



In This Issue:

[Open Guest Weekend](#)
[Paris Groves](#)
[BCH Camp](#)
[Featured Recipe](#)

Quick Links:

[BCH Center Website](#)
[BCH Summer Camp](#)
[BCH Conference Center](#)

Get Involved:

[DONATE NOW](#)

BCH Center Staff:

Executive Director
- *John Koch*

Associate Director
- *Jennifer Boyd*

Camp Director
- *Doug Sutherland*

Buildings & Grounds Manager
- *Caleb Baker*



A Letter From the Executive Director

Dear Friends:

The snow is melting and patches of grass are beginning to materialize all around the camp and conference center. Spring 2019 is just around the corner!

As the year begins to pick up momentum, it seems an appropriate time for us to introduce our 2019 Annual Fund Campaign: John 3:16.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

We choose this most oft-quoted Scripture because it has as its premise the ultimate sacrifice made by God on our behalf... the ultimate gift, the ultimate blessing. As God has blessed us with this extraordinary gift, we too are called to unselfishly bless and serve the world in which we live.

Buildings & Grounds

- Rory MacFarlane

Camp Registrar & Bookkeeping

- Abby Holmes

Hospitality

- Kristen Paradis

Development & Marketing

- Jon Ingalls

Housekeeping

- Jes Stearns

- Christie Seppala

Food Service Director

- John Pletzer

Executive Chef

- Ryan Richard

Food Service

- Kerry Holt

- Maricel Sysyn

- Steve Regimbaul

- Seth Stoddard

- Aaron Rich

BCH Center Featured Staff:



Abby Holmes

Bookkeeper and Camp Registrar

Abby joined the

Barbara C. Harris Center in 2017 as both our Bookkeeper and Camp Registrar.

Whether you are calling the Center phone, emailing a question about camp

There is no better advocate for this concept than Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, whose invitation into the "Jesus Movement" calls upon us to follow Jesus into loving, liberating and life-giving communion with God, with God's creation and with each other. Bishop Curry even offers seven "Way of Love" practices for Jesus-centered living: turn, learn, pray, worship, bless, go, rest.

Camp and conference ministry in general, and the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in particular, provide a physical framework for living out and experiencing this "Way of Love." Indeed, turn, learn, pray, worship, bless, go, rest is the essence of our ministry.

Providing a place where we can live as Jesus' people in this world is what the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center does best. We intentionally keep fees low to allow for widespread use of our facilities by all manner of individuals and ministries. The fees that we charge do not cover all our expenses. Our Annual Fund assists in closing the gap.

This year's campaign will be our most ambitious ever. We request your partnership to raise \$100,000 so that the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center may continue its mission and ministry.

If those of all ages who are seeking a place of respite and nurture can come to the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center and live something of Jesus' Way of Love, imagine how they might then go forth to bless and serve the world.

Your generous gift to the 2019 Annual Fund will make this possible. Visit our website and make a gift today!

Sincerely,

John Koch
Executive Director

 DONATE NOW



Upcoming BCH Center Hosted Programs

2019 Open Guest Weekend

Friday, July 12th - Sunday, July 14th

or checking your child in and out of a camp session, odds are that you will have direct interaction with Abby. Abby is an important part of the BCH Center's structure and her ability to adapt into many different roles, at any given time, allows the Barbara C. Harris Center to continue growing. Her attention to detail and clarity help keep the budget on track, while her friendly demeanor always brings a smile to coworker and guest faces alike. When Abby isn't working she enjoys spending time outdoors with her two daughters, walking, boating and taking in sunshine.

Board of Directors:

**The Rev.
Aileen DiBenedetto**

Gary Fincke

Andrew Foss

**The Rt. Rev.
Alan M. Gates**

**The Rev.
Michael Hodges**

Molly Hynes

The Rev. John Kaoma

John Koch

Christopher Kowaleski

Linda Ouellette

Dain Perry

Elizabeth Plume

Dr. Michelle Porche

**The Rev.
H. Mark Smith**

Bliss Austin Spooner

The Rev.

Looking for a weekend getaway this summer? We've got your destination covered.

The Open Guest Weekend is designed for the general public, families, couples and individuals who want to unwind from the usual routine, unplug the computers, TV's and phones, and refresh the body and soul with the relaxing nature discovered around the Barbara C. Harris Center.

While the BCH Center will have optional group activities scheduled throughout the weekend, guests may enjoy themselves however they choose. Let us take care of the cooking and cleaning, while you enjoy a much needed recharge. All types of lodging are available.

2 Night/6 Meal packages start at \$180/pp

[LEARN MORE](#)



Looking to host a retreat to the Conference Center?

Please contact Jennifer Boyd for all BCH Conference Center questions, inquiries, or to schedule a campus tour.

jennifer@bchcenter.org or (603) 547-3400

What's New at the BCH Center?

Paris Groves

The 2018 General Convention enacted a resolution that "each of the eighty-five (85) camp and conference centers in the Episcopal Church establish 'Paris Groves...to serve as visible witnesses to the significance of the Paris Accord and do the practical work of sequestration of carbon from the atmosphere." Individuals and congregations within the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts may embrace this resolution at the Barbara C. Harris Center by contributing funds toward the establishment of a "grove" and by participating in educational opportunities offered by the Center and the Diocese.

Of particular interest to the Center is the reintroduction of the American Elm (State tree of MA) to our forest. Dutch Elm Disease wiped out over 100 million American Elms across the nation from 1945-1975. The Liberty Tree Society of Keene, NH has developed a disease resistant American Elm that is currently for sale to the public.

Please consider making a contribution to purchase a disease resistant American Elm tree to be planted on the grounds in Greenfield, NH.





CONTRIBUTE



BCH CAMP

Barbara C. Harris Episcopal Camp • Greenfield, NH

2019 Camp Dates

Session 1:

Sunday, June 30th - Friday, July 5th

Session 2:

Sunday, July 7th - Friday, July 12th

Session 3:

Sunday, July 14th - Friday, July 19th

Session 4:

Sunday, July 21st - Friday, July 26th


Session 5:

Sunday, July 28th - Friday, August 2nd

2019 BCH Summer Camp registration is officially open!

Make sure to sign your child up today and make it a summer they won't forget!





BCH Camp offers overnight camp for children entering 4th - 12th grades and is a place where all campers feel accepted, loved and are able to develop authentic friendships. We do this by providing opportunities for campers to explore their interests and try new things. Campers learn important life lessons and gain new perspectives as they live and play in a community centered on Christian beliefs and values.

Each 6 Day/5 Night session is \$600*

[LEARN MORE](#)

*Financial aid is available

Please contact our Camp Registrar Abby at (603) 547-3400 or abby@bchcenter.org with questions regarding registration or financial aid.



BCH Kitchen Featured Recipe

BCH Marinated Steak Tips





Ingredients:

- **1 lb** Steak Tips
- **1/4 Cup** Soy Sauce
- **1/2 Cup** Oil (of choice)
- **1/4 Cup** Vinegar or Red Wine
- **1/4 Cup** Sweet Chili Sauce
- **1/4 Cup** Crushed Pineapple
- **1/4 Tbs** Black Pepper
- **1** Bay Leaf
- **1/4 Tbs** Mustard (dry)
- **1/2 Tbs** Onion (granulated)
- **1/4 Tbs** Paprika
- **1/2 Tbs** Garlic (granulated)

Preparation:

- Combine all ingredients and let marinate for 24 hours
- Bring pan or grill to medium/high heat
- Sear steak tips in hot pan with oil, or on grill until desired temperature is reached
- ENJOY!

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.



Stay Connected with us:



Barbara C. Harris Camp & Conference Center | 603.547.3400 | info@bchcenter.org | <http://www.bchcenter.org>

Refresh - Reflect - Renew