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Cohousing Community,  
Cobb Hill!

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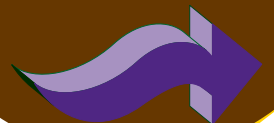
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# Home Sweet Green Home

by Gretta Stack



My name is Gretta Stack and I'm twelve years old. I live in Hartland, Vermont, in a cohousing community called Cobb Hill. We have a farm and I like to take care of the cows and calves. I also like running track and playing soccer. I am a 6th grader in public school. Before this year, I have always been homeschooled, and so were two of my friends here. Our schooling was usually finished by around lunchtime, so we could play in the early afternoon. I also play the flute.

## Living and playing together

A cohousing community is a place where a group of people live together on one shared piece of land. The houses are often clustered together. At Cobb Hill,

we have about 23 units including two small apartments. We have about 40 adults and 20 children ranging in age from five months to 72 years old.

We share many community activities. Once a month, there

is workday where everyone gets together to do all the necessary "little jobs." Twice a week we have common meals where two or more people volunteer to cook and other people can come to eat. Living here is like living in a huge family.

Cobb Hill is unique because everyone has a strong concern about the environment and planet. Our homes are very energy efficient. Houses are heated by the garn, an outside wood-fired furnace. Everyone takes turns adding wood to the garn. People have to add wood every hour from 5:00 AM to midnight. All houses have composting toilets, solar-powered hot water heaters, triple-paned windows (many windows face south to capture more heat), and low-toxic paint on the walls. *Natural Home* magazine recently rated Cobb Hill one of the top ten “greenest” communities in the U.S!

## Growing and working

Cobb Hill has a working farm that includes a CSA. CSA stands for community supported agriculture. People pay \$16 a week to get a basket of organic vegetables. Sometimes I even get to help harvest the vegetables for the baskets. Our CSA provides baskets for about 70 local families.

We have lots of animals on the farm. There are about 15 sheep and one llama that guards the sheep like a guard dog. There are four fjord horses, two of which plow the fields. The farm has 30

or more dairy jersey cows. Each year the farmers pick a different theme for naming the baby calves. This year the theme is old movie star names and last year’s theme was Harry Potter names like Hermione and Harry. Sometimes I get to see the animals being born!

Cobb Hill has many small businesses that community members privately run. Here are some things our businesses make to sell: cheese, maple syrup, dairy cows for milk and meat, sheep for wool and meat, chickens for eggs and meat, lumber and firewood, pigs for meat, CSA vegetables and flowers, and bees for honey.

People can come and buy all of these products at our farm stand, which is opened two days per week from June through October.



## Kid fun at Cobb Hill

Kids living at Cobb Hill have all kinds of fun. My friends and I get to help take care of the animals and sometimes do circus tricks with our chickens! We get to walk the calves and this summer we will take them to the fair.

We also love to go down to the common house and “rip stick.” A rip stick is kind of like a skateboard, but to make it go you have to twist it. It’s fun to live at Cobb Hill because there are always games to join like soccer, capture the flag, tag, or kick ball.

My friends and I love making forts in the woods. We made a fort with our chickens, so we call it Chicken World. Everyone at Chicken World has their own room with a fireplace



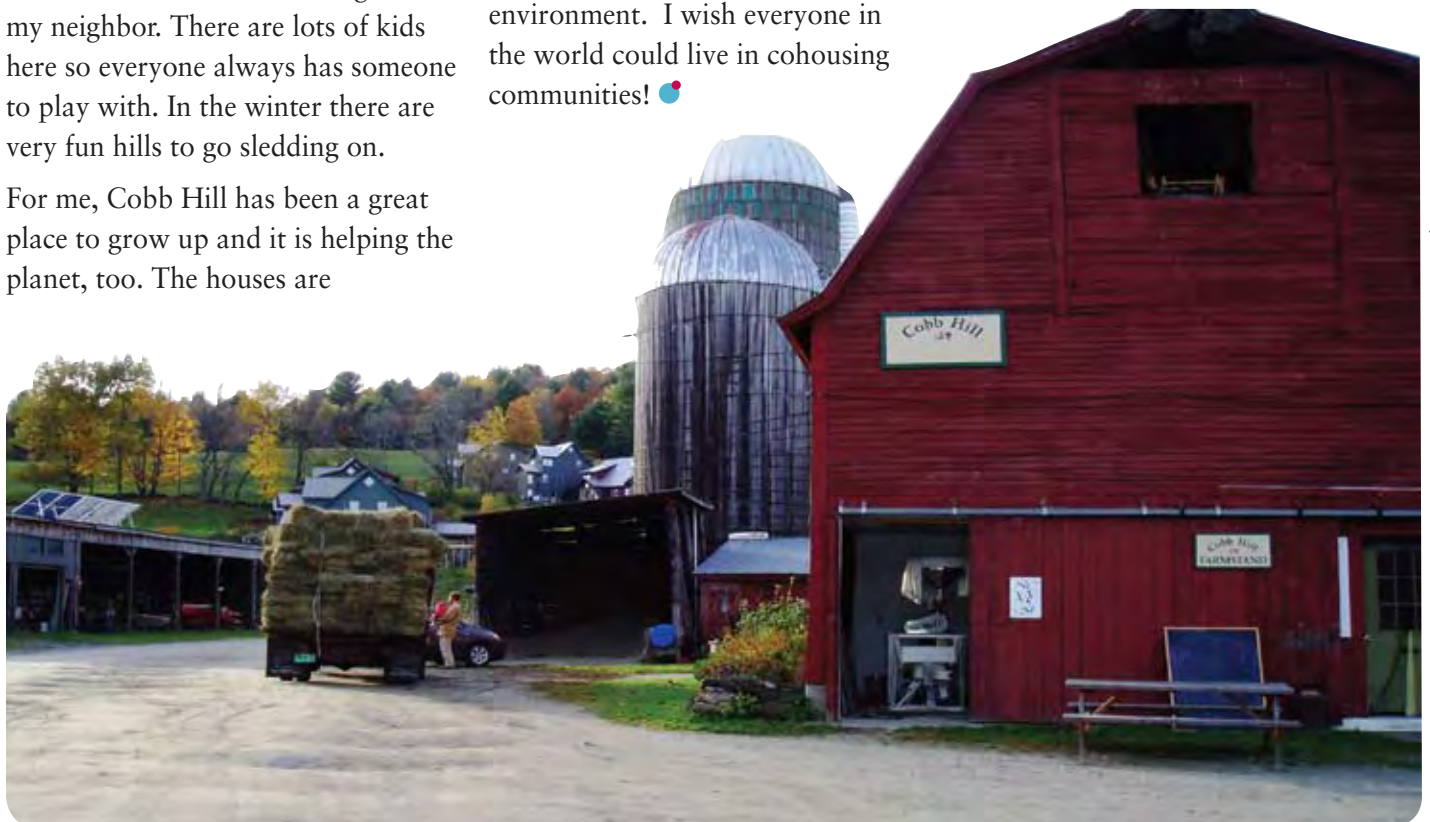


and a border of rocks. We like to carve play swords and bows. I get invited to a lot of birthday parties since there are so many kids. Kids get to spend a lot of time with the adults here, too. I've been invited to ballets with adults and I just got invited to an overnight dance camp! I've also learned Thai cooking from my neighbor. There are lots of kids here so everyone always has someone to play with. In the winter there are very fun hills to go sledding on.

For me, Cobb Hill has been a great place to grow up and it is helping the planet, too. The houses are

“green,” the kids have so much fun, everyone gets to be with the animals a lot, and it's like a big family. Currently there are more than 80 cohousing communities in the U.S. and many more being developed. Our community is different from many others because of the working farm and our commitment to the environment. I wish everyone in the world could live in cohousing communities! 🌱

**Gretta** is 12 years old and she enjoys reading, writing, and hanging out with her friends. She loves being outdoors and playing with animals. When she grows up, she wants to be an actress and/or a vet.



# Letter from 11-year-old Basia.

Dear Reader,

Thank you for visiting New Moon. I just wanna say right away that this is not just an awesome, safe community for girls, but it changed who I am today. If you are not a member, please become one. It will open your eyes to so much more, and it will really show you what you're worth, which is more than I can even express.

New Moon Girls is not just a website, it's a haven. And its magazine is not just 32 pages of wonderful articles, but 32 pages of confidence. 32 pages of support. 32 pages of comforting words for you. If I really explained to you how much I love New Moon girls, word for word, you would be here all night. Its hard to cut such a long story short. I just want to say that New Moon Girls, which is what saved me from a long period of sadness, is going to be something great to you.. You will love it. I give you my word.

New Moon Girls not only provides fun spots like Shout Out, where you can express your opinion without making enemies but it offers support. On Ask A Girl, you can ask any advice question, and keep your privacy. Any name you put on Ask A Girl will be unclickable. On Dear Luna, you can talk to the spirit of New Moon, the person who will always listen to you.

And if that's not enough, you can create anything, from stories to poems to pictures to videos. And believe me, there is much, much more.

When I'm in New Moon Girls, I feel like I am flooded with friendship. And I want you to feel that way, too. Believe me, getting yourself a membership will be a gift to yourself. You can help us save New Moon Girls, and you can treat yourself to a community full of kindred hearts. Here, your voice is heard, your opinion taken seriously, and your work considered for a magazine- created and edited by girls!! New Moon is helping me live my dream!

It is so special that I get to share it with thousands of wonderful girls. Join Today!! Help us save New Moon, and treat yourself to the haven of support that I know you deserve!! We celebrate where true beauty comes from - inside!! Thank you so much for listening!! I mean every word I said!!

On Behalf Of Our Great Community,

**Basia, 11, New Jersey, New Moon Girl For Years,  
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