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OUR 86th YEAR

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"Life begins when camp starts"

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## Instant Replay???

Many times I have told our camp family that we just always have to move forward; the past was great, we had good times, great friends, good laughs and so much to do, but let's keep going! As many of you may recall, last summer, 2007, was the very "best ever" and what can we do about that?!

Well, an INSTANT REPLAY is not a bad idea, because if you thought last year was heaven, we'll just go back Jack and DO IT AGAIN, just better!!! That's right, 2008, which you just can't WAIT for, will be GREATER!!!!

Some things to look forward to..... A great staff (see article inside welcoming back so many familiar faces and our wonderful new crew); we have programmed great activities from the new and improved O & A Department (lots of new trust exercises, a new giants ladder and other elements) to an upgrade on the PONTOON BOAT to take overnights to TURTLE ROCK and SHANGRA-LA to the revised GHOST RULES (anyone sensing a new Venzie T-Shirt?) to Robert's awesome Tennis to great plays (see drama schedule in this issue) and wonderful ARTS & CRAFTS to all the land and water sports, inter-camp games, tournaments, special events, evening activities and perhaps some surprises along the way.

Some other events to be ready for.....Opening Staff Welcome Show and Campfire, Our Own Unique Entertainment Game Show, The Towanda Open, Senior Dorm & Club Canoe Trips, Canada Day (Kit kats for everyone???), the return of Steve Max, Banana Splits on the infirmary lawn, The Camp Talent Show, LIT's SAT COURSES (is that fun or what?), Campapalooza Concert, July 4th festivities, fireworks, waterfront party and Guinness Record Breaking (see article inside), Plays, Magician, Fine Arts class, the Water Carnival, FRIDAY NITE FLIX, The Disco Dance, Trip Days, The Inters to the Honesdale Temple, Comedy Night, Electionality and Dip'n'Dots.....By the way, this is just the first 10 days of camp PLUS the regular daily activities!!

So my friends, children of ALL ages....Get ready, get rested, get psyched, finish that homework, pack that duffle, practice saying goodbye...because CAMP Towanda 2008 starts real soon.....we will see you at the flagpole on June 28th!! We just can't wait to start 2008!!



SPF 86!



## Naturally Green

Naturally, being at camp is green in itself...that is, being aware of the outdoors, the environment, appreciating the sights, sounds and smells of the outdoors. Be it the sunshine, rain, nighttime, morning dew or just a bird chirping. Camp is naturally what green is about.

But now everyone's talking and thinking green; and as mentioned in a previous issue of The Towanda Times, Jared Reiter is going to spearhead our green camp movement.



Although camp in general has been environmentally minded for years, we want to help turn up awareness a bit...and get everyone involved. Jared will help you promote recycling of containers, newspapers, batteries and boxes. We will have new recycling bins in strategic locations.

Already we are mostly a fluorescent bulb facility, but as our current incandescent stock is depleted, we will only replace with CFLs and then eventually as the technology improves, LEDs.



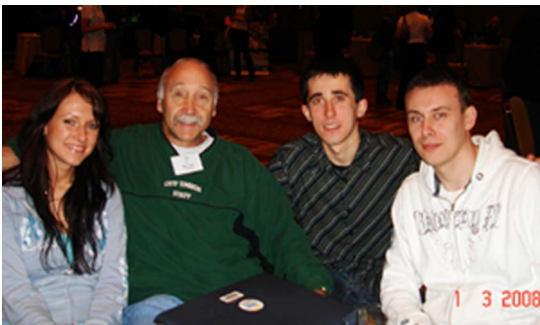
Staff carpooling will continue to be encouraged and we need everyone to pitch in with litter, turning off lights, identifying water leaks and not wasting food.

# What We Hear From The Mansion Porch!!!

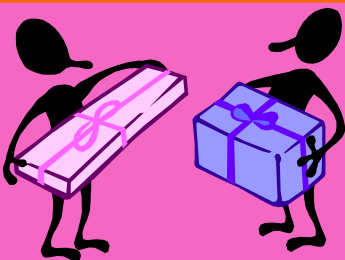


Lucy Bliss enjoys teaching in England but misses her camp friends...Jazzy Riviere plans on visiting this summer...The American Pie YouTube gets tremendous Towanda airplay, especially at lunch hour...Matt Martin is married and working in the real estate business in Texas, Mom, Nurse Debbie is very happy in Texas, too!... Rebecca Roche, counselor 1995, says hi to co-counselor Marni and campers (she recalls Libby Cobb, Shelby Bloom, Danielle Avedon, Amanda Tarter, Stephanie Wertkin and more!)...Ashley Walsky says Towanda will be "Fine in 09" when she returns...Tim "Sonic" Betts & Pilar Romero have set a June, 2009 wedding date (another "made in Towanda" couple)...Robert Kayton was featured on ABC's PrimeTime,

he pretended to be a lost boy in "What Would You Do?"...Charlie Niesenbaum tells Mitch "I hurt myself two days in a row while wearing flip flops... Thinking of you"... Lauren Tancer ran into Bari Sabety and Danielle Sheinman at Atlantis...Max Zimberg skied into the Rokitos and Feinsteins in Deer Valley, Utah...Congratulations to Michael "Michael Pelton" Pelton, 2007 Kansas Certified Athletic Trainer of the Year Award winner...Kevin Gobien says hi and he will visit...Greetings from Zoe Muggeson, Martial Arts, 1994-95...Max Dizon has been in Australia travelling and says hi...Lee Sudakoff is an attorney in NYC...Congratulations to Jillian Denberg on her wedding...Thanks to Z's recruiting crew at the job fair in Poland (pictured: All 2 years at camp: Justyna Kotlarczyk, Tom Miluch and Piotr "Widget" Baranowski)...Toby Arney & Jade Frederiksen are moving to Canada...Many of the Senior Girls made it to Samantha Sabety's for a sleepover...Kristin Yates will be getting married this June...Neil Ross ran into Bob & Howie Seiden at a Bob Weir concert...Jason Schatz & Adam Shelley graduate and will be engineering consultants...Michelle Lapidos also graduates and will spend a month in Europe, but hopes to visit if there are any Olympics this year (???)... Congratulations to Justin Sheinis, who made ESPN's TOP 10 Plays of The day, as ball boy for the Marlins...Christina Reiter will be at NYU graduate school this summer...Meredith Gerber, Dorm 1990, has 2 kids, lives in Boca and cant wait to send them to Towanda...Sam-O Orringer visited Indiana and snapped this photo with her camp buds, kayla baken, drew halpern, dana kisberg, bari abrams (WITH HER RED STEALTH BOMBERS SHIRT), jlense, samo, richie allen, and ian glick...Alissa Brandon, Dorm 02 saw Jodi Hodge Fabrizio Evans in Australia!...Travis Metz sends his regards, works in Real Estate and also has a young family...YAPRAK ÖRNEK from Turkey cant make it back this year but sends her love ,along with özlem çetin, "aka Ozzie & Harriet"...Howard Roth, 1960 - 1967, stopped by Honesdae for a quick visit... we have a lot more camp alumni news that will make the Fall Issue of The TT....



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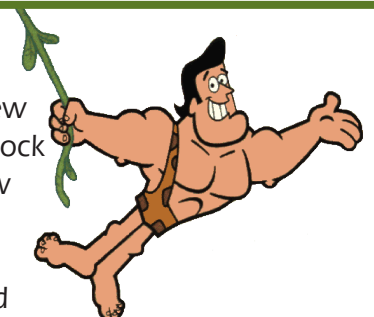
## CAMP IS VALUABLE

Recently in the news was a story about a female college senior softball player who in her last game hit her only homerun of her career, which would score the championship winning runs. As she ran past first base, her knee buckled and she could not run anymore. The umpire said that officially the run would not count if she didn't touch all the bases. If any of her teammates touched her, she would be disqualified. However, the other team decided to carry this player around the diamond so she could complete the run she earned. Her team won the championship. This wonderful story of sportsmanship reflects our attitude and pride at Camp Towanda. We try to bring out the best in everyone and be thankful that we have the opportunity to be here. Camp helps make us who we will become; it helps set a strong foundation. In this fast paced world, it is good to come home to camp...

We will see you soon!

## Whats New in 2008:

The tarzan swing has been totally rebuilt, a new giants ladder along with several new elements at O&A (Outdoor Adventure), a pontoon boat upgrade for trips to Turtle Rock and Shangra-La, a new hull for the catamaran, an additional sunfish to our fleet, new media equipment for even more exciting Friday Nite Flix, the attempt of using our DramaCam to broadcast live the shows and perhaps selected evening activities (maybe!!), a healthy 100% juice slushie machine, the farmhouse has been remodeled featuring a new wrap-around porch, some new canteen games, a menu making machine for Arts & Crafts, recycling bins, more under-the-stars Torte Knox classes for Upper Camp and lots of other cool equipment, toys, games and activities. Oh yeah, we have turbo-charged the kit-kat launcher!!



# YOU SAY IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

JUNE IS SOON AND WE WISH YOU A HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JUNE 2: Mackenzie Stein; 3: Angel Vilchez; 4: Lauren Klarsfeld, Eric Lugassy, Ashley Olford; 5: Molly Cohen, Kendall Gaynes, Jamie Hammer, Jonathan "NJ" Heller, Magdalena Bukowska, David Cheetham; 7: Ignacio Laiseca, Arielle Shemesh, Piotr Baranowski, Hilary Rankin; 8: Ben Berke, Melissa Peskin, Sydney Wolin, Brian Klasner; 9: Brett Falchhook, Zack Hecht, Samantha Kravietz, Hillary Lehrhoff, Jordana Peskin; 10: Rachel Holtz, Jared Zoneraich; 11: Harris Fein, Zach Gelfand, Jared Ostern, Arturo de la Fuente; 12: Nicki Gold, Alex Herbst, Aliza Sabin, Lawrence Keaty; 13: Michael Pelton; 14: Lauren Davis; 15: Sonya Kripke, Amanda Winkler, Kayla Carter, Brian Casanas, Jolanta Czech, Bob Miller, Stephanie Reiter; 16: "FSD" Eddie Molinar, Joe Slick; 17: Jessica Frankel, Meryl Goldberg, Doug Schweibel; 18: Matt Perel, Julie Arsenault; 19: Lindsey Kremin; 20: Alec Taitz, Emma Bolog, Julia Clarke; 21: Tony Prather; 22: Jared Postal, Spencer Steinberg, Austin Zudeck; 23: Jake Goldrich, Justin Lafazan; 24: Cooper Seligson; 25: Julie Eichner, Brandi Steiner, Lukasz Pacek; 26: Henry Russnow, Shay Schayek; 27: Joanna Bielec; 28: Adam Lanel, Jenna Yasgur, Laura Rusu; 29: Hallie Abish; 30: Jillian Weintraub, Marni Denenberg

Don't forget that although the famed BIRTHDAY SQUAD roams around camp late at night, we do celebrate all the winter birthdays at camp at our cake-licious "WINTER BIRTHDAY PARTY"!



## Show Times!

### PLAYS:

Jets-Cadets-Debs-Dillies: The Little Mermaid

Inters: The Sound of Music

Middies-Rweens: The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

Seniors-Dorm-Club: Annie Get Your Gun

Staff: You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown

CONCERT for Seniors-Dorm-Club-LIT-CIT: Keeping with the spirit of this summer... That's right, we are going to be Reelin in the years while Rikki doesn't lose that number at my old school listening to FM Bodhisattva wearing green earrings on black Friday, black cow... Hey Nineteen, do it again! Yes, this is why your parents love Camp Towanda, trust me..... this is a treat of a concert....it is not at a cemetery, it is on the old Woodstock site, just 25 minutes from camp.... STEELY DAN. Mitchy might even leave camp this night to escort you (that's right Stephanie, thanks for doing my O.D.!!!)

AND BONUS: This year's Guinness Record Breaking attempt will be the entire camp dancing to Michael Jackson's Thriller...so bring your sequin gloves and get ready to beat it, Norma Jean.....I'm talkin' easy as A-B-C!!!



## CAMP TID BIT O' KNOWLEDGE

### How to play Jacks!

#### ONE's

1. Scatter jacks on floor with right hand
2. Toss ball up
3. After one bounce, pick up one jack
4. After two bounces, pick up two jacks

#### TWO's

1. Just like ONE's, but pick up two at a time
2. Advance to picking up three or four at a time

#### TEN's

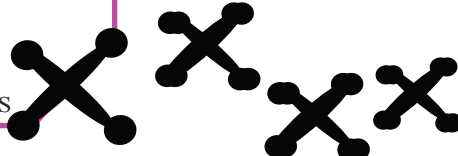
1. Put all the jacks and ball in right hand
2. Toss ball up, scatter the jacks and catch the ball
4. Toss ball again, pick up all the jacks and catch the ball in the right hand

#### WHAT IS A MISS

1. Using wrong hand to catch the ball
2. Not picking up the correct number of Jacks
3. Allowing the ball or Jacks to touch your body or clothing
4. Not holding the ball or Jacks until task is complete
5. Touching other Jacks while trying to pick up a Jack or group of Jacks

Coming in future issues:

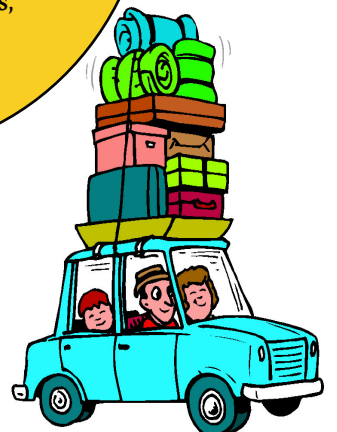
How to play PICK UP STICKS and RECIPE FOR SMORES



### What's the Motto?

Our thanks to the Canadian Kravitz's who have coined this version....

2008 will be GREAT, we are going to have a weekly DATE, and won't have to pay the babysitter her high RATE. You will have both our kids, and we can't WAIT!!



# WELCOME BACK TO OUR SEASONED STAFF...

We are delighted to welcome our 2008 Staff to camp..... many returnees, familiar faces and names.....along with a great 1st year crew..... Over 25 states and 20 countries represented in our camp family. We'll all be together very soon!  
We Welcome back...

...RETURNING FOR 2nd YEAR: Lukasz Adamczyk, Cathy Anderson, Emma Anderson, Piotr Baranowski, Lenka Barinova, Karolina Boino, Justine Brechue, Megan Canfield, Juan Casado, Kylie Cheetham, Jola Czech, Stacey Diehl, Toby Eichas, Jerold Elliott, Marta Frasier, Antonio Garcia, Laura Goldwasser, Gemma Grange, Erica Gulliver, Susan Hecht, Kate Hopper, Marcy Johnson, Daron Jones, Nida Kokez, Beth Lee, Pablo Lopez, Lauren MacFarlane, Megan Mautz, Adam McCarthy, Jamie Moffat, Tom Neaverson, Britta Pryall, Lauren Renteln, Shawn Riedinger, Adan Rodriguez, Erin Ryan, Vit Senk, Matt Skeffington, Carrie Stack, Jen Steiner, Angel Vilchez, Kate Voelkner, Ewa Wiktorczyk, Cheryl Williams, Nimi Willner, Jana Zhorova

...RETURNING FOR 3rd YEAR: Jesus Arroyo, Lenka Frolova, Alberto Martinez, Cory McCarty, Janique "Cheeks" Melanson, Ira Meltzer, Kayla Moersen, Tyler Price, Christine Roy, Emily Russell, Dan Sedman, Reyna Slick, Ellen Stein, Jeremy Steppe, Jen Stern

...RETURNING FOR 4TH YEAR: Andy Apicella; Joanna Bielec; Marc Cormier; Jiri Eichmann, Shelly Field, Dusty Fox, Monika Krawczynska, Erika Kremin, Mark MacDonald, Maureen O'Neill, Aimee Smith, Mike Thompson, Tomas Vlk, Pavlina Zbrojova

...JOINING THE FIVE YEAR CLUB: Jonathan Brawn, Jana Bohmova, Jen Chisholm, Tiffany Jewer, Linda Lowell

...CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE "OLD TIMER" VETERANS: 6:Sean Allen, Perri Gillon, Karen Gormley, Javier Pariente, Joe Slick, Zack Krouner; 7: Dan Lemelman 8:Drew Halpern, Alex Kain, Spencer Kirsch, "Mansion" Mary, Zach Realberg, Adam Silverman; 9:Robert Edwards, Adam Krause, Jamie Leipzig, Ben Newman, Lisa Pelton, Amanda Peysler, Paul Springer, Stacey Zander

...JOINING THE 10-YEAR CLUB (Chair & Sweatshirt): Dara Bernstein, Macey Bernstein, Chef Jonesy, Dana Kisberg, Brian Klasner, Amanda Levine, Matt List, Corey Rosenblum, Amanda Ryman, J Sak, Jesse Wolff

...AND BEYOND: 11:David Goldblum, Rebecca Solomon, Ali Spiesman, Michael "Hootie" Tesser; 12:Hani Cohen, Jonathan Plasker, Ryan Rosner, Paul Ward, Mark "Z" Zides; 13:Alex Neff; 16:Matt Miller, Michael Pelton; 19: Jared, Mitch & Stephanie Reiter; 20:Andy Miller; 23: Ernie Simmons, 28: Michael "Spiz Sr" Spiesman, 38:Bob Miller



# WELCOME TO OUR FIRST TIME STAFF

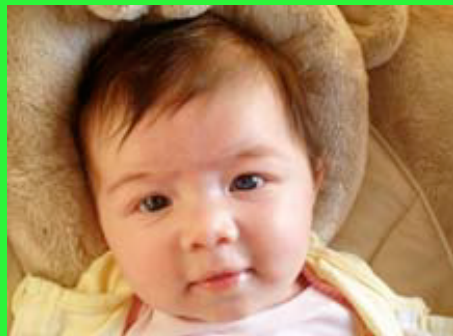
OUR NEW CREW HAILS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY AND GLOBE....

USA: ALABAMA::Kayla Lambert; ARIZONA:"FSD" Eddie Molinar; CALIFORNIA:Easton Harris, Kristen Johnson, Alyssa Roy; COLORADO:Amber Hopkins; FLORIDA:Jo Bailey, Sharon Cartaya, Brian Casanas, Mauricio Castano Aguedelo, Shawdae Cunningham, Arturo de la Fuente, Wesley Driggers, Alessandro Lozano, Christian Martinez, Cheri Pickett, Greg Polovin, Linda Stein, Gary Swisher, Fabio Tamayo, Matt Tolchin; GEORGIA:Javier McIntosh; ILLINOIS:Sara DeLeo, Amanda McLain, Jen Monkman, Nicole Spalding, Ashley Stern; INDIANA:Jessica Shaffer, Abby Steele; KANSAS:Zoe Braun, Nate Cless, Amelia Frankovic, Sarah Kirby, Monica O'Hanlon, Elizabeth Sander, Nicole Webb, Abigail Wood; LOUISIANA:Jalena Robinson; MASSACHUSETTS: Nicole Biagini, Laura Rusu; MARYLAND:Jake White; MICHIGAN:Julie Brown, Sarah Pelto; MONTANA:Nicolle Fugere, Stephanie Wagner; NORTH CAROLINA:Kathleen Facciola; NEW HAMPSHIRE:Jim Frati; NEW JERSEY:Marni Denenberg, Kelly Roberts, Miriam Rocha; NEW MEXICO:Larry Keaty; NEW YORK:Holly Gruskay, Rachel "SR" Hoffman, Dorian Wood; OHIO:Chelsea Burke; OKLAHOMA:Shawn Davis; PENNSYLVANIA:Rose-Ellen Balasco, Guillermo Cabrera, Sara Chronister, Malia Cohen, Allison Diehl, Jody Guy, SOUTH CAROLINA:John Dias; TEXAS:Tina Hechler, Tony Prather; UTAH:Jaimie Riggs; WISCONSIN:Ginger Aleksinski

AUSTRALIA:David Cheetham, Kylie Clancy, Claire Howells, Rosita Silvestro, James Walker, Steen Nielsen, Keira Williamson, Melissa Hay, Lyndall Leslie, Blake Readett, Ben Shaw, Zach Caudo; CANADA: NB: Julie Arsenault, Kayla Carter, Joelle Hache, Lindsay Oakes, Serena Seeger, Brittany Shaw, Sarah Smith, Mirielle Babineau, Stephanie Maillet; NL:Julia Clarke, Judith Kennedy, Ashley Olford, Kate Smith, Michael Snow, Breannah Tulk, NS:Tara Chisholm, Duncan Chisholm, Amanda Hutchinson, Adam MacDonald, Alicia McIssac, Nabil Moussa, Hilary Rankin, Nicholas Reyes, Sam Weir; ON:Michael Corrigan, Rachel Glover, Sam Nuttall, Andrea Pollard, Shane Roberts, Sean Russell, Keren Shlomi, Jordan Tekenos-Levy, Annamaria Wilbur; COLUMBIA: Arnold Patio, William Riveros; CZECH REPUBLIC: Zuzana Busikova, Lenka Tylova, Natalie Berglowcova, Sona Charvatova, Jackub Havlicek, Eva Hoskovcova, Andrea Huttova, Lenka Kremlackova, Josef Zachar; ENGLAND: Ashley Beswick, Lee Godfrey, Adam Guest, Andrew Lockett, Peter Oakley, Mark Rasburn, Rob Nuttall, Adrian Laming, Rhona Sinclair, James Trueman, Richard Stokes, Max Lammas, Graham Reid, Sarah-Jayne Warbrick; HUNGARY: Zsolt Adler, Csaba Spinda, Tamas Dekany, Tunde Farkas, Viktoria Kiss, Peter Ozsvath, Melinda Buda, Tamas Kreznerits, Norbert Bencsik, Szliard Nardai, Eniko Nagy; ISRAEL: Erez Amsalem, Alson Artzi, Yariv Kenan, Amit Rokach, Shay Schayek, Daniel Shavin, Jonathan Zilberman; POLAND: Anna Baran, Magdalena Bukowska, Marcin Chaluda, Joanna Dendra, Martyna Kantorysinska, Rafal Marciniak, Agnieszka Najmowska, Grzegorz Narozanski, Lukasz Pacek, Karol Przywara, Tomasz Rompczyk, Paulina Szymanska, Magdalena Szymanska, Justyna Wiktorczyk; SCOTLAND: Caroline Zatto; SOUTH AFRICA: Bronwyn Coetzee; SPAIN: Maria Climent, Sonia Parres; TURKEY: Ceyhun Ataman, Emine Tinkir.

SEE YOU ALL SOON!

# Future Campers



Poppy

Congratulations to Dusty Fox, our Office Manager and her husband, Ken, on the birth of their new baby girl, Poppy. We anticipate Poppy to be the camp mascot this summer! Congratulations to Louise Dilly Dally and Damien on the birth of their baby boy, Ruben! The Kripke's welcome their new baby from Hanoi, Mia!



Mia

# Uncle Mike

Mitch's dad, Mike Reiter, passed away earlier this year. Many campers, staff and alumni knew who he was as he visited often during the summers. "Uncle Mike" would do guest motzi's on Friday night or just be seen hanging out on the Mansion Porch.

In earlier days, he was known to many of the younger campers as "The Great WholsHe" magician that roamed around on the golf cart during rest hour and free play. He enjoyed watching activities, futzing in Stephanie's Garden, being part of the evening activities and watching the campers in the shows.

Uncle Mike marveled on how so many people from so many different backgrounds, interests and countries could come together, work and play together and get along. He often remarked that he thought we were doing our part for world peace. Uncle Mike, my Dad, was very proud to be a part of the Camp Towanda family.

I want to take a moment to thank so many of you for your kind, thoughtful and heartfelt expressions of love, care and sympathy. It is overwhelming the support our family has received from our camp family. Thank you so much.



## PARENTS --PARENTS --PARENTS

### DON'T MAKE AN ISSUE OUT OF IT

Did you read the Parent Guide??? No, really, you should!

### ISSUES?

The summer issues of the Towanda Times are prepared by the campers and staff....Mitch will continue to send his frequent early morning email memos and updates to keep you humorously "in the know"!

### NO ISSUES AT THE BUS

- Be sure you practice your goodbyes prior to arrival day.
- Bring a lunch and a drink for the bus ride.
- Say a quick goodbye.
- No parents on the bus, please.
- Give bank money to counselor, in a sealed & labeled envelope.

### BUS ISSUE

The next issue of the Towanda Times will be the BUS ISSUE, this is a short welcome issue for the campers on the bus. It will be available for color print out the night before camp starts if you want to print it out and put it in the lunch bag. We'll send you an email reminder!

## AFTER CAMP ANNOUNCEMENTS

### IF YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN:

Think about closing out your summer plans with family and friends at the **LABOR DAY FAMILY WEEKEND AUGUST 29- SEPTEMBER 1 AT CAMP TOWANDA....**

Great fun, relaxing, loads of activities and excellent food....

See the details in the back of the **PARENT GUIDE** or online in the Alumni section.

### NEW CAMPERS FOR 2009: FALL FOLIAGE BBQ

Saturday October 4, 2008

Specially designed for New Campers with the Dorm Girls 2009.

### ALUMNI: THE BIG 87/20 ALUMNI REUNION

Mark your calendars for the **BIG ALUMNI REUNION AT CAMP JUNE 13-14, 2009**. Details in the Fall. Celebrating 87 years since the founding and The Reiter's 20th year of directing Camp Towanda! More details on the website in the Fall. Save the weekend.



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*See You Soon!!!*

## **CLIP & SAVE**

### **2008 DATES TO REMEMBER**

Outdoor Adventure Staff	June 5, 2008
Red Cross, Lifeguard, Media, Baseball Staff	June 13, 2008
Group Leaders & Nurses	June 16, 2008
All Staff Orientation starts	June 21, 2008
Flying Camper Arrival	June 27, 2008
First Day Of Camp	June 28, 2008
Visiting Day & Sibling Sleepover	July 26, 2008
Last Day of Camp	August 15, 2008
Labor Day Family Weekend	August 29-September 1, 2008
Fall Foliage BBQ	Saturday October 4, 2008
NJ REUNION	Saturday November 22, 2008
FLORIDA REUNION	December 26, 2008
New Camper Group Scoop	January 11, 2009

