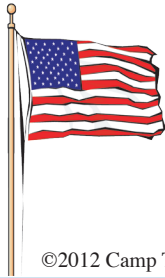


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THE CAMP COUNSELOR EXPERIENCE

NOTE: Marc Canarick started camp as a Cadet, went through all the ranks and became a counselor. He brilliantly articulates the value, lessons in life, experience, growth and opportunity camp has provided to him and those that he knows at camp; all while being a camper, counselor and alumni. We often hear from campers/staff that want to return but are caught up in thinking that they might need to do something more important than camp; read this letter and see what growth and life preparation a job at Camp Towanda provides. It's not just about the kids or just about the staff, its about all of us, together- The Camp Towanda Family. In addition, read our BLOG regarding HOW TO MAKE "CAMP COUNSELOR THE BEST THING ON YOUR RESUME" at: <http://camptowanda.com/blog?p=279>.

Dear Mitch and Stephanie,

I wanted to say thank you for letting me come up and visit last summer. My visit had a big impact on me and I wish I could have stayed longer.

As I think you know being a counselor in 2010 left a bad taste in my mouth about camp. This happened for a lot of reasons but I think the biggest one was maturity. In my preparation for being a counselor in 2010, I came to think of being a counselor as another step forward from being an LIT. As an LIT I had a little more freedom than I did as a Club Boy, but I also had a little more responsibility. I thought the same thing would be true as a counselor, a little more freedom with a little more responsibility. While this is to a degree true, my problem was that I did not understand that as a counselor responsibility always comes before free time.

I did not understand that I was there to give the experience I had as a camper to the next generation. Instead I thought I was there to enjoy camp as an adult. I slowly began to care only about the freedom and fun of camp and I starting to think of every responsibility as some sort of extra service that I didn't really need to do. I thought I deserved recognition and praise for what I was doing; I thought I deserved some sort of reward. When that reward didn't come I grew frustrated. As the summer progressed so too did my frustration and by the time I got on the bus to go home, I felt something that I had only felt once before about camp: when I was a young Junior boy.

Its a little embarrassing to say, but there are a lot of similarities between myself then and now. Both times I was a part of the Junior Boys, both times I saw camp as only about me, and both times I almost let my selfishness and my immaturity ruin camp for me forever.

Ultimately it was not that I didn't enjoy myself as a counselor despite my frustrations with camp, I actually had a great summer. I made a lot of friends, I got closer with some old friends, and I have dozens of great memories that I will always have.

When I was a counselor I watched a co-counselor and fellow former-camper become so selfish about camp and so caught up in himself, his frustration, and his freedom that he left camp, likely forever. I was scared of that happening to me, I didn't want to lose what camp meant to me for all those years and what it still means for me.

Last summer I knew I could not come back. Despite everything that camps has to offer and its value, I felt I needed to get an internship.

Yet again, I came back as a counselor for selfish reasons. My first day back I was with a new group (the Senior Boys) who seemed to like me, I saw all my friends at lunch, and I was back at camp. I was happy and already enjoying myself. At shower hour I went over to the National Boys bunk to say hi to all of my old campers. The first camper I saw seemed to spot me from 10-15 feet away, he initially seemed a little surprised and confused, this quickly shifted to excitement as he sprinted towards me,

then jumped and hugged me. He began telling me how much he missed me and how much he wished I had come back the summer before and as quickly as he came, he sprinted off, still with a look of pure excitement, to tell all the other Nationals that I was there. Its a little crazy how big an effect such a small reaction could have on me and after saying hi to the rest of the National Boys I spent the rest of shower hour thinking about it.

It took two years but I finally found that reward I had been looking for; the reward of being a counselor is not about recognition or praise. It is about knowing that I positively affected a camper's life, that I made a camper happier, and that I helped give the same camp experience, that has been such an important part of my life, to someone else. In thinking about that, I finally understood what you have been saying for years and what you told me again that morning: you get out of being a counselor what you put in. I realized that even if I was only back for a week visiting I could still have a positive impact on the Seniors and that I could help them have a better summer just by putting effort into being their counselor.

It's hard to say how well I did. What I do know though is that I definitely got out of being a counselor what I put in and I could see the reward of my effort almost immediately. On my second day last summer I had campers begging me to be in their canoe. On my fourth

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What We Hear From The Mansion Porch!!!

Carol Cashell (1997-2003) got accepted to be one of 40 swimmers in the Manhattan Island Marathon Swim on June 8th; a 28.5 mile swim, check it out at www.nycswim.org... Many Towanda-ers caught Don McLean singing AMERICAN PIE during the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade; in fact, Mitch received over 50 tweets, emails and text messages while it was happening (check out the Towanda version of American Pie on vimeo: <http://vimeo.com/49873267>)... Vin Sgrosso (1946) sent a DUKE BLUE DEVIL pennant to hang from the Canteen rafters with all the other pennants; a great tradition... Jamie Manela and Liz Bonfanti stopped by Sir Robert Edward's castle in Madrid during a recent trip abroad... Angel Vilchez writes that he has been working and living in China since camp ended, how do I get in The Mansion Porch Gossip column!... Erica Media is in Australia visiting Sioban McCormack... our director of Alumni Relations, Senior Spiz, suggests that if the birthday squad has a pizza party in the amphitheater, it would be near the "lighting tower of pizza"!!... our good friend Steve Max (and Dad to Alex Harellick) will be returning this coming summer with his hilariously fun Simon Sez Show. And to warm up many Towanda-ers, he'll be touring the country's colleges over the next few months with his basketball halftime show. U. of Richmond (12/1), Old Dominion (12/7), U. of Oklahoma (12/16), U. of Georgia (12/18), San Diego State (1/12), Arizona State (1/19), Georgia State (1/23), Virginia Tech (1/24), Baylor (1/30), Georgetown (2/2), Syracuse (2/4), U. of N. Alabama (2/7), U. of Maryland (2/10), U. of Iowa (2/14), U. of Kansas (2/16-17), UConn (2/21), U. of Virginia (2/24-25), NC State (2/27), Wake Forest (3/10) ... and the Knicks on March 3rd against the Heat! Be sure to give him a Towanda SHOUT OUT, take a picture and send it to us!... Lauren Hughes is a teacher in South Korea... John Jacob (1996-98) has 2 young daughters, teaches Phys Ed and hopes to return to camp when they are a bit older... Marriage congratulations to Carly Kisberg, Ali Baranker and Ryan "Chick Pea" Rosner (1996-2008)... Lindsay Anthonie (1994-2003) is a prosecutor in Maryland and had a little baby girl last spring... Rae Lynn Schwartz (Dorm 1992) lives in Washington State, married, two girls & two dogs... Brett NY Singer lives in NYC and is a stockbroker... Charlie Miller (2012) has been to Thailand and Australia and is now heading back to England... Christine Roy (2006-10) is in Ottawa working on her Master's Degree... Dave King (2006), happily married to Childs Koon(2005-07), live in England... Eric Gottlieb is in his 3rd year of Law School... Vito Zuccarelli (2009-10) is buying a house in Melbourne, Australia... Mark MacDonald (2005-2010) sends his regards from Canada... Adam Krause (Club 2004) says hi from NYC... Huw Knott (2005, 10) is a lawyer in London... Brooke Gomberg (1990-2002) is married and misses camp... Samantha Orringer (Dorm 2003) lives in Chicago working for BrightRoll, an online advertising company... Matt Levy (1988-1998) is getting married this month... Ross Geller (Club 2003) lives in Boston... Coach Berta says she is showing up at the Boca Reunion... Ali Rubin lives in DC and works with the State Department and Hillary Clinton... Yonit Sterba is married and lives in NYC... Drew Forman, married and living in Phoenix with his wife. Got his PhD for Cornell in 2010, in Materials Science & Engineering... Robert Forman, living in LA, writes for the Lifetime TV series, Army Wives... Jonathan Forman, working toward his MBA at NYU and still playing hockey... Miquel Espiritu lives in China and will be back in our baseball department this summer... Daniel "DJ" Rosenthal was in Hairspray this semester... Barbara Smolek (1962-70) ran into Liz Queller (1968-76) on a NYC cross-town bus carrying her Towanda 90 Year Alumni Reunion shoulder bag... Thanks for the updates, keep them coming; more in the next issue of The TT!



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HURRICANE DRIVE

Although camp escaped with minor damage; we lost six big trees near The Dorm, our electricity outage was minimal and the leaves went back from whence they came; we did relocate the winter office to camp for about a week.

However, the devastation, challenge, upheaval and the loss for the northeast region of the country was incredible. We have heard stories of some of our camp families housing over two dozen people in their homes, cars washed away, four feet of sand in the living room, bar-mitzvahs and weddings by candlelight and I'm sure a lot more.

We were contacted from campers, staff, parents, alumni and friends from around the world, checking in and extending their thoughts to all affected. Many Towanda-ers participated (and still are) in clean-up efforts, fundraisers, support groups and donation programs.

We were very proud of the participation at our "November Reunion Hurricane Sandy Food Drive" (see picture). Cases of canned food were dropped off and then Jared Reiter coordinated with the regional FOOD BANK to donate.

A special shout out to our Athletic Director, Mike "The" Thompson, who is currently stationed in Atlantic City on the mold removal squad (see picture in his haz-mat suit). Thompson, for 9 years running, is the first staff member to show up at camp (usually in March) and the last to leave (Thanksgiving week)!

Our thoughts and well wishes are with all affected by Hurricane Sandy.



LUCKY STRIKE REUNION

The annual November reunion at *Lucky Strike Lanes* in West Nyack, NY was THE BEST! In fact, it was the best ever! Throngs of campers, parents and staff flocked to the party...where we all got to be together at the 216 days to go mark! Hugs, laughs, bowling, pool, games, *Friday Night Flix* highlights, lunch and souvenirs made the day go really fast; too fast! Awesome to see everyone; next stop, the *Boca Beach Party* on December 26th (let us know if you can make it).



The crowd was crazy, the gifts were cool, the food was tasty, the Flix were showing, the bowling was wonderful and some of the attendees signed in:

Marbles Manela, Emily Sacks, Lee Rosen-swell, Ben Gallinson, Jake Weinstein, Josh Merlin, Cole, Parker, Jordan and Ben Berke, Drew and Darren Schweibel, Molly Cohen, Jordan Sharaf, Jackie and Jami Grossbard, Bella and Sam Messer, Ashley, Morgan and Taylor Haber, Ben, Madeline and Sydney Wolin, Emma Leipsner, Charli Vogel, Bryce and Skylar Brandfon, Alex Klein, Jack, Andrew and Adam Schwartz, Max, Jack and Emma Boruchov, Matt, Allie and Zach Chaikin, Cooper Seligson, Spencer and Shelby Rosen, Reed Blee, Ava and Izzy Schwartzapfel, Alyssa and Bubbles Heller, Hannah and Noah Paige, Ilana and Gigi Nemerow, Samantha Fox, Mitch, Stephanie, Jared and Brandon Reiter, Ryan, Amanda and Laura Goldwasser, Michael, Ali and Mollie Spiesman, Mike The Plumber, Brett Spivack, Cayla Schwartz, Hannah Garmise, Carly Khazzam, Michael and Madison Mariam, Austin Holder, Jack and Emma Trokel, Jonah Gelfand, Ryan First, Tyler Fein, Cory, Jamie and Jillian Weintraub, Blake, Perry and Sydney Axelrod, Daniel and Jacob Rosenthal, Avi, Brenen and Jayde Grossman, Huggie and Sammy Keller, Nicole Seiden, Shaun, Reece and Jane Spielberg, Jamie, Lauren and Eliza Davis, Shari and Hailey Bergman, Matt Haber, Ally and Drew Botwinick, Jack Grossman, Joey and Ari Goret, Caden Payones, Evan and Jacey Naccarella, Alex Levy, Melissa Peskin, Rose Fishbein, Natalie Smith, Brian Josephson, Hayley and Tylar Trichon, Adam Kamp, Julie Eichner, Rachel Luftig, Tyler, Chandler, Emma, Debra, Rich and Kate Bolog, Eve and Harrison Goldstein, Matt and Bob Miller, Melanie Buck, Alex Cohen, Sera Person, Heather, Jared and Mitchell Ginsburg, Cooper Crisp, Caroline Lerche, Aidan Neidoff, Jake Miller, Tyler and Lindsay Bisk, Noah Platte, Sydney and Andrew Rowan, Zoe Birnbaum, Eric and Adam Abrams, Matthew Merovitz, Simon and Betsy Muller, Bailey Aaron, Ben and Zoe Fuhrman, Hallie Abish, Rachel Hoffman, Amanda Gershowitz, Francine Klarsfeld, Alyssa Delott, Jordan and Randy Silverberg, Fallon Roher, Erica Levy, Hannah Seley, Olivia Plotnek, Jordan and Dylan Zgodny, Addison, Bailey, Jeremy and Barrett Abramowitz, Olivia and Jonny Hamwee, Ally and Nikki Schachtel, Dylan and Jordyn Tish, Jarrett Margolis, Brahm Wieseneck, Maxine Herbst, Aaron Kargman, Zac and Samson Gelfand, Amanda and Jenny Winkler, Rachel Labarre, Jordan and Jamie Hammer, Colby Garfinkel, Emily Schwartz, Ella Gitler, Arielle and Gillian Bloom, Margo Fleishman, Adam Belizzzone, Justin Halper, Rachel Yasgur, Chelsea Shemesh, Bari Yorke, Jack Lipkind, Ethan Goldberg, Matt Gutkin, Carsyn Balter, Dylan Ettinger, Hannah, Sophie and Charlotte Kriftcher, Melissa Welger, Specner Steinberg, Jacob, Matt and Andrew Epstein, Carly Schwartz, Jon "NY" Heller, Brian and Serena Golden, Jayne Levine, Rachel Leibel, Leah, Jillian and Dylan Jaffe, Derek Hassan, Jenna Kravitz, Bethany Hecht, Melissa Buzin, Brittany, Skylar and Zoey Seitzman, Jordyn and Nicole Salm, Elysa Zebersky, Marti Rosenberger, Sammy and Ava Schneider, Evan Lang, Steven Frydman, Henry Russnow, Kendall Gaynes, Danielle and Alexa Gault, Ally Platte, Jessica and Jeremy Radfar, Brandon Sudnow, Zoe Lanel, Riley Kurzer, Sam Geanacopoulos, Sam Ross, Cara Naimi, Skylar Sloane, Maddie, Zoe and Ethan Denenberg, Sara Friedman, Nurse Anthony Amadeo, Jenna Marcus, Steph Simon, Stef Lugassy, Adam Silverman, Alex and Logan Kornfeld, Jason and Aly Wolpov, Jill Gittleman and Dana Krause!



NEW FOR LUCKY 2013

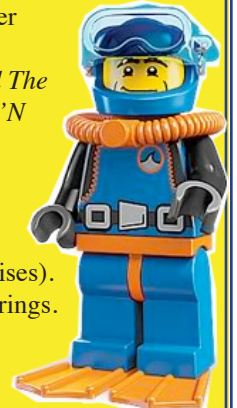
As the cold winter months settle in, here are some (only some) of the new things to look forward to by the time the summer of 2013 starts:

- Human size outdoor *Chess Board*
- Added elements to the *Outdoor Fitness Center*
- A 2nd catamaran for *Sunset Lake*
- Remodeled outdoor Ping Pong area and new tables for the *Canteen*
- Storage room added to the *Gymnastics Pavilion*
- Staff parking area stonewall and entrance gate installed
- *Culinary Kitchen* improvements/expansion
- 2 new monster KUBOTA riding lawn mowers
- *Girls' Campus* and flagpole hedges clipped low
- New birch trees planted by *Arts & Crafts*
- Pine & Birch trees planted by the *Amphitheater* (to support "In a vale of Pine and Birch tree...")
- New *LEGO Room* (see article)
- New *Grill Van*
- Website revised (multiple platform friendly); coming soon!



And here are some programming related enhancements:

- Tiki Barber coming to play football with Boys Camp
- Soccer, Basketball & Baseball advanced conditioning clinics (sign up in the spring)
- All new *Poltergeist League* and the 1st ever *Ghost Gala Costume Party!*
- The return of *Nature with Nathaniel, Brad The Hypnotist, Steve Max's Simon Says* and *Dip'N Dots!!!*
- Trip Day Specials (including: *Dorney, Hershey, Sno Cove, Coal Mine, Callicoon Theater, Binghamton Mets, Carbondale Bowling, Wayne County Fair* & a few surprises).
- Expanded culinary class and SCUBA offerings.
- More to be announced.



What have we been doing?!

Your Directors, Mitch & Stephanie, were recently at the **PROJECT: MORRY** (formerly *Morry's Camp*) fundraising dinner in New York City, where we presented the monies raised by our camp families as well as co-sponsored the exciting Bid For Tuition silent auction item.

Mitch, Stephanie & Jared Reiter had a sweet time at a camp industry conference at **HERSHEY PARK**. In addition to an in depth look into the behind the scenes of the safety, security, maintenance and personnel training programs, we toured the 10,000 acre facility of **The Milton Hershey School**; extremely interesting and impressive. We attended sessions on staff training, facility management and of course, *Kit-Kat s'mores...* and we came home with filled pockets of *KISSES!*



Jared Reiter (the new off season Staff Manager) and Melanie Buck (the new Administrative Director) have attended several seminars and webinars regarding staff and camper development, policies and procedures. Don't worry; they both will be Group Leaders during the summer, in addition to their other duties.

Mark "Z" Zides, our Operations Director and Staff Recruiting Director, continues his involvement in ACA Standards inspecting and camp industry lobbying (regionally and nationally), in addition to his overseeing of our expansive and extensive staff recruiting procedures, he will be in England, Canada, Australia and throughout the mid-west in January and February meeting with our counselor staff.

Mitch, Stephanie & Jared will be relieving "The Z-Man" of some of his travels in between *New Camper Group Scoop* and *The Senior Sleepovers*, with a trip to Prague and Budapest, to meet up with many of our support staff as they prepare for their return to camp this summer.

Several of our staff will join us as we head to Atlantic City in March for our annual 4-day **American Camp Association Conference** and Trade Show; where we learn, teach, network, create and buy, everything for camp!

Mitch will be returning to New York City's Marriot Marquis Grand Ballroom stage on April 3rd as he hosts the Annual **SCOPE** fundraising dinner. Mitch is a board member of *Summer Camp Opportunities Promote Education* (Check out the www.scope-ny.org).

Also in April, Lisa Pelton, our Girls' Assistant Head Counselor, will be speaking at *The National Association of Secondary School Principals* conference in San Diego.

There are more events, seminars, conferences and fundraisers we attend; you can follow our involvement on **FACEBOOK** and **INSTAGRAM**. As a board member of **LOVE** (Leave Out Violence) and a national trustee of **The Foundation Fighting Blindness** (FFB), and a former **ACA** board member, Mitch is excited to share philanthropic attributes of giving back, helping, mentoring, appreciation and caring with the *Camp Towanda* family, with many organizations.



Kid friendly, parent approved food continues from our Mess Hall!
Our on-staff nutritionist is happy to speak with parents regarding any nutrition/wellness/food allergy/food insensitivities/specific dietary needs, concerns or questions.

As parenting partners, this benefit is available year round, just let us know and we'll get the "ingredients" together!!! In addition, bunk counselors, group leaders, waiters and waitresses and our camp moms are on hand, attentive, encouraging and supportive at meal times!

CAMP COLLEGE CONNECTION

A great benefit of being part of the Camp Towanda family is that we are connected! When you are ready to think about college, want to tour a campus or have questions, contact the camp office and we will put you in touch with one of our current students or alums; always the best way to gain insight, have a private tour and get the real scoop about a specific college.

Note: If we did not list your school and you can help with a tour, please let us know!

Temple University, Stanford University, University of Southern California, Penn State University, Lock Haven University, North Carolina State University, Syracuse University, University of New Mexico, University of Tampa, Emory University, Saint Cloud State University, Mercyhurst College Appalachian State University, Kenyon College, Daytona State College, Saint Mary's University, Lewis and Clark College, East Carolina University, Bethany College, Diablo Valley College, Monmouth College, College of New Jersey, Bentley, Columbia College Chicago, Cornell University, Indiana University, University of Wisconsin, University of Michigan, Quinnipiac University, Saint Joseph's College of Maine, Washington University St. Louis, University of Minnesota, Brenau University, Eastern Illinois University, Keuka College, Long Island University, Kansas University, SUNY New Paltz, Wells College, Butler University, Ohio State University, Northern Michigan University, Wichita State University, Bethany College, Regis University, Ithaca College, Emory and Henry College, Minnesota State University Moorhead, Great Lakes College, Bowling Green State University, Clemson University, Brescia University, Kentucky Wesleyan College, Western Kentucky University- University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, Murray State, Morehead, Eastern Kentucky University, Vanderbilt University, University of Pennsylvania, University of Maryland, NYU, Princeton University, GWU, Florida Sate University, Tulane University, University of Colorado Boulder, University of Vermont, Duke, Boston University, Harvard, Columbia, Farleigh Dickinson University, Central Michigan University, Warner University and Keystone College.



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day there was a big argument between the campers because half of them thought that I was enough a part of their group that I should be getting a Senior t-shirt. On my fifth day I had a camper confide in me because he was not having as much fun this summer as he did the summer before and he thought I could help. On Saturday, my second to last day, a group of campers tried to convince me that they were going to put an extra bunk bed in 1110 just so I wouldn't have to sleep in a different bunk on my last night. On Sunday, my last day, I had campers beg me to stay for an extra day, week, and even for the rest of the summer. Others wanted me to come back next summer so that I could be their counselor in the Club. These are just some of the rewards, big and small; they are the rewards of knowing that I made a few campers summer's better, even if it was just a little.

As I told the Senior Boys on my last night this year during reflections, being a counselor was sort of a secondary thought in my return

to camp. I never expected it to happen but spending time with the Seniors, getting to know them, and being their counselor was easily the best part of my week back. They reminded me how rewarding it is to be a counselor and what it means to love and be a part of camp.

All this led me to feel sad leaving camp. After eight summers as a camper, I learned how to deal with having to leave camp even if I didn't want to. This wasn't what I was sad about though. As I drove down the dirt road I was sad because for the first time I didn't know if or when I'd be back. I'd love to say that being back convinced me to come back next summer or the summer after that. But as much as I wish this were true, I know the real world will prevent me no matter how hard I try not to let it.

Unfortunately, being back in the future will probably always have to take the form of visiting. Even though, it isn't as good as being back for an entire summer I definitely want

to visit in the summers to come whether I come as a visitor for a day or two, or as a counselor for a week, or even as a visitor during Olympics (if it happens!) this coming summer or in years to come. Being back reminded me how much camp means to me and how great it is to be a part of camp. I can't wait until my next chance to be a part of camp.

I recommend that everyone experiences being a counselor; for all the right reasons; its about teamwork, its about caring, its about stamina, its about making a difference; it is rewarding! You learn a lot about your self.

Thank you for providing this opportunity. See you this summer,

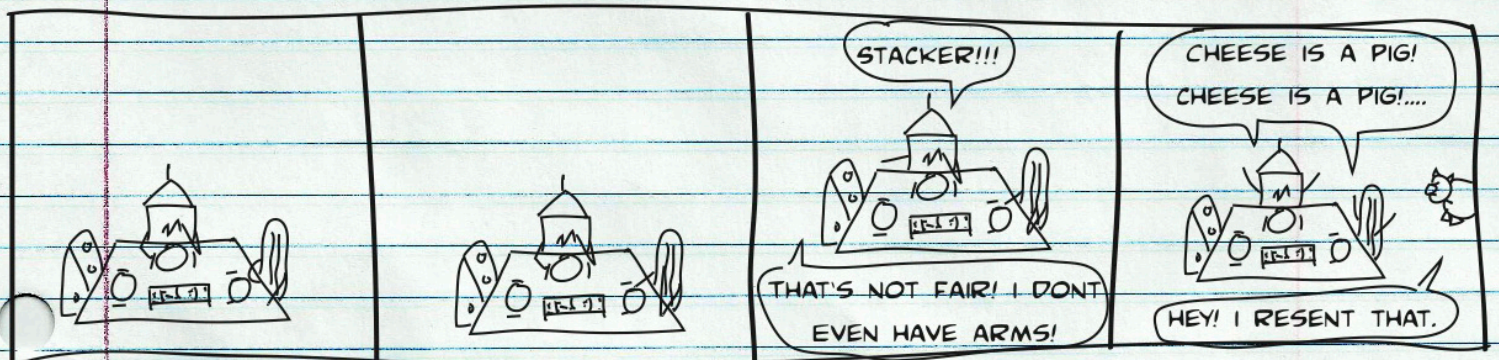
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Marc Canarick, CLUB 2007

The Adventures of Cheese, Milk and Pickle!

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By Jared Reiter



BOCA BEACH PARTY

Everyone's welcome to join the fun: campers (old & new), staff, parents, alumni, friends, prospective campers and their families. If you're heading south for the holidays, we'd love to see you!! Bring lotion, camera & towel! Rain or Shine, we will be there.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 26, 2012

11:30 AM to 3:00 PM ish!

Located at: South Beach Park, Boca Raton, Florida.
(This is not in South Beach, it is in Boca!)

Check out the live cam: <http://bocasurfcam.com>

LUNCH: Lunch provided! Sandwiches, chips, soda and water!

DIRECTIONS: SOUTH BEACH PARK is located at the intersection of A-1-A and PALMETTO PARK ROAD. (This is just a mile or so south of Spanish River Park, our old reunion spot). To find us on the beach, walk down the stairs and we will be just to the left. Follow our **HOT PINK ARROWS!**

PARKING: In case the main lot is filled, there is additional parking just to the north of the main entrance.

PLEASE
R.S.V.P!



SKI TRIP

MEET & SKI AT ELK MOUNTAIN

Sunday Jan. 20, 2013 at Elk Mountain, Scranton, PA, (Martin Luther King Weekend) -not too far from camp (a good day trip, or stay close by) Call in advance, meet, ski and take a picture with Mike The Plumber! Meet at Noon outside the main lodge by the big ski map. Get your photo taken for the Towanda Times! Call the camp office to RSVP!



SENIORS 2013 WINTER SLEEPOVERS

(at The Mansion!!!)

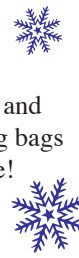
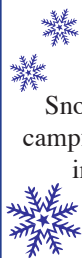
Girls Weekend - Saturday January 26, 2013

Boys Weekend - Saturday February 2, 2013

Snow, sledding, frozen Ghost, toboggan, ice fishing and campfire in the middle of frozen Sunset Lake, sleeping bags in front of the Mansion Fireplace and a lot s'more!

Registration details will be e-mailed shortly;

Seniors will need to RSVP!



You still have a chance to order your VisionWalk 2013 Team Towanda T-Shirt. Please send \$25.00 check to the winter office, be sure to put your t-shirt size on the check memo. All proceeds go to the Foundation Fighting Blindness' VisionWalk, Spring 2013 event.



Be sure to listen for upcoming announcements from the LITs 2013 as they takeover the reigns and get everyone involved for this year's event.

Not only a good cause, but a great excuse to come to New York City, see your camp friends and have fun. Date and time to be announced after the new year!



STAFF:

Let us know if you are returning for 2013!!!
If you want a copy of 2012 FNF Highlights, please send us an email with the correct mailing address!

NEW CAMPER GROUP "SCOOP"

for all new for 2013 campers and their parents!
Sunday Jan. 6, 2013, 1:00 PM Sharp 'til 3 PM
at the Fort Lee DoubleTree on Rt 4 East.
Details already mailed. **Please RSVP!**



2013 CHAT ROOM - Wednesday February 6, 2013

New Campers, Returning Campers & Staff
Instructions in Forms & Documents section of CampMinder or drop us an email for a copy of the instructions at melanie@camptowanda.com

TIE DYE

By popular demand, the *Camp Towanda Tie Dye T-shirt* is now an official uniform item. Please note that it is NOT available through the CLOZ catalog and needs to be ordered directly from the camp office. The price is \$20.00 and will be waiting for you upon arrival at camp.

Just send your shirt size to jared@camptowanda.com.

The shirt is available for alumni and friends (but you need to add \$5.00 for delivery).

Please order by March 1, 2013.



The new Lego room is accepting donations; if you have LEGOS sitting around your house and you do not know what to do with them; they can be part of the new LEGO room at camp. Please contact jared@camptowanda.com for delivery arrangements.

ACA ACCREDITATION

Once again, *Camp Towanda* proudly exceeds the standards of the *American Camp Association's* accreditation inspection process; which establishes guidelines, policies, procedures and practices, as well as educates camp owners and directors in the administration of key aspects of the camp operation, program quality, and the health and safety of campers and staff. We're beyond accredited!



Pumpkin Carving Contest!

Thanks to all participants in the 2012 1st Annual All Camp Pumpkin Carving Contest! We have some very talented carvers out there! be sure to look for the newest plaque in the canteen!

This years winners are.....

Lower Camp: Hannah Garmise and Cayla Schwartz, Grace and Andrew Pelton

Upper Camp: Greg and Emily Schwartz

Staff: Kyle Maynes

All participants will receive a Kit-Kat at camp this summer!!

Jared Reiter



MUSIC

If you play an instrument, we encourage you to bring it to camp. We do have guitars, drums, pianos and keyboards.



CHECK, WE'LL BE HUNGRY!!

Mitch, Stephanie & Jared look forward to connecting with many of our support staff from over the years while they are at a job fair in Prague and Budapest. Please be sure to contact us if you will be available

January 15 and 17, respectively. We will also be in the Paris airport for 3 hours if you are around on January 12. Let us know!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

December: 2: Logan Behlman, Lindsay Bisk, Bari Sabety, Renee Marhong; **3:** Dylan Ettinger; **4:** Ava Schwartzapel; **5:** Judit Muller, Barbora Lipenska, Sam Bell; **7:** Henry Ellison, Yaz Bates; **8:** Matt Epstein, Jackson Pinksy; **9:** Mitch Ginsburg, Rachel Luftig, Alexa Milove, Betsy Muller, Lizzie Shaffran; **11:** Jayne Levine, Digby Woods; **12:** Dylan Zgodny; **13:** Noah Paige; **14:** John Callan; **15:** Alexa Weinberg; **16:** Eric & Robert Reichenberg, Reece Spielberger; **17:** Uri Aguilar; **18:** Jerry Garcia Friedman, Ian Kantor, Mike The Thompson; **19:** Carly Khazzam, Jason Tepper, Jamie Levine; **20:** Adam Kamp, Charlotte Kriftcher, Pavel Kalkus, Holly Stein; **21:** Jeremy Abramowitz, Sam Herbst, Charlotte Vatcher, Sage Berger; **22:** Gillian Bloom, Noah Seligson, Taylor Cooper; **23:** Jack Tuchman, Elysa Zebersky; **24:** Bacon Readett; **25:** Callie Pines, Tyler Trichon, Janka Bobek; **26:** Marton Nagy; **27:** Emma Boruchov, Gracie Pelton, Forest Weiss; **28:** Stephanie Smith; **29:** Jordyn Tish, Megan Farley, Kristen Huffman; **30:** Sydney Rowan, Rayna Silver, Sharon Arbuco; **31:** Zach Chaikin

January: 1: Judson Levi, Mitch Reiter; **2:** Phyllis Miller; **3:** Jesse Grossman, Valerie Maier; **4:** Hannah Seley, Mike The Plumber, Edmundo Cuautle; **5:** Brett B-Bo Bolog, Anna Swoboda; **6:** GiGi Nemerow, Reed Wallach; **7:** Dan DJ Rosenthal, Samantha Wishnow; **8:** Jack Boruchov, Daron Jones; **9:** Perry Feinstein, Terra Writz; **11:** Andras Nagy; **12:** Natalie Smith, Leash Jensen, Rose Rutledge; **13:** Alec Friedman, Brenda Schweighofer; **15:** Kyla Finkle, Jacob Gubner; **16:** Jackie Grossbard; **17:** Hannah Garmise, Jack Rothenberg, Izabela Skwarczynska, Jesse Kugler; **20:** Gabriel Goldman, Katya Samus, Phoebe Dinner; **21:** Lee Williams; **22:** Zoe Fuhrman, Cara Miami, Ethan Schwartz; **23:** Jake Rosen; **24:** Brian & Serena Golden; **25:** Carly Solomon; **27:** Erin & Evan Pomerantz, Aly Wolpov; **28:** Andrew Rowan; **29:** Amanda Breit, Matthew Dubin, Mollie "Lil Spiz" Spiesman; **30:** Thumper Cohen, Ally Platte, Leo Saltzman, Casper The Dog; **31:** Jillian Horowitz

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Happy Holidays!!!

CLIP & SAVE

2013 CAMP DATES



Florida Beach Party	December 26, 2012
New Camper Group Scoop	January 6, 2013
Meet & Ski at Elk Mtn	January 20, 2013
Senior Girls Sleepover	January 26, 2013
Senior Boys Sleepover	February 2, 2013
Chat Room	February 6, 2013
NYC VisionWalk	Spring, 2013
Flying Campers Arrival	June 21, 2013
First Day of Camp	June 22, 2013
S'More Tours	July 6,13,24, 2013
Visiting Day & Sibling Sleepover	July 20, 2013
Alumni BBQ Day	July 21, 2013
Last Day of Camp	August 9, 2013

Reunion Recap!



Details Inside!

