

### I WAS HOMESICK

Editor's Note: Each Friday at camp, a member of our Camp Family presents a sermon, reflecting on their years at camp, last summer Skylar Sloane eloquently shared her thoughts.

When I was asked to write this sermon, I felt nervous and excited. These few minutes, when someone shares their thoughts with camp, were what I looked forward to every week, especially when the Dorm Girls and Club Boys present them. Listening to the wisdom and experience of these campers helped me to make the most out of these 49 days at camp. I wasn't sure how to convey everything I felt in 1 speech, but here it goes.

The first of my 7 summers began in 2010, when I was a young Dillie. As my brother and I walked off the bus, he returning for his second summer, my nerves exploded. I had been to sleepovers before, but nothing compared to 7 weeks apart from my family. How could I spend time away from the support of my brothers Jake and Mitchell and my parents? Little did I know I would soon find another support system.

I had heard that it is normal to be homesick at first, but it goes away soon. My experience was a little bit different. My homesickness went away, but not so quickly.

As much as I tried to have fun, little things reminded me of home. My group leader at the time, who you all know now as the girls' head counselor Amy Miller, really helped me through it. She told me that everyone was feeling the same things, and that camp goes by so quickly, so I shouldn't waste it being homesick. She also said that at the end I would ultimately be campsick.

I began to build the bonds I have today through being homesick. After what felt like forever, I learned how to put my homesick feelings aside, and enjoy camp. I ended the summer the same way I started it. But at the end of the summer I was ALREADY campsick and I didn't want to leave.

Being unplugged at camp actually helped my homesickness. Whenever I felt sad, I simply wrote about what I did that day and it felt like I was talking to my parents. And when I wanted a physical conversation, my Dorm sisters and Club brothers were always there for me. Being unplugged also brought us closer. Without social media, we are almost "forced" to sit and talk together. We bonded over things that we all had to do. In camp, I expanded my boundaries with my 17 sisters instead of watching movies.

When I was younger, I didn't appreciate how nice it was that camp is unplugged. Sometimes I wished I could talk to my home friends. But because we were unplugged, when we return home, our friends don't understand all the memories we made. Home friends are great, but no one is closer than girls who live with each other for 7 weeks each and every summer. You can hate a home friend, but it is impossible to hate one of your sisters.

As my Dorm summer began not too long ago, I saw a quote on my bed. "You can take a girl out of the Dorm, but you can never take the Dorm out of a girl". This quote is applicable to all of camp. During the other 10 months of the year, most people are out of camp. But the memories made are never forgotten. Camp has allowed me to form the special bonds I have today. They are strengthened every summer, and continue during the winter.

As a Dorm, we represent many states. From Florida to New York and New Jersey, we span many thousands of miles. As written in "Friends", "love will pervade us tho miles separate us". Our bonds hold

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### What We Hear From The Mansion Porch!!!





Honey Hani Cohen Dressler welcomed Dorm Girl 2032 Audrie last month...Gareth Dyer, founding partner of *Camp Towanda*'s infamous Torture Squad of the 1990s lives in Australia, stays in contacts with the likes of anyone who will cross his path and hopes to visit sometime this millennium...Gabi White-Buchalski's daughter Mia (Dorm 2020) is awaiting a new sibling, while her mom still sees bunkmates' Jen Singer-Hayes and Jacki Rapaport-Katz and ran into Morissa Falk-Freedman!...Sonia Parres says Hola from Madrid...Jake Levy met Dave Bloomfield and Molly Uren in London...Corey Rosenblum #Club04 engaged...Sean Smith deployed

to the Air Force in Afghanistan... Meanwhile at the National Museum of Jewish History - Camp Exhibit, Check out all the #tbt photos and upload your own! http://camp.nmajh.org/#127...Shelly Field had a baby...Eric E-Roth got engaged...

*Baby Audrie* http://camp.nmajh.org/#127...Shelly Field had a baby...Eric E-Roth got engaged. Tony & Janelle Victory send their love from Arizona... Samantha Orringer (Sam-O), Jocey Berkman, Emily "Melton" Levine, Madison Bey, Jackie Bolno got together 13 years after their Dorm summer to wish bon voyage to Hallie Fishman who was moving to London...Carly Glen has been in the recording studio, we hope to hear more soon...Jackie "12 of the best handshake ever" Roher has the best and fondest memories of her campmates and campers...Little Deb Lily Henderson will be in the upcoming movie, ALMOST PARIS; check out this trailer: <u>Click Here!</u>... and Congratulations to Jared Reiter for not only receiving his Masters in Camp Administration, but as our Certified Camp Safety Director, he has received Camp's State Certification Renewal of Workplace Safety as well as our American Camp Association's Annual Statement of Compliance for Camp Towanda's Seal of Accreditation!...





In Memoríam

The *Camp Towanda* Family recently mourned the passing of Lenny Penziner. Throughout the 1990s and into the new century, Lenny was our Baseball Director; along with his wife Donna (Head of Arts & Crafts) and their 2 sons, Marc and Matt, who both met their wives at camp.



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strong while we are apart.

Few of us knew each other before camp, and I honestly couldn't imagine my life without each and everyone of my Dorm sisters. With them by my side, I know that someone has my back during the highest highs and the lowest lows. Someone is always there to talk no matter the topic.

Whether it is home or camp related, between my 17 Dorm sisters and 17 Club brothers, I am confident that someone is there for me.

Lastly, camp has molded me into the person I am today. Without camp, I would never formed these unbreakable bonds I have made. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to come to camp every summer. I am proud to call myself a Dorm girl of 2016 and can't wait to continue making memories.

Thank you and shabbat shalom. ---Skylar Sloane

## Skylar

#### REELING IN THE YEARS

The 95th Year of Camp Towanda encompasses a lot of great memories, experiences, fun and especially people! Celebrating along with camp itself....we will be honoring at this year's Annual Alumni BBQ on Sunday July 23, 2017 many a milestone!

#### 95 Year Celebration Alumni BBQ SUNDAY July 23, 2017

(The day after Visiting Day)

11:00am - 3:00pm

Bob Miller's 47th year, Michael "Spiz" Spiesman and Phyllis Miller's 40th years, The Reiters' 28th year, Matt Miller and Michael Pelton's 25th years, Amy Miller's 23rd year, Mark "Z" Zides 21st year and the Honorable and Delicious Chef Hampton Jonesy's 20th year!!!!!

> That's a lot of years!!! We ask that alumni <u>*RSVP HERE*</u> to our BBQ.

## A MITCH MOMENT

As I write this article, the winter, as many as you know, has been on a climatic roller coaster and doesn't seem to be settling down quite yet. Today it was 63 at camp and tomorrow we are expecting snow! One day in the single digits, the next record breaking summer like weather.

At camp, we started in the late Fall with an ice storm that caused a loss of many big trees at camp; since then, we have had snow, heat waves, wind-blown rain storms and just mild calm weather. The ground freezes, thaws, gets fairly muddy and then freezes up again. All the while, we have many projects going on; the biggest being the new bunk on Girls Campus, WHOA!, now part of Senior Row. On Boys' side, we have expanded the Boys HC and rebuilt B-7. In the Mess Hall, we added a new Kitchen Galley, exclusively for the preparation of special dietary menus.

Later this month I will be with The WOC at the camp conference in Atlantic City, where we learn and share great information to improve and buy new items for camp!

Regardless, in just about 100 days or so, we will all be at camp and it WILL be summer; the best you have ever SEEN (in 2017); the 95th year of Camp Towanda! I don't know about you, but I am psyched for it! We've got lots of amazing fun activities, special events and a few surprises. We have cool and exciting programming as well as some fantastic, psyched up and impressive staff (I will introduce and welcome them back in the next issue of The TT).

We got the chickens, rabbits, goats and sheep; we got Casper returning (no sign of Taylor Haber "The Dog" yet). We will have another Guinness record breaking contest on July 4th; certainly some classic rock n' roll (nothing like breakfast with The Beatles, lunch with American Pie and Sunday BBQs with The Grateful Dead!), the smell of campfires (The S'more you think of it, the S'more you can smell it), Canteen (yeah Kit-Kats), inter-camp games, tournaments and bugle calls! Oh and activities (Ghost is the best; it is so much fun, it's scary), jokes, humor (sometimes not dependent upon each other) and loads of friends, friends, friends (old & new)!

Whether this will be your first summer or your 18th (or 47th-yeah, Bob!), it won't take long till (we get over our homesickness and become campsick—oh yeah, sick, baby!) we all know each other, feel comfortable, be laughing (you best be laughing), playing (everything- land, water, stage, trees (you get the idea—activities) and the best of friends.

If, in fact, this is your first summer at camp, camper or counselor, fair warning to be prepared for these benefits of being part of Towanda: foster independence, practice kindness, make diverse friendships, get out of one's comfort zone in a safe way, unplug,

refresh and cleanse from high-tech pressures and develop confidence while learning a lot about yourself!

That's the way it is here!

So, get rested, get psyched, get ready to get camp! See You Soon In June!

Your Camp Director,





#### The Adventures of Cheese, Milk and Pickle

Mitch (Hctim on Backwards Day, I mean Yad Sdrawkcab!)



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## REUNION REVIEW

Although simply not the same as being on the soil of Honesdale, the off-season camp events are abundant and help stitch the woven fibers of our camp family together!

## FLORIDA BEACH PARTY

The Florida Beach Party was yet again...fantastic, sunny, sandy and crowded... over 250 of us enjoyed lunch, volleyball and just good schmoozing at our 28th annual beach party reunion. It was great to see so many Towanda-ers on the beach and have run ins all around South Florida!

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The New Camper Group Scoop is another great tradition. The incoming Dorm Girls and Club boys were the perfect hosts, along with many senior staff. Since we are all able to remember how nervous and intimidated we were on our first summer, the comfort to the first year campers was very helpful. After all, you are only new for about 5 minutes only, anyway!







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The Senior Sleepovers at camp for The Seniors were great; including the sledding, campfire on the ice, hanging inside The Mansion with its roaring fire, some good Mitch cooking and inspiring chats and great camaraderie. Some say this is The Best!



The Chat Rooms attracted hundreds of participants from all over the world.

Instantaneous typing, nonsensical answers at times and just some goofy keyboard fun!



#### What Snow with You?

Due to lacking weather conditions, the Meet & Ski did not amount to much this year. If you were fortunate to be able to make one of our events, you know the adrenalin feeling of when you first show up. For those that couldn't make it, we were thinking of you anyway!

We also hear of alumni organizing informal get-togethers; keeping their Towanda bond thriving !(Be sure to send us pictures of those get-togethers, please to jared@camptowanda.com).

### TENNIS TAKES A TURN

We want to acknowledge Sir Roberto Edwards 17 years of dedication on and off the Towanda Tennis Courts. Robert's elegant, majestic and proper style and class of professional instruction, personality, along with his humor, support and appreciation of all that camp offered leaves a major mark on our camp. Over the past 4 years, the transition of leadership has been heading to our own Dani Gil, also from Spain and as he enters the 5-Year Club, to become the next Tennis Director of Camp Towanda!

Dani brings a fresh and energetic approach to our exciting USTA Tennis Program. Dani has been working over



this winter to prep his staff for incredible conditioning, lessons and competitions to our regular activity and Master Tennis components; featuring tennis ladders and tournaments. Thee excitement will be evident as soon as you step on the courts this summer, no matter your level of confidence or ability! During the off-season, back in Valencia, Spain, Dani is the Owner and Director of the GMT Tennis Academies in Torrent and La Balaquera. It's going to be hard not to love Towanda Tennis! Vamos Towanda!



We are in the process of building an exciting new and exclusive network called

### The Camp Towanda Young Professionals Network

A powerful network of Towanda Alumni and Parents ready to help mentor and

advance the careers of our staff who we value and believe in!

(because hey, Towanda people WANT to help Towanda people and the benefits of camp go way beyond your time spent here).

After this summer, a select group of staff will be the first to get invited into the "YPN" and get access to this amazing group of mentors and professionals.

These are just a few things you can look forward to when you work for camp:

- Leadership positions and opportunities that will build 21st century skills that hiring managers are looking for
- A 24/7 camp experience and work ethic that will set you apart from your peers
- Career coaches in the YPN that will help you leverage your camp experience on your resume
- Access to the YPN secret group on LinkedIn (invite only) •

Because it's not just what you can do for camp...it's what the camp advantage can do for you!

Are you an Alumni or Parent who wants to be one of our mentors in the network?

Future employees connect with impressive employers.

To be in our network or for further details, please contact lauren@camptowanda.com.

### a camp reflection from our president

"Left at Home" By Sadie McRae

EDITOR'S NOTE: President Sadie will be returning for her 3rd summer as a Tween.

"Zip... zip!" I zipped around my backpack trying to see if I packed everything. Games? Check. Favorite t-shirt? Check. Leggings? Check. I went through my whole backpack. Just then, I realized I forgot something. Was it important? What was going to happen? I just had to find out. Suddenly, it was coming into my head! It was on the tip of my tongue! "Oh no,I lost it!" I said, very angry at myself. I tried to stay calm for the rest of the bus ride. I couldn't believe I forgot something!

"Yes! I got it! I FORGOT MY FAVORITE STUFFED ANIMAL!!!!" Well, there I was, on the way to camp for seven weeks without my parents. Sitting next to a girl who was crying because she missed her family.

"Hey" I said, unhappily, "I get it. I forgot one of my things and I'm very sad too." I sat quietly, waiting for her response, but she didn't answer.

"Doooo youuuu want to play a game with me?" I asked, trying to be friendly.

"Sniff...sniff...sniff, sure", she said very quietly. I pulled out Uno. We had a great time! I betcha we both forgot about our sad feelings! Suddenly, I noticed that we were on the dirt road. The bus went bumpity, bumpity bump. I knew we were getting close to camp!

As soon as I realized I was at camp, I stood up as fast as I could! I was excited for my first year of camp to begin and just like that, I forgot about my stuffed animal. Finally, I got to my bunk. I put my bags down. Then, I headed to another bunk (with the girls from my bunk) to play games. I played with my whole group. At that time, it was pouring out, but I had fun playing games indoors. We all introduced each other.

Later, when I got back to my bunk, somebody came up to my bed.

"Hi! My name is Camp Mom Ryan! I'm your camp mom. I got a call from your mom saying she will mail your stuffed animal" she said in a happy, welcoming voice. I was so happy my mom was going to mail my stuffed animal. I knew it would turn up somehow.

"Thanks!" I said back in a polite way. Knowing that I was going to have my stuffed animal soon, I knew that this was going to be an awesome summer at camp!

## DELISH FROM OUR NUTRITIONIST

Here at Camp Towanda we are all about kid-friendly, parent-approved healthy choices. Our nutritionist and Alumni, Lauren Cohen (of the Hani-Rachael-Lauren Cohens), helps us create a balanced menu so that the kids actually eat, enjoy and try. We always have fresh fruit and pretzels available in the HC shacks, and campers can find fresh vegetables, brown and white rice, pastas, quinoa, kale (ves kale!) and many other healthy choices at our extensive salad bar. By now you know about the popular Camp Fusion Water (fruit-infused water) which is always available for a refill...but here are some changes we have made over the past couple of years that you may not have noticed! We started making our blueberry pancakes with whole wheat last year and no one skipped a beat. Our smoothies are made with only two ingredients: frozen fruit and yogurt. The kids had them about 3x a week in place of traditional desserts. Our campers are lucky enough to have choices at EVERY meal which means they can always opt out of our family style meal option should they not like it. We have an extensive salad bar with great plant-based protein options such as beans and legumes as well as tuna, eggs, and a ton of veggies. Peanut butter and jelly is always available with a whole wheat bread option. Most evenings we do milk and cookies for a couple of reasons. First, it is a charming *Camp Towanda* tradition. It is a comforting habit that makes camp a unique version of home. Kids are given two small cookies and 6 oz of milk...which brings us to our second reason. Kids bodies and bones, particular the ones going through puberty, are like little vacuums sucking in calcium. How their bones develop long term is directly related to how much calcium they take in during childhood. Calcium can be found in a ton of dark leafy greens and... milk!! It's a bit easier, at camp, for us to get milk in kids than spinach so that's what we do! We have fruit available at all time for the kids, right outside the mess hall along with fusion water. We only serve soda once a week and are currently moving away from juice all together. All that plus our organic garden and farm-to-table culinary program, and oh-so-much more!



#### CULINARY CLASSES

Chef Lee returns with some awesome menus; check out Butternut Squash Ravioli, Bananas Foster, Chicken Empanada, Salmon

Teriyaki, Peruvian deboned Grilled

Chicken (say that 3X fast), Apple & Peach Cobbler and Eggplant Parmesan, to name just a few! Mmm, nothing like a limo ride to culinary!



#### LIVE ON STAGE

One Night Only; this year, the amazing, magical

and unequivocally talented Drama Charlene and her crew will produce, choreograph, train, and direct the campers and staff in productions of: Beauty & The Beast (LC), Footloose (UC\*) and The All-Camp Snow White Revue! See you at The Amphitheater! \*Charlene says bring a checkered shirt for Footloose.

#### TOUR DE CAMP

We have begun booking our summer tour visits with Jared and The Tour Guides. If you have friends that are interested, now is the time to have them contact us to reserve a spot for one of our S'more Tours!

#### CAMP FOR RENT!!

It's true; we host private parties, Bar-Mitzvahs, weddings, birthday getaways, family reunions, corporate retreats and of course, our amazing Family & Friends Labor Day Weekend (see related article).



Last summer in 2016, The LEGO Room expanded by offering the first ever LEGO Master Camp. Our LEGO pioneers built some amazing projects including an electric car, windmill and a range of creative free building challenges. Of course the training was not complete without our Master Builder padawans learning of the origins of the LEGO Room. And it was great to take the LEGO Room to the next level by putting our building skills to the test while exploring many STEAM principles. So, LEGO Lunatics get psyched for 2017 as we will have a whole new set of projects! Be sure to secure your spot as space is limited! Select Lego Master Camp in Optional Activities in CampMinder or email lauren@camptowanda.com to add this to your form if you have already submitted.





#### FULL **STEAM** ahead

Jared continues his innovative, creative and inspiring contributions by expanding on his STEM Lego Program by introducing a more advanced STEAM option. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math, but have no fear this is not school! Be prepared for some awesome fun! Once the summer starts, be on the lookout for information about rocketry, astronomy, ecological scavenger hunts and more. You will have the opportunity to be part of these special optional sessions.

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As many people know, we offer Master Camp Programs; this is an opportunity to focus in specific interests; from tennis to soccer to art and basketball. This year, we add SWIM!

The New Master Swim Clinic is devoted to specialized drills and stroke instruction to give your competitive swimmer extra pool time with waterfront staff in a "swim team" type practice. There will be no extra charge for this clinic. Select Master Swim in Optional Activities in CampMinder or email lauren@camptowanda.com to add this to your form if you have already submitted.



# STITCH FROM MITCH

Shirt, sweatshirt or bathing suit to embroider with our logo?; send to the winter office by April 10th and we will, at no charge, embroider the CT logo on it! Be sure your name is on each article. We'll have it waiting for you upon arrival at camp.

#### CAMP IN TURN

Did you know that we are able to help our staff organize bona fide paid internships in many fields? This is not about fetching coffee; this is hands-on experience in finance, HR, food service, event management, sports programming, media, transportation services, advertising, marketing and medicine, to name just a few. For more information or to refer a qualified staff member, contact

jared@camptowanda.com.

#### HUFF & PUFF

And while you are at it, be sure to catch up on Mitch & Stephanie's Huffington Post column.....Working at Camp Puts Millennials on the

Path To Success (Today More than Ever!)

#### FISHING

Rods & reels are in stock, as is our lake...if you want to learn the early morning and Free Play secret spots (Shangra-La and Turtle Rock), send jared@camptowanda.com a quick note!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Although we are in the middle of the winter, the start of the summer and being at camp is just around the corner! Keeping us in tune, in touch and involved, we have some fantastic events coming up. Kicking us off this spring are some of our philanthropic events! We hope to see you there! Email *jared@camptowanda.com* with any questions.



Let's make it a reunion! This event is open to everyone, campers, parents, staff, alumni AND YOUR NON CAMP FRIENDS! It's a great excuse for a #towandameetup as we support the *Foundation Fighting Blindness* (of which Mitch is a National Trustee).

Don't forget to sport your **Team Towanda '17** shirt! Don't have one? They are still available for \$25 with limited stock.

#### Saturday, April 8th, 9am - 12pm Flushing Meadows Corona Park

TWO RSVP THINGS TO DO:

Sign in at our FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE: <u>https://www.facebook.com/events/369135713460378/</u>

And Click Here to join "TEAM TOWANDA"

### **SCOPE** Dinner

As President of SCOPE (Summer Camp Opportunities Promote Education) I'm excited to announce that our upcoming New York Benefit Dinner on **Thursday, April 6, 2017** will be at the exciting art deco style **Edison Ballroom**, just off of Broadway!

I hope you feel, as I do, that camp makes a big difference in a child's life! SCOPE provides summer camp scholarships for financially disadvantaged children to attend 2 weeks of overnight summer camp at one of SCOPE's 34 nonprofit partner camps, in turn helping to promote their long-term education.

This year, the event honors our very own Camp Towanda 3rd generation alum, SCOPE Junior Leader Evan Seiden with the *SCOPE Leadership Award and Jefferson Award* for bringing SCOPE's mission to his local community.

If you would like to attend the dinner, place a journal adv and/or be a sponsor, please visit the <u>New York Benefit</u> <u>Dinner Registration Page</u> or Email *jared@camptowanda.com* and join the <u>Facebook event</u>!



FREE TUITION There is still time to participate in the SCOPE RAFFLE; \$100 raffle ticket to win! Scopeusa.org/starter-kit/

## EEN LEADERSHIP

Sunday, April 23rd, 9am-12pm Bank Street College in NYC

This is open to all **Dorm, Club, LITs and CITs**. Each year the *American Camp Association* puts together a Leadership Conference to give you great tips and skills on entering the next stage in your life including college and your future career. This is a great event to network with fellow peers and pick up some insights from great professionals! The event costs \$50 to register, of which we are happy to cover if you RSVP by March 19th.

Join the <u>facebook event</u>!

### **Community Service**

We are very proud of our LIT's involvement with SCOPE, Project Morry and the VisionWalk during the summer and throughout the year. From fundraising to inspiring younger campers to participate, the *Camp Towanda* community contributes thousands of dollars to these organizations alone. The *Camp Towanda* family reaches far and wide and is involved with many other foundations, including, but not limited to:

> Keeping Babies Safe – The Davis Family http://keepingbabiessafe.org

> *Think Fit for Kids* – The Gelfand Family http://akidsbraintumorcure.org

*Adaptive Sports* – The Bolog Family http://www.adaptivesportsfoundation.org

Have a cause you want us to share? Email *jared@camptowanda.com*.

## PARENT CHECKLIST

□ Check your CampMinder Forms & Documents!! Read our Emails!

- □ Order uniform from EVERYTHING CAMPER (don't forget the Trip Day sweatshirt)
- □ Visiting Day Hotel/Dinner reservations
- Seniors & LITs need their Passports
- □ Practice saying good-bye many times in advance! □ *Get Psyched*!

## **CAMPER CHECKLIST**

Tell your parents they will be okay.
Practice saying goodbye.
Do your homework now. *Get Psyched!*

## STAFF CHECKLIST

- □ Check your CampMinder Forms & Documents; including The Travel Survey
- □Email a picture of yourself to our *amberly@camptowanda.com*.
- Send jared@camptowanda.com your BITMOJI.

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□ May 2 Staff Chat Room □ *Get Psyched*!



# BOR DAY FAMILY ( Sol)

### September 1-4, 2017

BRING FAMILY & FRIENDS OR COME ALONE! THE BEST WAY TO END YOUR SUMMER! No Worries! No Hassle! Just Camp! Build your bunk & save!

10% discount if existing Camp Family or Alumni!

Includes classic camp activities, yoga + fitness classes, beer tastings, cooking class, campfires, and more! Oh, and late night kitchen raids!

Limited Space Available!

<u>Click Here for More Info &</u> to Reserve Your Space Now!

#### Our Annual March Madness Bracket Challenge!

Open to all campers, parents, staff and alumni! Winner gets their name on the plaque in The Canteen and an official Camp Towanda Basketball signed by Senior Staff! Can you take down last year's champ, Noah Arum??? Check your email for details or contact *jared@camptowanda.com* 

## 2017 CAMP DATES

SCOPE Dinner NYC VisionWalk Teen Leadership Conference **Flying Campers Arrival First Day of Camp S'More Tours Visiting Day & Sibling Sleepover 95 Year Celebration Alumni BBQ Last Day of Camp** Family & Friends Labor Day Weekend Fall Foliage BBQ April 6, 2017 April 8, 2017 April 23, 2017 June 23, 2017 June 24, 2017 July 8,15 & 30, 2017 July 22, 2017 July 23, 2017 August 11, 2017 September 1-4, 2017 October 7, 2017