and distant thunder. Likewise the conference center plays host to many of the same groups that crossed our path 15 years ago. The quilters still quilt, the vestry's still retreat, and the youth groups still play. Thankfully, some things never change.

2017 brings an expansion of all the things the BCH Center does well. With our hospitality and facilities second to none, we attracted the attention of CREDO. CREDO Conferences are a benefit of The Church Pension Fund designed to promote wellness in clergy at various points in their ministry. It is quite an honor for the BCH Center to be on the list of preferred sites that host CREDO. Our very first CREDO is scheduled for May of 2017, a second will follow at the end of October.

Thanks to a \$30,000 grant from Episcopal City Mission, in 2017 the camp will be able to fund an additional 50 - 150 scholarships for families in need of financial assistance. We are thankful to be able to expand our offerings to those for whom camp might never be a possibility. Episcopal City Mission has been a staunch supporter of the BCH Center during our 15 years of operation; expanding our scholarship opportunities and even buying the camp a bus to assist with transport to and from Boston.

I am proud to be a part of the staff, board and church that gives the BCH Center its life. Our future is bright!

Sincerely,

John Koch  
Executive Director

## Conference Center



As some of you may or may not know, the BCH Center stays very busy throughout the four seasons of the year. We have conference guests from all over New England, as well as some national and international groups! The center hosts a variety of non-profit groups (see just a few of them in the above graphic) from church groups and knitting guilds, to educational and team-building retreats.

We are happy to welcome some first time visitors!

Greenfield. Jes has a daughter, two step-children and enjoys camping, crocheting, cooking and meeting new people.

### BCH Center Board of Directors:

- The Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates

- Lynd Matt

- The Rev. H. Mark Smith

- Alessia Doss

- John Koch

- Dr. Don DeLollis

- Stephen Mascoll

- The Rev. Paula Toland

- Dr. Karen McAlmon

- Jonathan Treat

- The Rev. Natasha Stewart

- The Rev. Richard Matthews

- Allison Johnson

- Andrew Foss

- The Rev. Aileen DiBenedetto

- Dr. Michelle Porche

- First Church Marlborough
- Matignon High School
- Boys and Girls Club - 2016
- New England Santa Society - 2016
- Music that Makes Community - 2016
- International Family Church - 2016
- CREDO

The Barbara C. Harris Center continues to grow every year. Feel free to contact [Jennifer Boyd](#) if you would like more information about bringing a group to our campus, or to schedule a tour. We look forward to hearing from you!

## What's Happening?

This has been a productive winter season for the BCH Center. We have taken advantage of the down time in between storms to work on projects all across the campus.

Shaw Lodge received all new wall and ceiling lighting in the conference rooms and in the chapel. The lights are a major upgrade, giving natural, even illumination throughout the spaces. The ability to dim the lights in the main conference room has made it easier than ever to create the exact atmosphere you are looking for in any type of meeting.

The facilities department recently constructed a permanent coffee station in the Dining Hall, with a large fixed counter top, big cabinets for storage and a small refrigerator on the way. We won't be running out of coffee anytime soon!

The housekeeping department has said goodbye to one of its favorite employees, Maria McKee. Maria and her family were offered an opportunity to move to Southern California to live and work at another camp and conference center. We wish her the best of luck, and hope she enjoys the warmer climate as we hunker down for the sub-zero temperatures up in New Hampshire!

As Maria leaves, we welcome a new face to housekeeping staff. Lindsay Riccio, a returning employee with lots of knowledge about the Center.



The recently built coffee station in the Dining Hall

## Felicia's Featured Recipe

### Beef Stir Fry





### Ingredients:

- **2lb** Skirt Steak
- **1/4 Cup** Sesame Oil
- **1 Cup** Soy Sauce
- **1 tbs** Chopped Garlic
- **1 tbs** Chopped Ginger
- **1 Cup** Oil
- **1 tbs** Lemon Juice

### Preparation Steps:

- Add soy, lemon juice, garlic, and ginger to a large bowl
- Slowly whisk in oils, until fully incorporated
- Let steak marinate for a minimum of 2 hours
- Drain marinade from beef and saute in a large frying pan for 10 minutes (or until fully cooked)
- Serve with rice and mixed vegetables



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## Winter Camp 2017 Recap

During Massachusetts' February school vacation week, 35 campers in grades 4 - 11 joined us at the BCH Center for a week of Winter Camp. We spent the week disconnected from cell phones, tablets and television and reconnected with ourselves, our friends and our faith. Our spiritual formation theme for the week focused on Micah 6:8: "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? *To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*" Campers spent time learning about and discussing ways of promoting justice, love and humility in their daily lives both at and outside of camp.

While the weather ranged from cold and wintry to 70 degrees and spring-like, campers engaged in all sorts of fun indoor and outdoor activities: snow shoeing along quiet wooded trails, building snow villages, sledding down the Yellow Trail, building campfires, making art, knitting, cooking, swimming, climbing on the high ropes course, singing, dancing and so much more. Our oldest campers visited the alpacas at Spring Pond Farm in Greenfield, went skiing at Crotched Mountain, bowling at Peterborough Bowling Alley, and indoor rock climbing.

Winter Camp 2017 was an unforgettable, growth-filled experience for both campers and staff. It set the stage for what we know will be another incredible summer!

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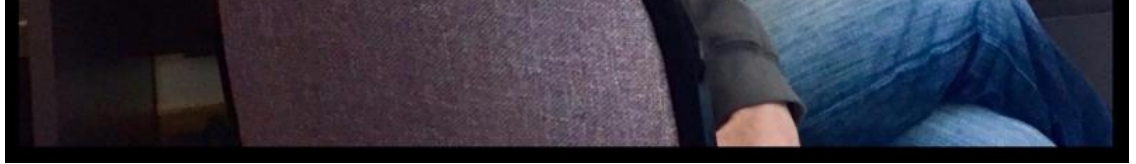
## Summer Camp 2017 At BCH Camp

Summer Camp begins in 3 short months! We are busy at the camp office planning programs, hiring staff members and registering new and returning campers. Camp will be here before we know it, and we are encouraging all camp families to register as soon as possible so that their child(ren) may attend the sessions of their choice. We anticipate that some weeks will begin reaching capacity in April.

BCH Camp is committed to providing the financial aid needed so that each and every child may attend camp. Families may apply for a Campership during the online registration process. The deadline for financial aid applications and summer camp registrations is June 1st - apply today by visiting [bhcamp.campbrainregistration.com](http://bhcamp.campbrainregistration.com)!

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## Introducing Our New Camp Registrar

We are thrilled to introduce to you our newest year-round employee and Camp Registrar & Bookkeeper, Abby Holmes! Abby joined us in early February and hit the ground running by learning all of the behind-the-scenes administrative work that allows us to run camp. She brings with her a wealth of bookkeeping, administrative and camp knowledge.

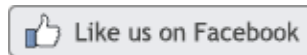
Abby studied Peace Studies at Colgate University, was in the Peace Corps in Poland, is fluent in Spanish and has visited more countries than US states. She lives next door in Peterborough with her 2 young daughters who will attend Day Camp this summer. We are grateful to have Abby join our team and for you to get to know her. Please join us in welcoming Abby to the BCH Camp family!

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*BCH Camp is accredited by the American Camp Association. ACA accreditation assures parents that camp practices have met national standards around health, safety, program quality, and facilities.*



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