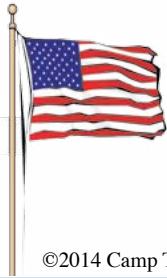


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"Mind-Body-Towanda"

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THIS IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN!

So much is about to happen! Get psyched, get ready, get packed; because the very special summer of 2014 is not very far away!

The busses roll onto the shores of Camp Towanda, your counselors await, holding signs, jumping up and down excited to welcome you to your bunk and group; the camp big sisters and big brothers tour their "littles"; "the fun visit to the infirmary lawn", general swim, line-up, flagpole, spaghetti dinner, oreo brownies, free play and the chickens (producing real eggs these days), the staff welcome show, milk & cookies, taps and wow, that will be quite the day!

Before you know it, the birds are chirping, the sweet smell of pine and birch tree, reveille, breakfast with The Beates and the first full day begins.... The dress for the day, Sports Quiz or a song to dance to on the way to either the boys or girls HC Shack, raising the flag and then....

Activities, option periods, play rehearsal, canoe trips, the new treehouse, the foam pit, tombstone campfire, GHOST and certainly a smore by the new "Old Ghost Point" lakeside.

Teams, practices, games; challenges of chess, zip-line, T-slide or maybe even the bumper cars! Jokes, stories, special traditions and the camaraderie of new friends, old friends and special relationships forming!

Classic rock over the P.A. system; the donkey and the horse, the dinner bell, the walk to the lake, a golf cart limo ride (don't ask), Jonesy's cookies, BBQ at the lake, Grateful Dead on Sunday nights, Services and TGIFNF (Thank Goodness Its Friday Nite Flix)!!!

So much has been planned, so much is ready; even the Guinness Record breaking attempt this summer involves custom made Camp Towanda Yo-Yos and our YO-Yo Master, Dan Green! ...Olympics? Well, err, just maybe, but probably not because of the 25th year celebration... which is Alumni BBQ Day (the day after Visiting Day, see related article in this Towanda Times)...

Amphitheater action starts with Upper Camp performing Queen's "We Will Rock You", Lower Camp entertaining us with "Mama Mia" and our "all camp" will be "Robin Hood: Men In Tights"!

In case you think there is nothing more to camp than daily activities and inter-camp games, don't forget about The Towanda Open, Unique Entertainment, The Dorms's HorseRacing, the 5-year club trip, scavenger hunt, camp-a-palooza, silly name day (that's right, I'm Tootsie Chicken Lips), Fireworks on the 5th, co-edging, and the camper talent show, Simon Sez with Steve Max ...and that my friends, is ONLY the first week of camp!

So much is about to happen; like the return of the great Kit-Kat Taste Test; this is the blindfold challenge that pits American Kit-Kats up against Canadian Kit-Kats and the rest of the world (We ask our international friends to bring Kit-Kats from their world to ours);

See you soon
in June!

Mitch



NEXT
ISSUE:
THE BUS!

What We Hear From The Mansion Porch!!!

It was a very special wedding day in April as “Honey” Hani Cohen (Dorm 2001) got married in Philadelphia (see pix)...Robert Reichenburg wins this years’ March Madness Bracket Challenge, he receives a an official CT basketball signed by all the senior staff and his name on the plaque in the Canteen...and congrats to Nurse Tina Hechler and Former Waterfront Kyle Maynes who won our very



impromptu Final 4 Ticket Giveaway by suggesting “Camp Towanda; All for one and 1-4 All”; there were many other great suggestions, such as The Neisenbaums; “Lego Galore in 20-14” and “Don’t forget your sunscreen in 20-15”; Callie Krosin suggested: “Camp Towanda, There’s an APP for that!”; Shira Weiner Penziner: “Living the dream in 2015”; Max Borocuv says “More Canteen in 2015” and Reed Blee: “It will be an awesome scene in 2015”...all great!...Morissa Falk welcomes daughter Katie (Dorm 2029)...Mitch emceed once again the annual SCOPE benefit dinner at the Conrad Hotel in downtown NYC (see pix) with senior staff, parents, alumni and camper



volunteers (special thanks to Hannah Kriftcher, Gillian Bloom, Greg Schwartz, Samantha Ross, Sydney Levy, Ellie Spierer, Spencer Rosen, Marti Rosenberger and Cooper Seligson)...



Jane Adler Deutsch Dorm ’61 ran into Kyla Finkle Dorm 2018 at temple in Florida...Jeff Shapiro, Club 1966; Myra Shapiro, Dorm 1974; Phyllis Miller Dorm 1965 and Bob Miller, Club 1966 met up also in South Florida (see pix)...also on the beach in Florida, Sarah Klein, Hannah Frydman, Sami Green and Allie Green were lathering some sunscreen ...Charli Vogel met her counselor Ana Taboada in Madrid (see pix)...Penner spied Zac Shaytin in Hoboken day before Super Bowl. (See Towanda swag pix)...Grace Pelton and Dymond Salem danced in a halftime performance at a Harlem Globetrotters game. The dance was choreographed by gymnastic/dance coach Nikki Salem...Madison Holm ran in The Houston Children’s



Triathlon and came in 90th out of 2100; reports described her as Towanda strong because Camp Towanda encouraged her to try harder for higher athletic and academic goals....



Brian Josephson competed at the NY State Championships last month in Binghamton and is the new Level 7 HIGH BAR AND PARALLEL BAR CHAMPION!...Bob Miller, Amy Miller, Camp Mom Barb Shields and Program Director Howie Schragger got together for coffee on the beach....Terry Schragger in the meantime is preparing to teach her SAT/ACT



course this summer to interested LITs...Congratulations to Kristi Bryan our 2000th follower on FaceBook (2nd year GC)...Freda Stern (CC of The 1966 Samurai’s) saw Stephanie’s art hanging in NYC...Ross Devore is teaching 8th Grade Social Studies – US History Part I in Aventura, (North Miami), Florida; while his parents were logo-spotted by The Muffins’ parents because of their great big red and blue Towanda umbrella!!!...Drama Tony Prather graduates with his masters in educational leadership... The Camp Towanda contingent at the Pancreatic Cancer Walk in honor of Richie Salt were Amy Wexler, Phyllis Miller, Neil Ross, Netta Rosenblatt Avedon, Mitchel Ashley, Steve Avedon, Dorene Hyman Schott, Lois Salt Mesler, Cameron Parise (Future Dorm 2028!!), Zach Salt & Terry Groll (see Pix)...Illissa Ocko is married, got her PhD from Princeton and works as a climate scientist at the Environmental Defense Fund in NYC. . .Evan Ocko is at Northwestern University, he is a sophomore majoring in Economics and Taryn Ocko is working for Tru TV in NYC and has her Masters in Film from Newhouse at Syracuse!...Jane Grossman (Dorm 2001) ran into the Zgodny girls getting their camp clothes... and from the winter office, Z and Penner were in Harrisburg,PA meeting with State Representatives Peifer & Scavello looking out for camping’s best interests...besides all that, we are all getting psyched to be at camp to celebrate The Reiter’s 25th year and so much more; see you soon in June!!!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

In support of promoting Community Service; we Congratulate Callie and Seth Krosin, this year's winners of a \$250 Donation from Camp Towanda!

They organized and implemented a fitness class into their school's schedule. They have raised money for equipment and trainers. They are hoping to spread the program into other schools.

Follow them on Instagram and Twitter @Fitness_Fun2014. Congratulations!



MIND-BODY-SOUL

By Towanda Alumni, Alison Leipzig and Michele Goldblum

Soul Camp is a 3-day, 3-night mind-body retreat with the nation's top fitness instructors, yoga teachers, meditation guides, wellness experts and inspirational speakers. It's time to break away from your busy day-to-day life. Reconnect. Play. Be Inspired.

Sleep-away camp doesn't just have to be for kids. It's finally time for you to take the break you've been truly needing.

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VisionWalk

NEW LOCATION!

Community Service Reunion

Campers, Parents, Staff, Alumni & Friends...
Everyone welcome to attend and support!

Saturday, May 3, 2014 9:00am - 12:00pm

Citi Field

123-01 Roosevelt Avenue
New York, NY 11368 (Queens)

Directions: Mets-Willets Point stop on 7 Train and LIRR (Port Washington Line)

RSVP: jared@camptowanda.com

Join the Facebook event on the **Official Camp Towanda Fan page!**
and register on the Vision Walk website <http://bit.do/VwalkCampTowanda>



THE STAFF 2014

OUR STAFF, YOUR STAFF, THE STAFF!!

As Stephanie and I enter our 25th year at Camp Towanda, we are very happy and proud to let you know that we still love it, are not going anywhere and continue to appreciate and value the profound positive impact Camp Towanda provides for so many.

Camp Towanda continues to be strong, vibrant and the premier leader in the camp industry, we have established a strong team that helps organize, prepare, improve and fortify our program. From year round to our seasonal counselors, leadership teams and support staff.

*Its time to introduce our 2014 Camp Towanda Staff. To start, I am proud to introduce **The WOC** (AKA The Winter Office Crew)....*

ME, MITCH; As you may know, in addition to preparing, organizing and directing camp, I (Mitch) have been involved in several philanthropic organizations that I like to share with our camp family. I am Board Emeritus on LOVE (Leave Out Violence), which provides opportunity for youth that come from challenging homes (leaveoutviolence.org); I am a National Trustee for The Foundation Fighting Blindness (blindness.org) which is an organization that funds the research for several eye diseases (see our VisionWalk article); Project Morry and Morry's Camp (projectmorry.org) is a camp that provides summer camp for kids who can't afford it and I have just become the President of SCOPE (Summer Camp Opportunities Promote Education; www.scopeusa.org) and I will be sure to tell you more about it after the summer!

Stephanie, not only co-directs and remains the calm in any storm, nurturing and empowering our campers and staff; she speaks about the opportunities and benefits that sleep away camp provides; also in the off-season, now that her boys are all grown up, Stephanie pursues a very active fine art career as an established artist, her work is shown in galleries in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts; she is a member of Women In The Arts, Wayne County Art Alliance and the Salmagundi Club.

In addition to being our oldest son and now working full time for Camp Towanda, **Jared** has achieved the Workplace Safety Certificate, issued by the Pennsylvania, Department of Labor & Industry, he has also completed The ServeSafe food handling courses and is in the process of achieving his Master's Degree in Camp Administration and Leadership, involved with ACA's Emerging Professionals In Camping Committee (EPIC) AND also just became Camp Towanda's Certified Camp Safety Director...Of course, in his spare time, he oversees the Towanda Lego Room and Lounge and writes the very entertaining Cheese, Milk & Pickle comic strip (www.cheesemilkandpickle.com).

Mark "Z" Zides, our Operations Director for 18 years runs the lobbying efforts on behalf of the Wayne County Camp Association, is on the board of the American Camp Association, heading up the Ethics Committee and is respected throughout the camp industry as the guru of everything one needs and/or wants about camp; our slogan at Towanda is, we have no problems, we have "Z"!

Melanie Buck, our Administrative Director, now in her 4th year at Towanda, comes from a camping family, as her parents own Meadowbrook Day Camp in New Jersey. Mel is the one you usually speak to when you call the office; she knows all or will put you in the right direction.

Jonathan Penner, our Accounts Manager, likes your money! He has the task of collecting it and spending it! Penner started off as a Group Leader and now does a little bit of everything; not afraid to jump on the mower, unclog a drain or review statements!

Mike The Plumber, our Head Caretaker, takes tremendous pride in the look and physical operation of camp; living on camp year round, Towanda literally is Mike's home. He takes great pride in his tireless accomplishments so that the rest of us can enjoy camp.

Lauren Eckstein-Forman, our Social Media Director, grew up at camp and now not only gets our digital word out, but has the perspective of being a former Towanda camper, counselor, alumni and now parent. You can't get much better experience than that!

Erica Media Gulliver, now in her 8th year as our Media Director, oversees a lot of what you see. From Friday Nite Flix, flyers, brochures and graphics to displays, photographs and videos. Erica is also not afraid to paint a bunk, rake a garden or change the oil for the lawnmower!

We are happy to welcome **Matt Miller**, from the famous 4th generation Miller clan, to our full time winter office crew. Matt started this month working full time; learning and assisting with Z, utilizing his 27 years growing up at Camp Towanda to help improve our operation in all different facets.

And **Brandon Reiter**, entering his 20th summer at camp (at age 19); literally born and raised at camp; participates in conferences, meetings and staff recruiting efforts and part of our GLAGL (Group Leaders and Assistant Group Leaders) while obtaining his business degree at Syracuse University.

Of course, our LEAD TEAM, made up of not only our above mentioned WOC, but also comprised of our Head Counselors, Camp Moms and seasoned Group Leaders and Department Heads, who contribute and prepare year round, as well.

The rest of our staff arrives soon and we are very excited!



WE WELCOME BACK OUR RETURNING STAFF:



2nd YEAR NOTEBOOK: Andrew Baker, Andy Barnett, Kerry Beavers, Ildiko Boros, Cayla Bowling, Kristi Bryan, Jason Charney, Shari Crone, Hope Cuddeback, Marcell Demeter, Darryl Diaz-Camilo, Ashley Dubois, Elie Emile, Graham Giamarino, Dani Gil Serrano, Josh Ginther, Dan Green, Kourtne Hicks, Martin Hill, Martina Janosikova, Cameron Leahy, Adel Lovas, Mara Maklan, Betty Martus, Rachel McCalain, Lili Miller, Carson Moore, Chad Ostermann, Haley Pilcher, Jan Pokorny, Agu Rigotti, Chalsie Rivet, Melissa Romero, Kait Ross-Jackson, Garrett Salem, Nikki Salem, Tyson Schroeder, Alaya Scott, Tash Smith, Alaine Sparks, Megan Stafford, Judit Takacs, Akos Ujfalusi, Blair Wilson, Paula Woodruff, Fran Wyatt, Lucie Zeinerova

3rd YEAR MUG: Linda Anderson, Vendy Cernovicka, Ash Corah, Jen Damasco, Jacob Hacker, Kinga Houszka, Marquis Ingram, Adela Kuhajdova, Danni Marrugo, Dan Moran, Howie Schragger, Terry Schragger, Barb Shields, Javier Zarate

4th YEAR ROLLER BAG: Melanie Buck, Stephen Elwell, Memo Esteva, Berto Frutos, Michal Hanus, Tamas Horvath, LeeGielen, Kyle Maynes, Lauren Ostrow, Jonathan Penner

5 YEAR CLUB: Tex Mitchiner, Mike The Plumber, Maureen O'Neill, Tomas Rais, Alex Rodriguez and Sean Smith,

6 YEAR CLOCK: Tyler Dean, Lynn Dula, Jay Fray, Randy Silverberg

7 YEAR ROOT BEER STEIN: Ben "Boppy" Berke, Nurse Tina Hechler, Daron Jones, Jeremy Steinman

8 YEARS: Greg Brown, Jenna Dean, Britt Gault, Zac Gelfand, Max Gold, Camp Mom Laura Goldwasser, Eric Lugassy, Erica Media, Jordana Peskin, Sam Slater, Adam Spivack, Angel Vilchez

9 YEAR FLASHLIGHT: Lucy Aaron, Rebecca Berkman, Lauren Davis, Brooke Hornstein, Shirley Kille, Jake Levy, Josh Miller, Dylan Moskowitz, Fallon Roher, Nicole Salm, and Jonny Poi Wiener

10 YEAR CLUB: Adam Belizzone, Carl Gold, Nicki Gold, Ari Goret, Bubbles Heller, Sam Kaplan, Darren Schweibel, and Griffin Weber

11 YEAR WHITE ROCK: Hallie Abish, Chandler Bolog, Lauren Eckstein-Forman, Josh Fleishman, Margo Fleishman, Amanda Gershowitz, Melissa Ilgner, Alex Kornfeld, Caroline Lerche, Jessica Luftig, Zach Realberg, Hayley Trichon, Jillian Weintraub, Jenny Winkler; **12 YEAR BEACH TOWEL:** Eliza Davis, Karen Gormley, Rachel Holtz, Marbles Manela, Aly Wolpov; **13 "MAZEL TOV" YEARS:** Brett Spivack, Brian Klasner, Carly Solomon; **14 "ODD PHOTO ALBUM":** Mollie LI'l Spiesman; **15 YEAR JACKET:** Robert Edwards, Alex Neff, Lisa Pelton; **17 YEARS:** Chef Jonesy; **18 YEARS:** THE Z MAN; **20 YEARS:** Amy Miller, Brandon Reiter; **22 YEARS:** Michael Pelton, Matt Miller; **25 YEARS:** Mitch, Stephanie & Jared Reiter; **32 YEARS:** Michael "Spiz" Spiesman; **44 YEARS:** Bob Miller

All of the above once started, brand new; but it never takes long to be part of the Camp Towanda family, in fact, you are only new until the next guy shows up (and that does not take very long)!



WE WELCOME OUR FIRST YEAR STAFF:



ALABAMA: Kendal Jaffe **CALIFORNIA:** Catalina Friz **CONNECTICUT:** Ainsley Rossitto **FLORIDA:** Hannah Anderson, Carlos Ceballos, Bruno Da Silva, Kikay Esteva, Erica Garcia, Caroline Greene, Barrie Huberman, Skyler Kern, Daniel Mosquera, Brianna Needham, Luis Rico, Tomas Rigotti, John Vergel **GEORGIA:** Courtney Froats, AJ Joseph, Tyler Joseph, Sarah McCarthy **ILLINOIS:** Maggie Benson, Kaylind Cook, David Cuautle, Nicole Hughes, Anthony Langas, Cassie Langas **INDIANA:** Kaleigh Garnder, Caleb Livesay **KANSAS:** Mikeala Klos, Jake Riemann, Amberly Vazquez **MAINE:** Shay Hopkins-Paine **MICHIGAN:** Christian Lopez **MISSOURI:** Tom Boehms, Jordan Heath, DJ Rutherford **NORTH CAROLINA:** Colleen Meyer **NEW JERSEY:** Katie Toma, Daniel Turner **NEW YORK:** Katie Evangelista, Tyler Halpin, Karen Schutzer, Caralyn Storch **OHIO:** Cecelia Capuano, Kevin Norris **OREGON:** Jaren George **PENNSYLVANIA:** Kate Alexander, Amanda Banks, Deb Daniels, Danny Edwards, Jeff Evans, Jeremy Everett, Jason Morse, Erika Proctor, Tyler Sablyak **SOUTH CAROLINA:** Drew Davis **SOUTH DAKOTA:** Katherine Lazenby **TENNESSE:** Diamond Holbert **TEXAS:** David Richey **VIRGINIA:** Cazzie MacDonnell

AUSTRALIA: Camilla O'Shea, Kelsey Clarke, Ashleigh Colella, Sarah Furnari, Chris Ryan, Dean Marum, Clair McDonald, Gemma Wright **CANADA:** Renee Rogers, Nathen Swain **CZECH REPUBLIC:** Iva Dvorackova, Michal Moravec, Aneta Jerabkova, Marketa Mazacova, Misha Mouckova, Ondrej Strynci, Lukas Taragel, Veronika Valachova **GREECE:** Charlene Nikolaidis, Lee Nikolaidis, Zach Parimeros **HUNGARY:** Viktor Banko, Szilard Fridrik, Tamas Gellerfi, Gabor Hencz, Eniko Hodi, Mate Husz, Kristof Nagy, Tamas Pongracz, Balint Sandor, Dorottya Spiegel, Tamas Bundy **NEW ZEALAND:** Nicholas Ludbrook, Cameron McFadyen, Nathan Springer **POLAND:** Anna Cieslewitz, Paulina Gierszewics, Maciej Urban, Tomasz Zietek, Aleksandra Wysocka, Marcin Koszalinski, Radoslaw Pajak, Hussein Chaaban, Anna Szumkowska, Agata Wasilewska **SLOVAKIA:** Karolina Frieszova, Nina Kellerova, Zuzana Matiskova **SPAIN:** Alberto Segarra Bueno, Sara Baquero, Pau Cuquerella, Carlos Escoto Picazo, Julia Sanchez **UNITED KINGDOM:** Mariane Barlaan, Gina Deering, Natalie Hatton, Zak Noorali, David Watson, Patrick Stapleton, Jade Robinson, James Duckworth, Jack Rennie, Kyeran Ramanthan, Rebecca Dawson, Lauren Dellar, Jack Meadows, Janice Hill, Courtney Wilkinson, Emma Gude, Loucas Charalambous, Lizzy Partington, Jake Atkinson, Adam Walker, Nathan Barr, Kerrie Nacey, Oliver James, Johanna Charpentier, Martin Ferrier, Jacke Kelly, Emma Walsh, Emily Kinchington and Anghrad Roberts.

WE CAN'T WAIT TILL EVERYONE SHOWS UP!

TIME AND TIME AGAIN

Matt Miller is a 4th generation Towanda-er; he has now joined the year round staff as Assistant Operations Director, and begins his 22 year at Camp Towanda. He presented this sermon last summer.

The last time I stood up here to give a Sermon in front of camp I was a 15 year old Club boy in 2002. I stood up here and I talked about a lot of things. I talked about my family, how the tradition of camp had been such a big part of my life and the lives of so many people that I knew, and more than anything else though, I talked about my counselors, and the people who had been there for me from the time that I was a triple Jet, to the time that I was a club boy. In the 11 years since I gave that sermon a lot has changed. What hasn't changed in that time is that I am still able to spend my summers here with all of you.

Earlier this summer I was asked why I was at camp, what brought me back ?

At the time I wasn't able to put into words what brought me back. In the end though, it's all about those moments, both the big and the small that make up a summer. As a counselor these moments have come to define my summers here.

It was that moment in 2007 on the last day of camp when I realized that I had accomplished my goal for the summer. I was a first time group leader, with a brand new group, and all I wanted was to give those Club boys the summer that they had been looking forward to for so long. As we sat in the bunk running reflections, an exercise that I had started with them the first night of the summer with Michael Peltons help, I listened to Joey Herman speak and I realized that our goal of a nightly meeting that would help bring the Club together had worked. The Harlem Clubtrotters were a strong, unified Club that got it. At a time when no one in camp saw them, they were at their strongest. It is because of a moment like this that I am here this summer.

It's that moment in 2011 on what could have been a really sad night that I was bursting with pride for my campers. It was Day 4 of Olympics, it was wet, and despite the rain, it was also the night of Rope Burning. The team that I was coaching lost. No matter what we did it just wasn't our night. I will never forget that night though. Not because we lost, but because of what happened afterward and how my campers handled losing. After it was all said and done, the 4 builders, Adam Belizzzone, Darren Schweibel, Zac Gelfand, and Will Bernstein, stood up to address their team. I was afraid that they were still too upset to talk, that they were still too upset with the conditions, too emotional. What happened next was something I was not expecting. Schweeb's stood up in front of his whole team and thanked them for helping them get the 2nd fastest time ever...in the rain...on the 4th day of Olympics. That moment will always stick with me. Their pride in what they had done, their understanding of the moment, in how they were conducting themselves, they showed me and the whole camp what it meant to be a Clubfather. In what could have been a sad moment, they stood up and took pride in being a firebuilder and having burned down their ropes. It didn't matter that they had lost, the pride they had in what they had done was enough. It is because of a moment like this that I am here this summer.

It's that moment when a specialist comes up to you after an activity and tells you how much they enjoyed having the Nationals. It's that moment at Volleyball when the Nationals started 1-2-3ing every point, without my prompting. It's that moment when River Paul comes up to you, and says "these kids get it don't they?", as he did just this past week, and you can't help smiling because you know he's right. It's that first ghost game of the summer. It's that moment when someone who doesn't play soccer at home, scores two goals in a row at soccer and has a grin on his face stretching from archery to the wall. It's that moment when a camper who doesn't want to do something, tries it anyway, and ends up loving the experience. More than anything else though, for me, it's that moment when your campers start working things out for themselves. When they start running reflections without your help, and looking out for each other because they want to, not because you or another counselor asks them to. For younger campers you may not understand it all now, but if you give camp a chance, these are the moments that you will remember forever.

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So as I stand up here, in front of you all.....I want to thank the people that have allowed for these moments to take place. To my friends who were here when I started, and those who I have met along the way, thank you for putting up with me. To the Clubs of 2007, 2008, 2011, and 2015 thank you for bearing with me, frustrating me, surprising me and most importantly loving this place as much as I do. Thank you to Mitch, Stephanie, Jared and Brandon, for the pride that you all take in this place, and for sharing your home with me for 7 weeks every summer. Thank you to Michael and Lisa, for your support and understanding. To Bob and Phyllis, who I will probably get yelled at for acknowledging as my parents, and at times hesitate to acknowledge me as their son, thank you from the bottom of my heart. Without the sacrifices that you have both made for me I would never have been able to come here as a child and have learned to appreciate what this place can do for a person.

I will now leave all of you the same way that I left camp in 2002. With a plea to enjoy the little things, those individual moments that make up a summer, because when it is all said and done those are the moments that will stick with you forever.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

We are happy to welcome BOB DITTER to our consulting team.

Although we have known Bob for many years and his videos and staff guides have always been part of our orientation process; we have finally snagged Bob to join our team!

Bob Ditter is a well-regarded child, adolescent, and family therapist from Boston, Massachusetts. He is a nationally recognized trainer and consultant for organizations that work with young people. He has been called “camping’s most articulate spokesman” because of his work with children’s summer camps since 1982 and now he is part of our team.

We are very excited that Bob Ditter will be able to help us raise our quality bar higher; communicate clearer with our staff, campers and parents and overall help make Camp Towanda a better place!

The Adventures of Cheese, Milk and Pickle



NEW FOR YOU IN 2014

Despite the challenging winter and muddy spring so far, you can expect to see and use:

- THE TREEHOUSE to be ready; a must see!
- Stephanie's popular Garden now has a new beautiful gate.
- Our chickens now produce eggs!
- You will see several new Towanda Logo Sculptures around camp (weathervane, giant mobile and others).
- The girls' camp Hovel has been totally remodeled and very inviting for a porch chat.
- The Gully Hockey Arena is now fully enclosed with mesh screening to keep out birds and rain!
- The Walk On Water lake mat has been replaced; now longer, wider and crazier!
- The ZIP LINE has been rebuilt; now tighter and faster.
- We have added a life-sized outdoor CONNECT 4 game to the Chess-Ping Pong area.
- We have added a 4th ski boat (Mastercraft) in addition to our 2 Ski Nortiques and Kawasaki jet boat.
- The Ghost court underwent a massive maintenance rehab (no more rocks or divots) and in turn helped create Old Ghost Point, our new s'more campfire peninsula at Sunset Lake.
- 5 additional bunks have had their bathrooms remodeled.
- You won't miss the dramatic new Victorian wrap-around porch on The Dorm (aka The Dorch).
- Archery has been relocated to the beautifully scenic wildflower lagoon hillside.



- The Media Department now has a 40-foot lift for exciting aerial shots for FNF!
- Lots of new sports and activity equipment, supplies, maintenance improvements (we bought a new backhoe, built several new mini-athletic sheds, reseeded most of camp, 24 new recycled Adirondack style grove chairs, a new floor for our main walk-in refrigerator and other cool stuff you will see when you get here!

**"WE WELCOME YOU TO CAMP TOWANDA,
WE ARE MIGHTY GLAD YOU'RE HERE..."**

Since our last issue, we want to welcome to camp our newest campers attending for their first time; we have included temporary silly nicknames; of which can be changed upon your arrival:



Judah "The Roz" Rosner, Ethan "TinMan" Tindel, Isabella "Nemer" Nemerofsky, Addison "Abey" Basinski, Jad "JM" Makuch, Derrick "DeeCee" Cifuentes, and we welcome from Spain: Guillermo "GM" Marin Murillo, Alicia "AP" & Inigo "Inny" Pasquin, Juan "JP" Perez Llorente, Carlos "SeeM", Juan "J-M-C" & Pablo "Pabs" Martin-Caro, Guillermo "Guy" Rodriguez, Ignacio "Roo" Ruesta, Marina "Mars" Sagredo Pedrazuela and Mauro "TM" Tomas Nieto!

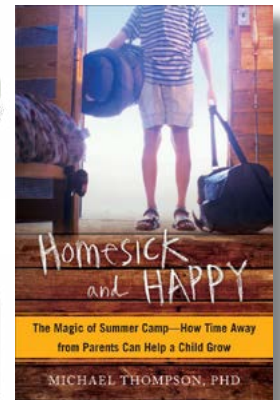


TOWANDA TIPS

1. Don't forget to download and print our super-cool new **Camp Towanda Check Box Stationery** before camp. Exclusively in your CampMinder docs. Easy, eco-friendly and fun!
2. Did you know you can save all the **Towanda Times** directly to your iBook or Kindle library on your phone?
3. 5 Things You Can Do To Get **#AMPED4CAMP**:
 1. Take the **Virtual Walking Tour** of Camp Towanda online (it's the next best thing to actually being there)
 2. Watch an episode of **Friday Nite Flix**
 3. Listen to the **2013 Friday Nite Flix Mix** on Spotify
 4. Watch the **2013 Airband Winners "Te Amo Elmo"**
 5. Make a **Camp Towanda Culinary Kitchen Recipe** (and instagram a pic of your creation **#towandakitchen**)
4. Download the **Camp Towanda iCal Calendar** subscription off of the APP. An informative and entertaining set of reminders and activities!
5. **WWW.CAMPCLOTHESLINE.COM** is packed with some great "slightly used" Towanda uniform items at reduced prices. A great way to obtain or pass on your "logo-wear"!
6. We now have Cliff's Notes by Stephanie Reiter for **Homesick & Happy** available in CampMinder and a blog with 10 things you and your child can do to prepare for Homesickness (and Childsickness). Check out this blog and other related articles in our Parenting Center: <http://camptowanda.com/blog/category/parenting-center/>.



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LABOR DAY WEEKEND
CAMP FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Back By Popular Demand!

Parents, campers, alumni and your family and friends. Rent a bunk; enjoy activities, events, relaxation, food and entertainment; all provided.

This is a great way to end the summer!

REGISTER TODAY:

Click [HERE](#) to register!

or email jared@camptowanda.com

August 30 -

September 1, 2014





ANNUAL ALUMNI BBQ

SUNDAY July 27, 2014

(The day after Visiting Day)
11:00am - 3:00pm

Celebrate Mitch & Stephanie's 25th year as Owners & Directors



Visit the Alumni Section
of the website for more info!

→ We will be opening time capsules from Dorm & Club through 2004 ←
RSVP: jared@camptowanda.com by July 1st

All alumni visiting is restricted to those age 21 or older (unless you have already been a counselor).
Those who are able to contribute to Olympics with Judgie and referee credentials are
invited to inquire about availability.

CT GIFT SHOP

In addition to cool Towanda souvenirs, by popular demand we will have a
Visiting Day and Alumni Day Gift Shop in The Alley!

The CT Gift Shop will feature special and unique Towanda logo merchandise from golf balls,
sweatshirts, special t-shirts to garden mobiles and ornaments. Free hot dog with any purchase!



#ThrowBackThursday

Caren Goldstein Gaitman sent in some fantastic photos of her group in 1953 and 1958! She is very excited to see other 1950s and 60s Towanda Alumni at this year's BBQ! Caren's daughter, Sari (Dorm 90) also attended camp, and now her grandchildren Madison and Lily are campers making three generations!



PARENT CHECKLIST

- Online Medical form & emergency contact information accurate and updated.
- Contacted CampMeds if **MEDS AT CAMP** are necessary.
- Vacation itineraries sent to Mitch's email.
- You will receive Baggage Shipping "Tags" by June 10.
- Name Tags on everything!
- Order uniform from CLOZ.com and visit www.campclothesline.com.
- If you order NAME BUBBLES, the code is: CT2014
- Practice saying good-bye.
- Read in May: Parent Guide & Final Instructions.
- May 3 VisionWalk at CitiField in NY (see PAGE 3 for more info!)
- Seniors & LITs need their Passports
- Send in your "Camp Bank" checks
- Book your "phone call"
- Pack an old t-shirt for art project
- Get Psyched!



GO TO
CAMPMINDER
NOW!



For names that stick™
Check out these cool name labels;
go to namebubbles.com
and entercode "CT2014"

STAFF CHECKLIST

- Travel Survey
- Online Medical Form and all health forms.
- Tax forms
- Email a picture of yourself to our office.
- Name Tags on everything!
- Contacted **CAMPMEDS** if MEDS AT CAMP are necessary.
- Read in May: The Staff Guide
- May 6 Staff Chat Room
- Contact Camp Office a week in advance of your arrival.
- Get Psyched!



YOU SAY ITS YOUR BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday reminder!!!

Birthday listings are now on our
FaceBook page & APP!



Honesdale, PA 18431
700 Niles Pond Rd
Summer Address

See you soon!



CLIP & SAVE

2014 CAMP DATES

NYC VisionWalk	May 3, 2014
Flying Campers Arrival	June 27, 2014
First Day of Camp	June 28, 2014
S'More Tours	July 12,19 & Aug 2, 2014
Visiting Day & Sibling Sleepover	July 26, 2014
25 YEAR Alumni Celebration BBQ	July 27, 2014
Last Day of Camp	August 15, 2014
Fall Foliage BBQ	September 20, 2014
NY/NJ Reunion	November 22, 2014
Florida Reunion	December 26, 2014
New Camper Group Scoop	January 11, 2015

