

THERE ARE NO STRANGERS HERE, JUST FRIENDS YOU HAVE NOT YET MET!

Jeffrey Lowell, returning for his 12th summer as a Leader- In-Training (LIT) spoke last summer before the entire camp and shares his thoughts as we are on the footsteps of another fantastic, exciting, impactful and just plain incredible summer.

Since I was three years old, Camp Towanda has been a large influence and part of my life. Throughout all of my years, I have seen almost everything. Many amazing counselors, surprising fakeouts and breakouts, and new activities and hobbies that are common among both counselors and campers.

However, Towanda would not be the same without traditions. The traditions of youngest to oldest lineup, in which I quickly advanced forward. The tradition of the Club leading the first Friday Night Service of the summer, and my brothers in the back row waiting for their turn to lead. Without the kids from my group who have become my brothers of the Club and sisters of the Dorm, I would not be who I am today.

My favorite thing about camp is how unique it is. In Ghost, Mitch's favorite to referee, how nobody gets out and everyone plays. The special days of the week when the Dorm and Club wear special clothing such as Maniac Monday, or Weird Hawaiian Shirt Wednesday. If you haven't heard this yet, cherish every moment you have in camp, because it flies by so fast. I can clearly remember my first days as a JET, when I looked up to the 2007 Club, The ClubTrotters, never thinking about how soon it would be until I was a Club boy myself. Each year has been full of fun activities, stories, and friends. Each year, special!

Camp Towanda to me means friendship, comfortably living, and creativeness. With all three of these assets, camp will become your home soon enough.

Friendship is the connection between yourself and others. Group members, counselors and even people from other groups. The Camp Towanda sense of family is strong, so if this is your first or 15th year, you are part of the family! It just feels great to be a part of it!

Comfortably living! The ability to adjust to the bunk and bed that is new to you easily, and making friends with the people sleeping to your left and right. Getting out of your comfort zone is easy here; everyone helps you. There are no strangers here, just friends you have not yet met!

And creativeness. The skill that is necessary to make every period of the day interesting and fun-filled. These three assets will help your summer become the best you will ever have. Over my previous 11 years here, I have achieved these characteristics, making every summer my new best.

Camp has become my life, and it will never be removed from my heart. I look forward to being your waiter this year and welcoming the new and youngest campers to the Camp Towanda Family!

WELCOME!



What We Hear From The Mansion Porch!!!

We'll graciously accept the accolades featured in two recent unrelated articles that rated Camp Towanda in the top 11 (8 in one, 11th in another) out of 2400 summer camps in the country!... Check out Carly & Evan Lapidus' mom's SCOPE supporting Mitzvah Market http://goo.gl/XYheb9 ...Michael Schwartwald is a doctor in California...Alec Ryman graduated





http://goo.gl/XYheb9 ...Michael Schwartwald is a doctor in California...Alec Ryman graduated from Michigan says sister Amanda "Pumpernickel"!...Marc Cormier is a proud new daddy of a Dorm Girl 2030 and lives in Lexington, Kentucky... Phyllis Hyman Miller (Dorm '65; Dorm Counselor '70) with Susan Reiss Sode (Dorm'70). Always a sisterhood! Jeff Shapiro & Bob Miller, with their Club 1966 counselor Lew Auerhan. Always a brotherhood! (See Pics)... Angel Vilchez, Esteban Hernandez, Sara Baquero met up in Dubai !!!...Congratulations to all of our volunteers and participants at the Foundation Fighting Blindness' VisionWalk in Central Park and at the SCOPE annual benefit dinner in NYC... Maria Coruzzi (91,92) from Venezuela stopped by camp last week! Stacy Margolies Weiss, counselor 1995 and parents of Ava and Jake

has some great camp party theme candy pieces at www.chocolateworks.com/millburn ...Brandon Cooper wrote a song for piano that was recognized and has made it to the New York State Finals. (we'll be sure to hear at one of our Talent Shows this summer)...In Texas, Madison Holm has been swimming in the ocean as part of her triathlon training....Congratulations to Erica Media Gulliver, our Media and Outpost Productions Director



on graduating from Ryerson University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts - Film Studies.... Camp Towanda was encouraged by many admirer to work the recent Christie's Auction; alas we were outbid for Don Mclean's original notebook with American Pie lyrics by over 1 million dollars http://goo.gl/cFPpOA ...Mitch, Stephanie and The WOC were at the (ACA) American Camp Association's conference in Atlanntic City and sat front row and center to listen to and meet keynote speaker Hillary Clinton https://youtu.be/Iu5LNB00tQ0...And by the way, Mitch has been re-elected to the ACA's Board of Directors.....Shelly Field recently got engaged and is a labor and delivery nurse... Liz Queler, her husband

and son are constantly on the road and in the studio....recording another album; they were just recently nominated for their second CD. Check out www.lizqueler.com and a video of one of her songs: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=335mOheFXKQ. Liz wanted us to also pass on that the first time she ever picked up a guitar was at Camp Towanda at age 10! - You just never know... Random nature term: dendrochonology, the science dealing with the study of the annual rings of trees in determining the dates and chronological order of past events...thought you might want to know that!...



We Are Family!

There is a lot of pride in tradition, legacy and sense of family at Camp Towanda; it doesn't matter if you are a 1st generation family or 4th, we love it and you are part of it. We look forward to the 2nd, 3rd and 4th generation photo-op "under the apple tree" on Visiting Day and if you haven't previously received your alumni parent shirt, please let jared@camptowanda.com know.

Here are the alumni with kids at camp this summer:

Andrew Berk, Karen Sher, Jason Barrocas, Andrew Bockstein, Erik Bolog, Richie Bolog, Julie Rosen (Boruchov), Neil Berger, Robin Hollenberg (Brown), Craig Cooper and Marnie Hutner (Cooper), Steven Finver, Joyce Leipsner (Davis), Amy Mensch (Dorf), Sari Gaitman (Dulman), Randy Eichner, Lauren Eckstein (Forman), Meredith Gerber (Frydman), Jake Gerson, Stacy Glass (Goldstone), Jayson Goldstone, Jennifer Diamond (Haber), Penny Hecht (Kramer), David Herman, Lauren Miller (Himelstein), Amy Miller (Horowitz), Alan Leipsner, Emily Koplik (Leon), Debbie Mensch (Marchlewski), Larry Schwartz, David Tush Seitzman, Shana Stahl (Naccarella), Juan Nutt, Zari Stahl, Lisa and Michael Pelton, Michael Richard, Stephen Rosen, Wendy Turrett-Ross and Neil Ross, Eric Roth, Monique Bendett (Schwartz), Beth Manspeizer (Schwartz), Amy Rosen (Shulman), Wendy

Levine (Slater) and NIck Slater, Jennifer Reid (Smullian), Michael Sudnow, Liza Prussin (Tish), Alfonso Valdes, Jorge Valdes, Evan Wasserman, Josh Weisler, Amy Schwartzwald (Weissman), Moira Greenberg (Zelin).



<u>ALUMNI REFLECTIONS</u>

Towanda Generation

When I first had my baby everyone was asking me what it's like to be a mother. I thought by now I would have the answer, but Scarlet just turned one and I still can't put the feeling into words. I've realized that being a parent is one of those things that can never be explained to someone that hasn't been fortunate enough to have the experience. This is exactly how I would describe my time at Camp Towanda. If you've never been, you just can't understand.

Growing up in New Jersey, going to college in Michigan, living in New York City, and then moving to South Florida I have been all over, and without fail am always asking or being asked if I ever went to sleep away camp. Meeting someone else that went to camp is often times the start of a great friendship. However, meeting someone that went to Camp Towanda, is a guaranteed friendship, and probably more. It has been over 15 years since my Dorm summer ended, but the feelings and memories still feel like yesterday. The very first chord of American Pie, is there anybody out there, or any Chicago song can send me back in time to one of the happiest times in my life. I still have my Olympics shirts, I still miss milk and cookies (but would of course rather be at under the lights), and I still remember almost all the words to almost all my girls sing songs. The list of memories could go on forever, and they will be remembered for longer. There is just something about camp that has stayed with me through all these years, and I look forward to the day when I can share this experience with my kids. *Rachel Berkman Bloom Dorm, 1999*

Towanda University

After transferring from the Towanda mecca of Indiana University to Binghamton University, the news spread amongst my friends and I was contacted by Charlie Wyetzner (Club 2009) and Matt Halperin (Club 2009), both at Bingo. They both were excited to have another Towanda-er at Binghamton and ensured that they wanted to make me feel at home anyway possible. Fast forward and the three of us are in the same fraternity, all closer than ever, and this upcoming fall Charlie and I will be serving as our chapter's President and Vice President respectively.

Looking back, it truly is amazing what Camp Towanda does. Not only did I develop key leadership skills that have helped me to this day, however, the friendships and bonds that I made with Charlie and Matt as well as many others during my camp years, still have stayed in tact to this day. Often times, the three of us find ourselves sitting down together and sharing memories from camp that we will never forget. We all hope to return one day!

David S. Ostern

Binghamton University, Class of 2017



SUNDAY July 26, 2015 (The day after Visiting Day)

11:00am - 3:00pm

→We will be opening time capsules from Dorm & Club 2005 and any earlier years not yet opened. ←

Visiting Alumni restricted to those age 21 or older.

Those who are able to contribute to Olympics with Judgie and referee credentials are invited to inquire about availability.



In honor of Wet Hot American Summer, here are some of the real campers from the summer of '81!!







Many of our campers, featuring LITs, CITs, DORM, CLUB, as well as staff, alumni, parents and friends of camp participated in the Foundation Fighting Blindness' annual VisionWalk in Central Park, NYC.

It was a great morning that provided the opportunity for us to get excited about camp and support a great cause!!

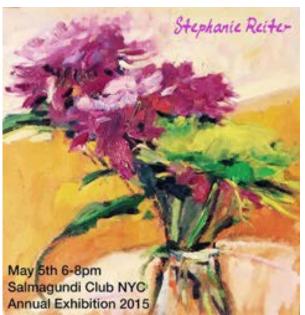


Fine Arts with Stephanie

While getting ready for camp, Stephanie dabbles in art...and is not too shabby! She just had a recent showing in NYC and has 2 exhibits on Martha's Vineyard during the summer at The Old Sculpin Gallery in Edgartown; although she won't be there, some of her art will! Of course, the campers get to

experience Stephanie's talent firsthand at camp! In addition to sculptures and projects; influence at the Arts & Crafts Shop (this year introducing fusion glass), Stephanie's Fine Art classes are a hit!





College Consulting

Camp Towanda is super excited to welcome back Alumni Mara Patti (Dorm '92) this summer to work with our older campers including the CITs and LITs in a College Prep Workshop. Mara can't wait to talk with our campers about their future in a fun, camp-friendly way with the help of our counselors who represent

dozens of the top schools in the United States! Mara is the owner of the premier college consulting company, <u>One2One College Consulting</u> in the TriState Area, providing customized college counseling for students and parents.



WE WELCOME BACK OUR RETURNING STAFF:



2nd YEAR NOTEBOOK: Viktor Banko, Sara Baquero-Sanchez, Tamas Bundy, Anna Cieslewicz, Kelsey Clarke, Ashleigh Colella, Conor Constable, Deborah Daniels, Gina Deering, Stacey DeFrank, James Duckworth, Iva Dvorackova, Jeremy Everett, Tamas Gellerfi, Caroline Greene, Gabor Hencz, Ramon Hidalgo Garcia, Janice Hill, Eniko Hodi, Barrie Huberman, Bartlomiej Jankowski, Aneta Jerabkova, Skyler Kern, O'Neil Lubin, Robyn McLoughlin Akos Menyhart, Daniel Mosquera, Michala Mouckova, Isaiah Nalls, Coach Lee & Charlene Nikolaidis, Zakir Noorali, Michael 'JR' Notarangelo, Radoslaw Pajak, Renee Rogers, Donald Rutherford, Tyler Sablyak, Karyn Schutzer, Claire Scutt, Dorottya Spiegel, Nathan Springer, Nathen Swain, Anna Szumkowska, Jeffrey Tomczyk, Veronika Valachova, Amberly Vazquez, Kaitlyn Walbridge, Adam Walker, David Watson, Aleksandra Wysocka, Tomasz Zietek

3rd YEAR MUG: Jason Charney, Shari Crone, Hope Cuddeback, Marcell Karoly Demeter, Elie Emile, Liam Healey, Martin Hill, Martina Janosikova, Antonin Kremlacek, Mara Maklan, Dr Mark Merlin, Hayley Pilcher, Agustin Rigotti, Kaitlyn Ross-Jackson, Tyson Schroeder, Judit Takacs, Nathaniel Whitmore, Francesca Wyatt, Lucie Zeinerova

4th YEAR ROLLER BAG: Linda Anderson, Vendula Cernovicka, Jennifer Damasco, Jacob Hacker, Esteban Hernandez Yanez, Daniel Moran, Howie & Terry Schrager

5 YEAR CLUB: Stephen Elwell, Lee Gielen, Karla Horst, Kyle Maynes, Timmy Notarangelo, Lauren Ostrow, Jonathan Penner, Jackie Swendsen

6 YEAR CLOCK: Dr Jarrod Frydman, Susan "Tex" Mitchiner, Michael MTP Notarangelo, Tomas Rais, Alejandra Rodriguez

7 YEAR ROOT BEER STEIN: Garrett Jochnau, Randy Silverberg, Bari Yorke

8 YEARS: Benjamin Berke, Tina Hechler, Daron Jones, Francine Klarsfeld, David Nichols, Brenda Schweighofer, Brittany Seitzman, Sydney Wolin, Jason Wolpov, Elysa Zebersky

9 YEAR FLASHLIGHT: Robbie April, Max Boruchov, Gregory Brown, Zach Chaikin, Jerry Friedman Laura Goldwasser, Erica Media Gulliver, Jonathan NY Heller, Jamie Hammer, Rachel Labarre, Greg Schwartz, Sam Slater, Reed Wallach

10 YEAR CLUB: Lucy Aaron, Jenna Dean, Lucas Feigenbaum, Alissa Gruber, Rachel Hoffman, Shirley Kille, Grace Lang, Carly Lapidus, Jake SR Levy, Henry Brother Bear Russnow, Jordyn Salm, Noah Seligson

11 YEAR WHITE ROCK: Adam Belizzone, Michelle Feigenbaum, Carl Gold, Nicki Gold, Ari Goret, Jonathan NJ Heller, Samuel Kaplan, Darren Schweibel, Chelsea Shemesh, Griffin Weber; 12 YEAR BEACH TOWEL: Chandler Bolog, Tyler Bolog, Lauren Eckstein Forman, Margo Fleishman, Jayde Grossman, Caroline Lerche, Jennifer Winkler; 13 "MAZEL TOV" YEARS: Eliza Davis, Ryan Goldberg; 14 "ODD PHOTO ALBUM": Brian Klasner, Randi Morgenstern, Ali Spiesman 15 YEAR JACKET: Lauren Cohen, Mollie Spiesman; 16 YEARS: Robert Edwards, Alex Neff, Lisa Pelton; 18 YEARS: Chef Jonesy; 19 YEARS: THE Z MAN; 21 YEARS: Amy Miller, Brandon Reiter; 23 YEARS: Michael Pelton, Matt Miller; 26 YEARS: Mitch, Stephanie & Jared Reiter; 33 YEARS: Michael "Spiz" Spiesman; 45 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 (and that does not take very long)!



WE WELCOME OUR FIRST YEAR STAFF:

CONNECTICUT: Randi Coughlin, Devyn Baranauskas, Amanda Savarese DC: James Gewanter FLORIDA: Jacob Fortunas, Ben Furtado, Gregory Walsh, John Molskness, Santiago Zuluaga, Frank Infante GEORGIA: Chelsea Kilpatrick ILLINOIS: Vicki Deter KANSAS: Heather Gilmore, Ryan Swayne, Ashley Negrete KENTUCKY: Christian Madrid MARYLAND: Kiersten Patron MAINE: Chun-Yen Chao MICHIGAN: Amanda Casler MISSISSIPPI: Ashton Mason NORTH CAROLINA: Colleen Meyer, Meghan MacKinnon NEW HAMPSHIRE Darien Howard NEW JERSEY: Dr. Uchechi Azubuine, Dr. Shamyla Farrukh, Dr. Ursula Laskowski, Dr. Marinelle D. Quim, Becky Schiffenhaus, Guillermo Romero NEVADA: Danielle Morrow NEW YORK: Sony Cabral, Dr. Horton Lee, Kelly Furlong, Deion Monroe, Marc Sacco, Hope Whitcomb OKLAHOMA: Rachel Ballard OREGON: Brooke Hein PENNSYLVANIA: Ryan Gunderman, Lauren Eck, Karen Lupyak, Courtney Moore VIRGINIA: Sydnie Soyka WASHINGTON: Christopher Arigo, Ann Freeman WISCONSIN: Lindsay Shoemaker

AUSTRALIA: Eden Cohen, Richard Barbat, Matt Cleaver, Alicia Gibb, Meagan Johnson, Zac Johnston CANADA: Derek Vysohlid, Kyle Collins, Melissa Youden, Claire Buchanan, Adam Coombs, Keenan Swain CZECH REPUBLIC: Stanislav Kappel, Petra Stajnerova, Tomas Kacir, Adriana Silarova GREECE: Erica Leonditsi HUNGARY: Nora Bogar, Flora Kiss, Viktor Sarkozi, Nimrod Stefan, Donat Szabo, Armin Szita, Judit Varga, Greta Sebestyen, Viktor Szasz IRELAND: Niamh Martin, Laura Delaney MEXICO: Belen Hau Cordero NEW ZEALAND: Megan Wilson, Grace Monteith POLAND: Krzysztof Kaczor, Pawel Kaletka, Kacper Wrzodek, Marta Doroszko, David Boryslawski, Lukasz Machowczyk, Paulina Grzechowiak, Maciej Majak, Pawel Pysz, Jan Kurylo, Balbina Bujak SCOTLAND: Hannah Dunn, Amanda Gill, Dale Tonkin, Deborah Malden, Claire Souliman SPAIN: Maria Rocio Pozo Zaragoza, John Ruehl UNITED KINGDOM: Laura Barton, David Bloomfield, Ross Cowie, Lucinda Craske, Louise Farrow, Isabella Heath, Harry Holland, Conor Hyland, Ashley MacBeth, Summer Mannifield, Thomas Orton, Shaun Rigby, Tanya Dicks, Thomas Ryan-Smith, Lauren Drinkald, America Richardson, Owen France, Georgina Palmer, David Morris, Jennifer Cusack, Naomi McMillan, Annabel Mears, Tim Butler, Lewis Clark, Fiona MacKenzie, John McCutcheon, Courtnee O'Neill, James Gaffney, Sophie Large, Dominic Clarkin, Alexandra Wolfe, Richard Johnston, Marco Marinelli

WE CAN'T WAIT TILL EVERYONE SHOWS UPI



This summer the media team is offering personalized summer photo books! 40 pages of some of your child's best summer photos beautifully designed and printed! Including your child's bunk picture and the all-camp picture! Or you can inlcude multiple children in one book! You will also recieve a disk with all of the high-res photos used in the book! That's a \$100 value!* Available in hard copy (\$175) or soft cover (\$150). \$50 discount for additional copies of the same book! Email *media@camptowanda.com* to order your summer photo book now!

> Prices go up when the summer starts! *based on the cost of a high res download from CampMinder.



#towandapride

Have you ever written about camp for a college admissions essay, blog or school project? If so, please send them our way! We would love to share how your experience at Camp Towanda has helped provide a foundation for who you have become and what you aspire to be. Send us your stories and we will publish them on our blog! No format requirements, we will get them publish-ready! It's a great way for your story to get published with high search rankings on Google (there are quite a few fans of the CT Blog!). Thanks in advance for sharing your #towandapride!

Send them to *lauren@camptowanda.com*

Organized & Directed by Towanda Alumni, Alison Leipzig and Michele Goldblum, *Soul Camp* is a 4-day, 4-night mindbody 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. Nature hikes, boating, swimming, tennis, meditation, yoga, dance, stargazing, bonfires, talent shows, fitness, astrology readings, and so much more. A gourmet, nourishing, organic,

healthy menu will be served with gluten-free, vegan and vegetarian options available. Last year's event was incredibly special and enjoyed by all ADULTS that attended.

September 9-13, 2015

For more info, contact becky@camptowanda.com

Click here to watch just a taste of last year's event!

ADULT ONLY MIND-BODY-SOUL RETREAT

TOWANDA TIPS 4 PARENTS

- Don't forget to download and print our super-cool *Camp Towanda Check Box Stationery* (there are 2 versions) before camp. Exclusively in your CampMinder docs. Easy, eco-friendly and fun!
- Did you know you can save all the Towanda Times directly to your iBook or Kindle library on your phone?
- Did you read Homesick & Happy? You can also listen to our Book Club podcast or read Cliff's Notes by Stephanie Reiter available in CampMinder. We also have a great 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/
- Are you following us on social media? Facebook, Instagram, Twitter? We will be updating these all summer!
- Do you have the *Camp Towanda Official App*? This app has everything camp at your fingertips! Live Camp Cam, Campminder photos, The Blog, Friday Nite Flix and more! (available for Apple devices only in the iTunes store)?
- Download the *Camp Towanda iCal Calendar* subscription off of the App. An informative and entertaining set of reminders and activities!

5 THINGS EVERYONE CAN DO TO GET #AMPED4CAMP

- 1. Watch an episode of Friday Nite Flix from 2014!
- 2. Play Mitch's Backwards Basketball Shot Challenge on the App
- 3. Listen to the 2014 Friday Nite Flix Mix on the App or Spotify
- 4. Make a Camp Towanda Culinary Kitchen Recipe
- 5. Watch a Camp Towanda Production of one of our 2014 camp musicals!

Parents Five-Year-Club

Introducing the "Parents Five-Year-Club" special gift for parents of current campers at Camp Towanda five years or more... Congratulations! Have you asked to follow Camp Towanda on Instagram and we haven't accepted? No worries, send an email to *lauren@camptowanda.com* with your username and we will happily accept you! Our Instagram is private for the use of our

campers, staff, parents and alumni. If we don't recognize your username, we may not accept you right way. Send us an email and we'll get you in!





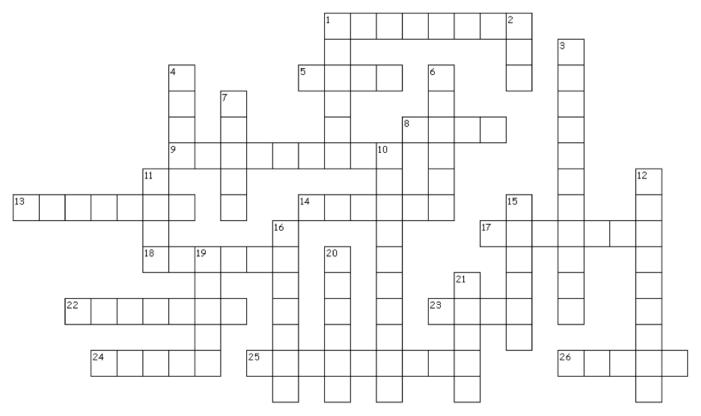
MICHAEL THOMPSON, PHD





Towanda crossword puzzle!

Test your Towanda knowledge as you prepare for camp! Shout out to Emma Fetterman who created this great puzzle!



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- 1. 2014 camp musical
- 5. You're watching Friday Night ____
- 8. Something you swim in
- 9. 2014 Olympics team
- 13. 2013 Red team
- 14. Arts and _
- 17. Where Mitch & Stephanie live
- 18. Best season
- 22. Where Mitch & Stephanie live

- 23. Something you swim in
- 24. Dorm porch
- 25. Towanda Town
- 26. Something you swim in

Down

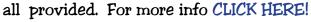
- 1. Head Counselor's last name
- 2. Girl's Head Counselor
- 3. Something you swim in
- 4. Youngest boys

- 6. 2013 Blue team
- 7. Towanda's rock color
- 10. 2014 Olympics team
- 11. Youngest girls
- 12. Don't forget your
- 15. Help Stephanie in her _____
- 16. Syracuse student
- 19. Half-court shooter
- 20. Mitch's shadow
- 21. Lego Master

LABOR DAY WEEKEND 2015

Parents, campers, alumni and your family and friends.

Rent a bunk; enjoy activities, events, relaxation, food and entertainment;

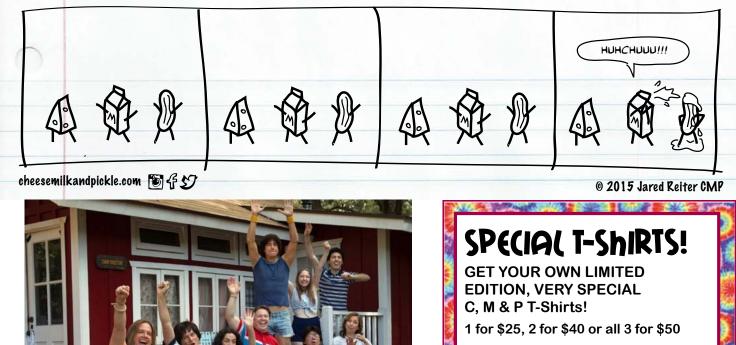




This is a great way to end the summer! If you are interested, please contact mitch@camptowanda.com

September 4-7, 2015

The Adventures of Cheese, Milk and Pickle



While Supplies Last!!!

To order t-shirts, contact: becky@camptowanda.com



Flying Campers Arrival First Day of Camp S'More Tours Visiting Day & Sibling Sleepover Alumni BBQ Last Day of Camp Family & Friends Labor Day Weekend Soul Camp Adults Only Fall Foliage BBQ

Do you know where this building is at Camp Towanda???

Trick question! Camp Firewood looks a little different these days!

Birthdays are now listed on the Official Camp Towanda

Facebook page and on the

Camp Towanda App

June 26, 2015 June 27, 2015 July 11,18 & Aug 2, 2015 July 25, 2015 July 26, 2015 August 14, 2015 September 4-7, 2015 September 9-13, 2015 September 19, 2015

CAMP DATES