



# **The Barton Spirit! Newsletter**

**SPRING 2025** 



Until there's a cure... there's Camp.

# CAMPER FINN'S SPECIAL CONNECTION TO CLARA BARTON CAMP

Camp is where memories are made, friendships are formed, and traditions live on. For one camper, Finn, attending Camp Joslin is more than just a summer experience—it's a connection to a deep family history rooted in the foundation of diabetes care.

Through genealogical research, Finn's aunt recently discovered an incredible connection: his great-great-aunt, Anna DeCola, was one of the first campers at Clara Barton Camp. Born in 1931, Anna lived at a time when insulin was still a relatively new treatment for type 1 diabetes. A powerful photo captures her giving herself an insulin shot—an act that was groundbreaking at the time, as she was the youngest person ever documented doing so. Sadly, Anna passed away at just five years old, but her bravery and legacy remain part of Barton's history.

Now, nearly a century later, Finn carries that same spirit of resilience as he experiences camp. His presence at Camp Joslin is a beautiful full-circle moment, highlighting the strength of the diabetes community and the lasting impact of camp across generations.

At Barton, history and progress go hand in hand, and Finn's story is a reminder of how far diabetes care has come. From Anna's early days learning to manage diabetes to Finn thriving at camp today, the Barton legacy continues to empower and support families like his.



Anna DeCola while at Clara Barton Camp in the late 1930's



Finn (left) and his friend Jonah fishing at Camp Joslin



# **Reopening Both Camps!**

For the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, **both** Clara Barton Camp for girls and Camp Joslin for boys will be open again! We're excited to welcome campers back and work towards rebuilding our enrollment to pre-pandemic levels.

We couldn't do this without the incredible support of donors like you! Your generosity helps to spread the word and ensures that more kids with T1D can experience camp.

As part of our commitment, we offer a **free session to first-time summer campers with T1D** at our overnight locations in North Oxford, MA, and Charlton, MA—either a 1- or 2-week session—**after a \$50 registration fee**.



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## **SUMMER CALENDAR 2025**

#### CLARA BARTON CAMP girls ages 6-16

Two-Week Sessions (Sunday-Saturday)

Session 1 June 29 - July 12

Session 2 July 13 - July 26

Session 3 July 27 - August 9

One-Week Sessions (Sunday-Saturday)

Session 1a June 29 - July 5

Session 1b July 6 - July 12

Session 2a July 13 - July 19

Session 2b July 20 - July 26

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### DAY CAMPS Coed, ages 5-15

Danvers Day Camp: Danvers, MA June 30 - July 3

Worcester Day Camp: North Oxford, MA July 14 - July 18

The Rainbow Club: Greenwich, CT

July 21 - July 25

Long Island: Old Westbury, NY

July 28 - August 1

Vermont Overnight Camp: South Hero, VT Coed, ages 6-16 July 6 - July 11









## SPECIAL EVENTS

#### **BARTON OPEN HOUSE** May 17th -- 1PM to 4PM

Thinking about sending your child to summer camp but want to experience it firsthand before deciding? Now's your chance! Visit Clara Barton Camp in North Oxford, MA, or Camp Joslin in Charlton, MA—or tour both! Explore the camps, tour the facilities, and get a true feel for camp life. Come see what makes our summer programs so special!

#### 29TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMEN Hosted by the Oxford Lions - June 13

Join us for a fantastic day on the greens at our annual Golf Tournament, benefiting the Barton Center for Diabetes Education! Your participation helps provide life-changing camp experiences for children with Type 1 diabetes. Swing into action for a great cause!

# HOT HEADS ANNUAL CAR SHOW

Join us for the Hot Heads Annual Car Show, benefiting the Barton Center for Diabetes Education! Enjoy a stunning display of classic and custom cars while supporting life-changing summer camp experiences for children with type 1 diabetes.

#### **ANNUAL AUCTION FUNDRAISER** November 15

Join us for our Annual Auction Fundraiser-a night of excitement, generosity, and community! Enjoy an evening of bidding on incredible items, dining, and celebrating the life-changing impact of camp for children with type 1 diabetes. Every dollar raised helps provide campers with the support, connection, and experiences they need to thrive.



# CLARA BARTON **BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM**

The museum is open from the last weekend in May through the last weekend in August, Friday through Sunday, from 10 AM to 4 PM. In September, it is open on Saturdays only from 10 AM to 4 PM. From October through May, visits are available on a limited basis by appointment only.

Visit our website: www.clarabartonbirthplace.org