

# Radius

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A newsletter for Camphill Special School families

*"Receive the children with reverence, educate them with love, send them forth in freedom" - Rudolf Steiner*

## Senior class travels to Vermont

by Andreas Schuschke

The twelfth grade class took their Senior Trip to Heartbeet in Hardwick, VT. It was an unforgettable experience!

The group departed shortly after 9:00 am on Wednesday, June 15 and arrived after a long, arduous, but extremely scenic journey at around 8:30 pm. The evening was quite chaotic, some coworkers were trying to put up tents in the fading sunlight and others helped with our take-out pizza dinner! We didn't manage to get all the tents up, so some people slept in a yurt that is on Heartbeet's property.

The next morning some of us went for a hike up the hill at Heartbeet (the property lies at the bottom of a very large hill), the rest of us finished putting up our "tent city" and getting everything in order. In the afternoon we went swimming in a natural pond with continuously recycling fresh water on Heartbeet's property. There was a raft in the middle, it also had a little beach. We went to the pond a often during our stay!

A big achievement was our trek to the top of Mount Elmore at Lake Elmore State Park. We took in the views from the "Balancing Rock" at the top of a steep and rocky trail. We had our picnic lunch right on top of the mountain and descended slowly and carefully until we were all safe and sound at the bottom again. Some of us refreshed ourselves in the pond when we arrived back home. *Continued on page 4...*



## Calendar

Sat., July 2	ESY Program begins
Mon., July 4	Independence Day Office and Maintenance closed
Wed., July 20	ESY ends for Transition Program at Beaver Farm
Thurs., July 21	Students at Transition Program at Beaver Farm leave for summer break
Sat., July 30	ESY Program ends



A group from the **Transition Program at Beaver Farm** sport their tie-dyed t-shirts, above.

The **high school choir** hit the road to play a gig in New York City! They were the featured performers at the Camphill Foundation’s 50th Anniversary Gala where they showed their talents with voices and hand bells, top right, and let their silly side show with a rousing rendition of “Cara Mamma!,” bottom right.



## Innovative tax credit program allows PA businesses to support Camphill students

- **Do you own a business in Pennsylvania?**
- **Do you know someone who does?**
- **Are you aware that PA businesses can send money to Camphill instead of to Harrisburg?**



Camphill Special School is eligible to receive corporate gifts through the **Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program**, an innovative program offered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Every gift made by a Pennsylvania business through this program helps a student with limited financial means. The school has made a conscious commitment to maintaining a diverse student body, not one consisting only of students whose parents are capable of paying tuition privately. We are grateful for all gifts that support this essential aspect of our mission.

The application process is easy, and the benefits to the school and to our students are significant. Please contact Cara Schmidt at 610.469.9236 or by email at [cschmidt@camphillspecialschool.org](mailto:cschmidt@camphillspecialschool.org) with questions, she would love to talk to you about the very simple process.

# Classroom Happenings



The **kindergarten** class celebrates a wonderful year with friends.



Joseph takes a turn becoming the lion when **second grade** learns the story of St. Jerome.

The **third grade** has been working hard on the garden, house, and tending to the chickens. It has been a busy year gardening and building for the children, and we hope that by September our corn will be taller than we are- ripe and ready for picking. We also hope that our 13 chickens will begin to lay eggs for our snack and breakfasts. We hope to invite lots of children to come and play in our newly built house. Many thanks to Lisa and Melanie for letting us use the garden, and giving us advice on growing plants and keeping chickens, and special thanks to Carlton for helping us to build such a beautiful house!



**Grade ten** “met” Charlie Chaplin, during a lesson taught by Shirley.

Frank made a wish to play the Sousaphone, and as you can see in the photo, at right, Bernie is always one to encourage that sort of thing!



## Student Council Updates

**Prom:** The student council worked together to plan the prom, which took place on May 27. The student body voted for a theme by ballot and the winning theme was “Western.” Thank you to Cara Schmidt for preparing the ballots.

**Looking Ahead:** In their meeting on April 15th, Student Council met with members of the Building and Maintenance Committee to learn about the school’s Master Planning Process. The students were able to answer many questions and had several suggestions about school and life at Beaver Run.



### Senior Trip, continued from page 1...

We went to Hubbard Park in Montpelier the next day. We had a much easier and relaxed walk on a loop road which took us to an old fire tower with a great view of the surrounding countryside. Everyone joined the hike and made it to the top of the tower! On the way home we enjoyed homemade maple ice cream at a place called Bragg's Farm. Again, some of us went to the pond when we got back home (see the pattern?). We also had a potluck dinner with the whole community that evening. We all socialized with each other, it was great fun!

Sunday brought us another short hike up a rocky slope at Moss Glen Falls in Stowe, VT. This was



followed up with some relaxing and wading in the pools of the falls. Everybody made it to the top of the falls! On our way home we took the scenic route across Smugglers Notch and had a picnic lunch there. Some of us went to the pond (again!) while others started packing for the return trip.

We made great time on a much shorter, but just as scenic route back home. We were all exhausted, but happy to have had such a great experience!

The weather was unbelievable throughout, not a drop of rain and hardly any clouds, with pleasantly cool nights (maybe a little too cool)! Our hosts were wonderful, welcoming, and made us feel completely at home! While the students were challenged, I think it was a positive and enjoyable experience for all.



Our mission is to create wholeness for children and youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities through education and therapy in extended family living.

Items for the next issue of *Radius* must be submitted by the third Monday of the month. Materials should be submitted to [cschmidt@camphillspecialschool.org](mailto:cschmidt@camphillspecialschool.org)

All material submitted is subject to editing and is included on a space available basis.

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## Camphill's World Wide Weave exhibit displayed at Historic Yellow Springs

by Gubger Dunbar

From Daily Local News, June 28, 2016

Historic Yellow Springs representatives said that the unique show of weaving by residents of Camphill from around the world shows their "power of creativity."

Historic Yellow Springs is hosting the Camphill Foundation World Wide Weave Exhibition in the village of Yellow Springs through July 6 at the Lincoln Galleries at Historic Yellow Springs.



The exhibit is open during the week from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The exhibit is open on Saturday, July 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, July 3 from noon to 4 p.m. The exhibit and Historic Yellow Springs will be closed on Monday, July 4 for the holiday. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Eileen McMonagle, Historic Yellow Springs executive director, described the exhibit as a "wonderful show and a great story about the power of creativity."

Historic Yellow Springs representatives said the forefront of the Camphill movement is the understanding that people living with developmental disabilities and learning differences have extraordinary creative talents and skills of all kinds such as practical, social and artistic.

Historic Yellow Springs representatives said that they are honored to partner with their neighbors and friends at Camphill Village Kimberton Hills, Camphill Soltane and Camphill Special School to present the show to the region. The Historic Yellow Springs, at 1685 Art School Road in West Pikeland, has a mission to share, preserve and celebrate the unique living village of Yellow Springs by focusing on visual arts, history and the environment.



This is the first time the weave exhibit is in the United States. It will only be exhibited here in Chester County and in New York, according to Historic Yellow Springs officials.

The World Wide Weave, an international textile project and exhibition, originated in the United Kingdom and Ireland to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Camphill movement from 1940-2015. The exhibit includes 75 wall hangings of weaving, tapestry, felting and other techniques. The pieces have been created by 65 textile workshops in 19 countries worldwide, according to event organizers. The program originated to celebrate the creative life in the Camphill locations in the United Kingdom and Ireland, and also throughout Europe, Canada and the United States.

Event organizers noted that the exhibit has been in 20 locations in public buildings, art galleries and museums in the United Kingdom and Ireland and other areas in Europe and now, for the first time, will travel to the United States, Switzerland and Norway this year.

