



2017 MEET OUR TEACHERS

Beaver Brook teachers are the reason
Our Summer Programs are the highest quality around!

- ◆ **Brooke Arthur** runs a small family farm near Beaver Brook. She has a Master's degree in Early Childhood Education and a passion for supporting children's innate ability to learn outdoors through play. She looks forward to sharing the plants, animals, and fun on her farm with Beaver Brook kids this summer.
- ◆ **Cheri Birch** teaches at Hollis Montessori, has taught at the Nature of Things and was the former Environmental Educator at Hollis Primary School. She has been a long-time friend of Beaver Brook, working as Asst. Education Director previously. We enthusiastically welcome Cheri back to teach at BBA!
- ◆ **Rosemary Clough** has been teaching yoga and dance for over 30 years to students of all ages and abilities. She is the founder and director of Creative Kids Yoga and Moving Spirit Center for Yoga, Dance and Wellness. As a certified Professional Level Kripalu Yoga Teacher, a Certified Phoenix Rising Yoga Therapist and a Stoh-Pilates Instructor, Rosemary has presented numerous workshops throughout the U.S. and abroad.
- ◆ **Angela Craggy** has been involved in BBA for 15 years. She has taught 4-12 year olds for 30 years. She enjoys encouraging children to explore their outdoor natural environment through a variety of hands on experiences and activities, thus tapping into their natural curiosity. Angela is looking forward to another BBA summer filled with exploring, learning and fun.
- ◆ **Ethan Craggy** has been a BBA student, counselor and teacher and is very excited to share his survival knowledge and enjoyable games with young nature enthusiasts. He learned from some of the best at BBA for years and cannot wait to pass on what he learned. Ethan is a writing and education student with a broad understanding of nature and how to stay safe in the woods.
- ◆ **Winnie Crouse** truly enjoys teaching and has been involved with Beaver Brook for many years. A former public school elementary teacher, Winnie established popular Beaver Brook outreach programs to schools and preschools. Having grown up on a dairy farm, Winnie is an asset to our farm-themed programs.
- ◆ **Kat Dickau** is an environmental scientist, artist, musician and mother of two boys. She loves taking people outdoors and finding creative ways for them to understand the processes of nature. Her passion is nature and sharing her knowledge of biology with others.
- ◆ **Cameron Dreyer** is a recent high school graduate who enjoys mountain biking, other outdoor activities, and wrestling. During the school year, he also volunteers at the HBMS mountain bike club, both during the fall and spring seasons. He likes all disciplines of riding, including cross country, enduro, freeride, and more. Sharing his passion of riding with others is one of Cam's favorite things to do.
- ◆ **Jen Farquhar** is thrilled to be joining the summer camp staff. She's been a year-round BBA educator since 2014, teaching field programs, leading fitness hikes, and teaching science classes to homeschooled students. Jen loves the opportunity to share her biology background with others, introducing kids and adults to another world located just outside their back doors.

◆ **Bruce Fessenden** has been at Beaver Brook for ~30 years, teaching kids a range of topics from insects to oceanography. He is an 8th grade science teacher in Amherst and is a former Fellow at the Wright Center for Innovative Science Education at Tufts University. He has been a passionate explorer and observer of pond and wood since childhood and thinks that Beaver Brook is the best place in the world to pass it forward to new generations of kids.

◆ **Tara Happy** joined Beaver Brook's year round teaching staff in April 2013. She is a former Wildlife Program Manager for wind energy projects in CA. She just completed a degree in Education at Rivier University and can't wait to make Science fun for students in summer camp!

◆ **Cathy Ingram** is a recently retired elementary school teacher. She had joyfully taught 5-8 year olds for many years. She has always enjoyed children's curiosity, imagination and their thirst for learning. She enjoys spending time with her family, the outdoors, gardening and is always excited to learn new things.

◆ **Stephanie Jones** has an enthusiastic and motivated personality. She comes from a military air traffic control background, but has a degree in Environmental Science. She has taught in schools and been a park and wildlife refuge ranger. We believe she was meant to play with children and teach them about nature. She exudes a positive outlook and love of nature onto everyone she meets.

◆ **Becky Kellner** works at RMMS in Brookline, NH. She has a degree in Human Development and Elementary Education and previously worked at Hollis Preschool. She has brought vermicomposting and aquaponics to the students at RMMS in Brookline. Her passion for caring for the environment is contagious. We are so pleased that Becky is teaching at Beaver Brook. She is also a BBA Maple Hill Gardener.

◆ **Anjali Longan** returns to Beaver Brook this summer. A dynamic teacher at Hollis Montessori School, Anjali has taught in both private and public schools. She is a certified yoga instructor (in India no less!) and is passionate about gardening. We welcome Anjali to our summer staff.

◆ **Roisin McElroy** coordinates the BBA summer youth programs and is a certified elementary educator. She has taught many BBA summer classes in the past and served on the BBA Education committee for 8 years. She is dedicated to enriching the lives of children through teaching, tutoring and volunteering at her children's schools. Growing up at Beaver Brook, Roisin considers this to be her "second home".

◆ **Kathy Parker** joins us this summer as a 40 year educator. She is currently the enrichment teacher at Riddle Brook School in Bedford, NH where she has been for the last 18 years. Kathy enjoys integrating science, math, nature and the environment into challenging and fun experiences for children. She is a past recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching.

◆ **Carol Ritchie** has been teaching school field programs at BBA since 2006. When not teaching children here at Beaver Brook about the wonders of nature she can be found teaching at So. NH University. She has a masters in ESL/English from the University of Idaho and a BA from SUNY Albany in German and English, but it was growing up on a farm in Rochester, NY that encouraged her love of nature. With her wealth of knowledge and passion for the outdoors she now uses her active teaching style to easily mesmerize any group of children. As a dedicated Girl Scout leader, Carol also provides numerous programs that welcome the scouting community to Beaver Brook.

◆ **Rivka Schwartz** is a trained herbalist and loves to teach about all topics in nature and is especially fond of leading the traditional Wednesday Wildflower Walks. It's great learning about healthy foods, flowers and herbs from Rivka! She can make lip balm, homemade root beer (from roots—the real way), creams, and many remedies.

◆ **Kap Siddall** is an environmental educator who believes in the benefits of children playing outside. There they can experience the natural world around them while learning skills and creating memories that will last a lifetime. Kap has been teaching at nature centers for over 25 years and attended Tom Brown School for Wilderness Survival and Nature Observation. She was named “Conservation Educator of the Year” in Hillsborough Co. in January 2016.

◆ **Chick Wetherbee** leads workshops in the region on Wild Herbs and Survival Skills. He is the owner of Earthward Natural Foods in Amherst and is a trained outdoorsman and tracker. He has attended over 36 classes at the Tom Brown Jr. Tracker School, one of the largest wilderness and survival schools in the U.S.