

The Clocktower Times

Echoes of the chimes of our time. Virtual Camp Session Four 2020

Live Event: Final Campfire

Final Campfire had an awesome turnout!



- We had Olivia and Seamus sing a beautiful rendition of "Free to Be You and Me"
- Max Smith danced to "Never Had a Friend like Me" all the way from Wales!
- Sebastian Silver regaled us with his ukulele all the way from Rome!
- Liam and Sam Rosenbaum played an incredible duet on their violins!
- Sebastian Silver, Sam, Liam and Zaela Rosenbaum won participation awards for Virtual Camp 2020!
- Former director Bob Green inducted Sean into the Triangle of Honor, for his maintenance of camp this summer!
- Greta and Xander played the guitar, drums, and KAZOO to "Sweet Caroline" from Florida and California!
- We of course finished the evening by lighting the candles and placing them silently in the triangle. Anne swam the triangle out into the middle of the lake while taps played and echoed. We sang "Tell Me Why," "I Wanna Linger Here," "In the Evening," and "Our Dear Old Camp" as Anne continued to swim the triangle into the middle of the lake.







Our *final* session was bittersweet as virtual camp came to a close. We thank all our participants so much for brightening our summer and keeping the Billings spirit alive and well.

Let's take a look at what we did these past two weeks!

Week 1:

Close-up challenge: you guessed it, the tether ball pole outside cabin 5

Build a fort challenge: We asked you to build forts, wherever you were. Sebastian Silver even managed to build one in his hotel room!

Staff tutorial: Libby Simmons took us on a Virtual Tour of London! Since we (non-Europeans) can't travel there, she brought London to us! It was so awesome to see the sights and soak up a little bit of British culture.

Live event: Halloween hosted by the spooky, scary, Henry Lang. We had awesome participation and costumes show up for a Thursday night scarefest!

Max and Abi Smith celebrating all the way from Wales!

Week 2:

Close-up Challenge: Harold's House, no one got it!!! We know it's tough, when all the buildings on camp are Billings' Brown!

Challenge: Bugtown: We asked you to build your own Bugtowns for us to see! Give those creatures a place to call home!

Staff tutorial: Common French phrases. Xavier and Mia taught us some cool French phrases and classic camp words. Merci!

Final Campfire: A live Zoom event!

Thank you to everyone who participated in Virtual Camp 2020. We have loved seeing you over the past 8 weeks. We love you all and we hope to be back stronger than ever next year!

<3 Anne and Sean

Camp AMA (Ask Me Anything) with Stephanie Godes

Where is your hometown? Needham. MA

What is your job at Billings? Ropes course counselor

How long ave you been at Billings? Since 2010

Billings Idol or Billings Talent? Talent, but I still prefer Glee

> Waterskiing or Ropes? Ropes!!

Take a nap or play Gaga Ball? I will never beat the junior boys, but gaga

Paddle Boarding or Sailing? anything on the beach

Two sodas and one candy or two candy and one soda? Two candies, no soda

> **The rock or the Clocktower?** Stump

High Diving Board or Slide? High dive! Ragnarok or Hunger Games? Ragnarok





Virtual Reflections



Summer Reflections from the Rosenbaums

This summer, when we learned that we wouldn't be going to camp this year, we were devastated. Luckily, Anne and Sean put together an amazing virtual camp experience that made us feel almost like we were in Fairlee. Some of our favorite activities included the close-up challenges, making pet rocks, and seeing camp friends live on Zoom. Also, we loved to see the weekly tutorials made by staff. We especially loved Lila's tutorial on how to make bracelets with string and gimp. Without virtual camp, I don't know how we would have survived! Thank you Anne and Sean for making virtual camp make us feel right at home.

-Sam, Liam, and Zaela Rosenbaum

SUMMER CAMP SCRAMBLE

2020 has us all confused. Please help us unscramble some words very near and dear to our hearts!

NTNISE (played with a racket) = AINSLIG (uses wind to make us move) = TFTRSRCANDASA (tie-dye) = EEMSWIRF (need a buddy) = CAPFEMIR (where there is smoke) \equiv **RELLBETAHT** ("I've got winner") = ESRIFND (what we all make at camp) = MUEMSR (season of camp) = BLNLIGIS (the place we love) = EUKDBBSN (we sleep on them) = IGAECNON (get an oar) = RAMAD (musical) = CSNABI (we live in them) = **BEULG** (instrument) = LEBAATKSBL (hoops) =



Ways to Make the Minutes Go Faster... Until the Summer of 2021

- Print and cut-out old camp pictures and make a collage in the form of the word "CAMP" or "BILLINGS".
- Coordinate Zoom calls with friends.
- Become pens pals and WRITE snail mail letters.
- Purchase a Billings song book and memorize every song in it.
- Buy Billings swag for all your friends and family for the holidays.
- Talk about Camp with all of your friends NON-STOP so they will come with you next year.
- Can't wait to see you all next year!



See you next summer!



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