Recently when asked, the family of a nine-year-old camper shared their past experience at our Springtime Family Camp program. “Family weekend was an incredible experience for our family. On one hand, seeing the camp and getting to spend time there made us very comfortable as Taylor was planning to go for the first time. We decided, at the end of the weekend, to send her for a second week. The other aspect that was great was getting to know and spending time with other families affected by T1D. The weekend gave us lots of time to talk and share stories.”

At The Barton Center, we believe diabetes is a family disease. When a child is diagnosed with type 1 diabetes, the whole family is impacted including parents, siblings, grandparents, and other relatives. Whether your child is newly diagnosed or has been living with T1D for years, both children and adult attendees alike find this program helpful, informative, and fun! Why not join us at our next Springtime Family/Caregiver Camp program on April 24-26, 2020? This camp weekend is a collaboration of our former Caregiver’s Weekend – meant to give grandparents, aunts, uncles, and other caregivers a basic understanding of caring for a child with type 1 diabetes and Springtime Family Camp Weekend – meant to educate families past the basics of diabetes while also playing games with the whole family and making sure the camper with diabetes doesn’t feel like he or she is the only one with the disease. We have combined the two programs to provide a great educational and fun weekend!

Is your family new to diabetes and want to learn the basics? We can teach you!

Has diabetes been in your family a long time? We can discuss new technologies and the future of diabetes. Interested in learning about a famous gaga in addition to other family-friendly games (active and less active), a carbohydrate counting family education session (either build your own pizza or cookie bake off), and after bedtime snack, some of our staff will host a “Staff Panel” for the parents, guardians, and/or caregivers. This panel allows parents, guardians, and/or caregivers to ask the staff questions about their experiences growing up and living with type 1 diabetes, the good, the bad, and the ugly. Sunday breakfast and morning activities will conclude our weekend. Those wishing to stay for our Open House on Sunday, April 26th are invited to join us!

Our campers and their families have had an amazing time over the past few years. Here are two more families’ thoughts about family programs.

**Family of a now eight-year-old camper – “Our daughter had attended a Barton Day Camp for several years when we decided we wanted to learn more about resident camp, so we headed up to CBC for the Spring Family Camp weekend. Our entire family (my husband, myself, and our two daughters ages 3 & 6) enjoyed our weekend at camp. We learned camp games and traditions and ate s'mores by the campfire. Family camp also gave us plenty of time to connect with other diabetes families. Getting to know others in the supportive T1D community and bonding with them was a priceless experience for our family.

Family camp was also a successful way to introduce our daughter to resident camp. We were thrilled that after her family camp experience, she was comfortable attending a WACKY Weekend. Then, last summer, she was a camper in Tarpey at Clara Barton Camp for the first time at age seven. Our weekend at family camp showed us what a wonderful place CBC is, and we hope that it continues to be an important part of our daughter’s life as she grows and learns to navigate the world with T1D.”**

**Family of a seven-year-old camper and an eleven-year-old camper – “Family camp is such a special time for our family, and has helped my husband and I, as well as my son and daughter in so many ways. When we first started coming, my daughter wanted to attend a sleepaway diabetes camp but I wasn’t ready to let her go, so the family camp experience was just right for us to be able to dip our toes in and see how we all liked the camp, and what a diabetes camp might look like. Our daughter fell in love and would attend summer camp at Clara Barton the next year. Our son Dean was only 5 and not quite ready to attend Camp Joslin on his own, so continuing to come to family camp in summer made him feel included and got him acclimated to many of the counselors and kids that would later be at Camp Joslin. During summer family camp, we always got to spend a day at Camp Joslin and that has helped my husband and I get to know that campus as well and give Dean the introduction he needed before attending for a week on his own last year. We continue to come to family camp in the spring to stay connected to the wonderful staff at CBC/Camp Joslin, and also it allows the kids to see their camp friends from the summer. For many many families, family camp is the first experience they have of finding other families that are managing the same kind of daily challenges as themselves and being able to get validation for your experiences and brainstorm new solutions can be invaluable! CBC has become a part of our existence and we love all of the connections and memories made there!”**
The second of our themed camp weekends took place February 14th—16th. February WACKY was February WACKY S.T.E.A.M. weekend! S.T.E.A.M. stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math. In addition to the classic, must-have camp games, many new activities were added to complement the theme. It was a good thing because there wasn’t any snow for the weekend, and it was pretty cold. It worked out well to have some fun, new indoor activities. Activities ranged from science experiments to building to art.

A favorite from the weekend was the egg drop. Campers had to design a way to protect an egg that was going to be dropped eight feet. The challenge was to make sure the egg didn’t break. Campers worked together in small groups to come up with the best way to protect the egg. Each group took a different approach to creating a holder for their egg that would keep it safe. Some groups used giant cotton balls, some used paper bags, and others created parachutes for their egg, in hopes that it would help soften the fall. Every group’s egg survived the first fall, and eventually only one egg remained after falling from higher heights and at faster speeds. The winning egg was secured in a box full of feathers, puff balls, and a little bit of bubble wrap around the egg.

Campers also had an opportunity to learn how plants absorb water and what happens if we place them into colored water. After breakfast on Saturday, the campers were presented with multiple pieces of celery as well as 12 different colors of water (made with food coloring, of course!). Everyone got to choose what color they wanted their celery to sit in, and then we waited 24 hours to see if the celery would actually have some color change as the water traveled up the stalk. When Sunday morning came around, all of the campers were excited to take a look at the celery and see what happened. Everyone was excited to see that the color of the water traveled up the stalks of the celery, and even the light colors were visible! The campers spent time comparing different celery sticks, seeing what color came through the best, and learned how plants stay hydrated.

We added in a new art project for the weekend. Campers learned how to make their own scratch paper. Scratch paper is paper that has a black coating and when the black is scratched off it reveals colors underneath. All of the campers worked with one to two pieces of paper to transform into scratch paper with the help of crayons, paint, and a little bit of dish soap. Campers were able to design the patterns and colors used on the paper, and then they painted on the black paint. Pictures can then be drawn by scratching the paper. Some campers drew intricate designs that they revealed by scratching all the paint off, while others took a more abstract approach and drew new pictures with the help of the underlying colors. There were some great pictures.

Campers also had a chance to do some cooking! In place of a cookie bake off, the campers designed their own lunch. On Saturday, campers made their own pizzas. Once the pizzas were cooked, the campers had them for lunch. They were creative with their toppings. There was a large mix of toppings created, ranging from vegetarian, to meat lovers, to a little mix of both. The campers were excited to eat their own creations for lunch, as they got to add the toppings that they love best!

In addition to all of the new activities, we made sure the campers still had time to play some of their favorite games. The campers were all super excited to play an all-time camp favorite, gaga. They could not get enough of playing game after game and were always excited to hear that a new game was starting. They also played dodgeball and capture the flag, both of which led to many laughs and good times. On the last day, the campers got to choose the game that they were going to play, and of course, they chose gaga! Overall, the campers had a great mix of activities to go along with our experiments and egg drop and had a wonderful time at the program. Campers had great things to say, such as, “I love camp because it brings me closer to others living with diabetes” or just a simple, yet powerful, “this weekend was awesome!”

This was the first fall, winter, spring season that themes were added to some of our weekend programs and it was a blast. It gives camp a new twist, so each weekend is a new experience for even the most seasoned camper. Don’t worry though – there will always be room for gaga!
COMING SOON—CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR BARTON CAMPS

The Barton Center will soon be announcing the start of a capital campaign. The campaign will fund many upgrades, program enhancements and—NEW CABINS AT CAMP JOSLIN. So many have asked when we will be building new cabins since The Barton Center purchased Camp Joslin. There have been many behind-the-scenes surveys, soil testing, and much more. We are happy to share that the septic system is currently being designed and a preliminary cabin plan that will be very similar to the Senior Division Cabin at Camp Joslin has been completed. Recreational facility areas will be upgraded including resurfacing the tennis courts at both camps, additional elements will be added to the climbing wall, a brick pathway around the flagpole at Camp Joslin, and so much more. We can’t wait to share all the details as well as opportunities on how you can help. Special thanks to trustee, Matt Cote who has offered to chair this committee along with our development committee and other volunteers who have offered their expertise. Please email us at: events@bartoncenter.org if you would like to help or would like information on ways you can financially support this campaign.

PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME PROGRAMS & EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELED DUE TO RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WITH THE CORONA VIRUS

Upcoming Fall, Winter, Spring Programs

Online registration is available at www.bartoncenter.org.

SPRINGTIME FAMILY/CAREGIVER CAMP

April 24-26, 2020

Coed, All Ages

CANCELED

Here at Barton, camp is a family affair! Join us for a weekend of family-oriented games, learning activities, and even a little education. Everyone gets the chance to be a camper while we take care of all the planning and cooking! Please see page 1 for related article.

BARTON OPEN HOUSE

April 26, 2020

2-4 p.m.

Coed, All Ages

CANCELED

Are you thinking about sending your child to summer camp, but you want to get a sense of what camp is like before you decide? This is your opportunity to come see what Barton summer camp programs are all about: get to see where your child will be sleeping, eating, and playing while at camp! Come see Camp Joslin, Clara Barton Camp, or Barton Worcester Day Camp. IN PLACE OF THIS EVENT, YOU MAY CALL THE OFFICE AT 508-987-2056, EXT. 2000 TO SCHEDULE A TOUR AT YOUR CONVENIENCE.

LONG ISLAND DAY CAMP OPEN HOUSE

June 7, 2020

1-3 p.m.

Coed, All Ages

FREE

There will be an Open House at Holy Child Academy in Old Westbury, NY, on June 7th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Please call 508-987-2056 for more information.

Summer Calendar 2020

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE!

www.bartoncenter.org

CLARA BARTON CAMP (Girls only, Ages 6-16)

Three-Week Session

Session 1 TW

June 21–July 11

CANCELED

Two-Week Sessions

Session 2

June 28–July 11

CANCELED

Session 3

July 12–July 25

Session 4

July 26–August 8

One-Week Sessions

Session 1 (WACKY*)

June 21–June 27

CANCELED

Session 2a

June 28–July 4

CANCELED

Session 2b

July 5–July 11

CANCELED

Session 3a

July 12–July 18

Session 3b

July 19–July 25

Session 4a

July 26–August 1

Session 4b

August 2–August 8

CAMP JOSLIN (Boys only, Ages 6-16)

Three-Week Session

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June 21–July 11

CANCELED

Two-Week Sessions

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June 28–July 11

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Session 4a

July 26–August 1

Session 4b

August 2–August 8

CLARA BARTON CAMP & CAMP JOSLIN

COED CAMP (Boys & Girls, Ages 6-16)

Session 1 (WACKY*)

June 21–July 11

CANCELED

Session 2

June 28–July 11

CANCELED

Session 3

July 12–July 25

Session 4

July 26–August 8

NEW IN 2020—a one-week, coed camp session! All campers will be together for this fun week. Everyone will be swimming, playing sports, creating arts and crafts, and much more. All campers will be at one location, either Clara Barton Camp or Camp Joslin. Boys and girls will be housed separately at whichever location is chosen. Location will be determined based on enrollment, and families will be notified of location two weeks prior to start of session.

BARTON DAY CAMPS* (Coed, Ages 5-15)

The Rainbow Club—Greenwich, CT

June 29–July 3

Worcester — Clara Barton Camp

July 13–July 17

Danvers Day Camp—Danvers, MA

July 20–July 24

Long Island — Old Westbury, NY

July 27–July 31

VERMONT OVERNIGHT CAMP* (Coed, Ages 6-16)

South Hero, VT

July 5–July 10

This program is just a short ride from Burlington, Vermont. Located on the spacious Camp Ta-Kum-Ta campgrounds, Barton campers will experience the outdoors, enjoy swimming, arts and crafts, and crazy camp games along with diabetes education!

ADVENTURE PROGRAM (Coed, Ages 13-18)

Limited to 12 campers

New England Adventure

July 11–July 25

Barton teams up with Venture Outside and takes our campers "On the Road" to different locations along the coast and in the mountains of Maine to experience a mix of fun and learning in nature. Adventures include hiking, mountain biking, rock climbing, rope courses, white-water rafting, paddle boarding, canoeing and kayaking, and more! Moderate difficulty, some outdoor experience recommended. Please contact The Barton Center for more information.

*WACKY Session—Campers can bring a sibling or friend who does not have diabetes with them to camp during this session.
**Special Events Update**

March 21, 2020  March Madness Camp Clean-Up Day

**CANCELED**  9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This is a fundraiser for summer camperships at Clara Barton Camp, Camp Joslin, and Barton Day Camps! Come help spruce up Clara Barton Camp or Camp Joslin to help us get ready for the summer. This is a great opportunity to raise money for your own camp fee or raise money for someone else by collecting pledges for your hours worked. You choose which camp you would like to work at. Please go to our website at bartoncenter.org for a pledge sheet or to create a fundraising page at our event on FirstGiving. Please register to attend by March 16th by emailing events@bartoncenter.org or calling 508-987-2056, Ext. 2011. Lunch is provided.

May 16, 2020  Barton Classic Wiffle Ball Tournament

**CANCELED**  Begins at 8 a.m.

All are welcome! Come enjoy a fun day at Camp Joslin with your family and cheer on your favorite team. There will be children’s activities as well as food vendors. To register a team or view sponsorship opportunities, please visit our website at bartoncenter.org and click on Events. You may also call 508-987-2056, Ext. 2011 or email events@bartoncenter.org. To set up a fundraising page or donate to the event, please go to https://www.firstgiving.com/event/bartoncenter/9th-Annual-Barton-Classic-Wiffle-Ball-Tournament.

June 3, 2020  1st Annual ABC Spring Fling Fundraiser—In Honor of Joe Kenney to Benefit The Barton Center

5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

ABC MA (Associated Builders and Contractors, Massachusetts) is hosting the Spring Fling in honor of ABC MA member Joe Kenney, who suddenly passed away in October at the age of 24 due to complications from his battle with diabetes. The fundraiser will take place at the Mighty Squirrel Brewing Taproom in Waltham, and it will feature fun and games that Joe loved to participate in with his family and friends. The event will also feature silent auction items, raffle items, and more to raise funds to benefit camp which had such a profound impact on Joe's life. Be sure to mark your calendars for June 3rd from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and join us for an evening of fun and games, good beer, and food trucks—all funds raised will benefit camp! To register, sponsor, or donate to the event, please go to our website at bartoncenter.org and click on Events or call 508-987-2056, Ext. 2011.

June 12, 2020  25th Annual Clara Barton Open Golf Tournament

**Shotgun Start 8:30 a.m.**

Hosted by the Oxford Lions, this annual event is always a lot of fun complete with contests, raffles, prizes, and lunch! This year’s event is in honor of Joe and Connie Tagg for their many years of organizing this tournament. The event will be held at Pine Ridge Golf Club in North Oxford, MA. For registration or sponsor forms, please go to our website at bartoncenter.org and click on Events or call 508-987-2056, Ext. 2011.

July 18, 2020  Lions Appreciation Dinner & Campfire

Calling all Lions—this day is for you! This special thank you begins at 4 p.m. Bring the entire family and spend a relaxing afternoon at Clara Barton Camp in North Oxford, MA. Join staff and campers for dinner, tour, and a campfire ceremony. Please RSVP by calling 508-987-2056, Ext. 2011 or email events@bartoncenter.org.

July 18, 2020  Camp Joslin Alumni Day

1:15 p.m.—4 p.m.

Come join the fun and reconnect with camp friends at Camp Joslin. Family and friends are welcome. The day includes tours, lunch, and an activity. Please RSVP by July 10th by calling 508-987-2056, Ext. 2011 or emailing events@bartoncenter.org. In 2021, there will be an alumni day at Clara Barton Camp.

September 26, 2020  2nd Annual Walk for Barton

Check-in 10 a.m.

**Walk begins 11 a.m.**

Join this fun family event and help support The Barton Center. Come on down and take a nice walk through Clara Barton Camp and beyond. Enjoy some great food from our vendors, pony rides, Home Depot Kids Workshop, a photo booth, and music. We are fortunate to be collaborating with Adam Webster, host of Worcester's radio morning shows on 98.9 NASH ICON and 100.1 The Pike. Closing ceremonies will take place at noon, and the celebration continues until 2 p.m. Register for the event at firstgiving.com/event/bartoncenter/Walk20 and set up your fundraising page. You may also visit our website at bartoncenter.org and click on Events for the link to FirstGiving. For more information, please call 508-987-2056, Ext. 2011 or email events@bartoncenter.org.

November 7, 2020  Annual Auction

6 p.m.—10 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE to join us at the Penta Dining Hall at Camp Joslin in Charlton for our annual auction. The evening features silent & live auctions, appetizers, dinner and desserts. For more information, please call 508-987-2056, Ext. 2011 or email events@bartoncenter.org.

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**CLARA BARTON BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM**

The museum is open beginning with the last weekend in May thru the last weekend in August on Friday thru Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In September, the museum is open Saturdays only from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tours are also available by appointment. From October through May, the museum is open weekdays by appointment only. For more information about the museum, visit our website at www.clarabartonbirthplace.org or call 508-987-2056, Ext. 2013.