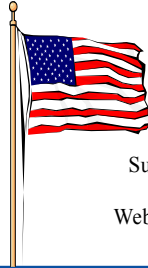


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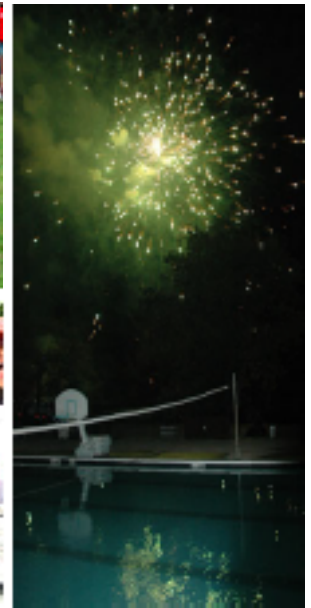
"A Dry July"

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STARS & STRIPES FOREVER

The fourth of July was awesome at Camp Towanda! Everyone was dressed in red, white, and blue to celebrate. The Debs and Jets got the honor of presenting the colors this morning at line up. After that everyone enjoyed a wonderful breakfast of pancakes, cleaned up their bunks, and headed out to their co-ed activities. The afternoon consisted of an all American lunch of macaroni and cheese and apple pie, but before anyone could eat their lunch the international staff stormed in the dining hall dressed in their countries colors and flying their flags and demanded to re-name the kitchen "The International House of Food." Everyone agreed and ate their lunch. After lunch it was more time for activities. All of lower camp enjoyed a general swim before dinner. Due to a little sprinkle of rain the Guinness World Record attempt of the most people working on a piece of sidewalk chalk art was postponed until Thursday, the rain wasn't around long enough to ruin our amazing Fourth of July barbeque! Everyone gathered on the hill to enjoy their hot dogs, hamburgers, and watermelon.

After dinner it was time for the evening activity. Everyone went down to the waterfront for a luau. The luau had swimming, fruit, volleyball, music, and even a limbo contest. All of camp was enjoying the great festivities. To finish off the night everyone gathered together to watch some amazing fireworks. After all, what would the Fourth of July be without watching fireworks while listening to the 1812 Overture? Everyone had a great day celebrating our country's independence.



FIREWORKS!

The fireworks display on the Fourth of July 2006 was spectacular! The setting was absolutely perfect. Everyone came down to the waterfront for some swimming, music, and dancing. Once it got dark, we settled on the hill to watch the fireworks show over the lake while listening to Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture. Everyone really enjoyed the beautiful scenes up in the sky. It was the perfect end to our awesome Independence Day celebration!

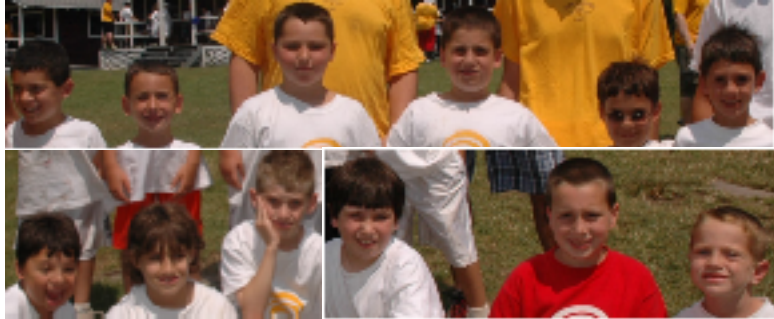
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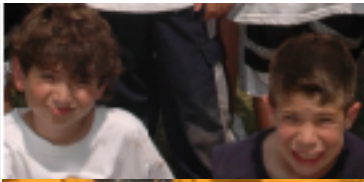
GROUPS OF THE WEEK

Introducing the...

JETS



The Jets are an energetic bunch that are loving their first year at camp. They are willing to try all of camp's great activities and can be seen having a great time. They really love ghost, gaga, and soccer. Have a great summer Jets!



DEBS



□The Debs are a happy bunch and although they live in the ½ bunk they are full of energy! They all love camp and especially love gaga, O&A, and swimming at the waterfront. These cute little Debs are always in a good mood and can be seen with smiles on their faces all over camp!



Fiddler on the Roof!

An amazing performance of Fiddler on the Roof put on by the Seniors, Club, and Dorm. The performance was enjoyed by all sitting in the outdoor amphitheater. Everyone did a spectacular job, the crowd was fascinated with the acting, singing, and dancing. Club boy Andrew Plasker did a stunning job of portraying Tevye alongside the fantastic acting of Dani Pines as Tzeitel. The Seniors, Club, and Dorm did a wonderful job starting out the summer plays and musicals and have set the bar high for the rest of camp. Next to go on is what is sure to be an exciting rendition of Once On This Island, performed by the Middies, Tweens, and Juniors.



YOU JUGGLE WHAT?!!



The third night of camp we had a "RIPPIN" good evening activity. It was a stunning show put on by Mad Chad who flew all the way from California to perform his amazing juggling feats.

His juggling act entertained the crowd. He juggled everything from tennis balls to folding chairs to more dangerous items. He even juggled knives and ate an apple while riding a unicycle. His grand finale wowed everyone as he juggled three running chainsaws. Mad Chad has performed his act on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno and has just finished filming for Spiderman 3. The campers and staff have never seen anything quite like Mad Chad, what a great act. Can you believe he juggled 3 chainsaws?!

The Fishing Program

By: Blake Axelrod B-15

What kind of fish does the lake have to catch?

Terry: "We have Bluegills, Bass, Sunfish and many other kinds that we have not caught yet."

Who catches fish better? Boys or Girls?

Terry: "Both boys and girls are great at catching Camp Towanda Fish. And they both enjoy it equally."

Where and at what time is the best to catch camp fish?

Terry: "In the morning at 6 am and in the evening."

What do campers use to catch fish?

Terry: "The bait of choice seems to be live worms."

What is the biggest fish caught at camp Towanda this year?

Terry: "It was 19" long and Ryan Seigel of Boys 4 pulled it in."

Are you telling "Fish Stories" for answers in my interview?

Terry: "Like any good fishermen, I never exaggerate the truth."

The Media Team Needs YOU!!

We are always looking for helping hands! If you have any skit ideas for Friday Night Flix or want to showcase your art, poetry or be a reporter for the Towanda Times, come and talk to Tiffany or Andy! See you soon!

Don't forget to sign up for the PodCast!!

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THE MANSION STORY

By: Corey Werner B-9

& Josh Miller B-8

We were very curious about the history of the Mansion so we asked Mitch if he could sit down with us and answer a few of our questions. He happily put some time aside for us and we learned a lot. We hope you enjoy your interview.

When was the Mansion built?

Mitch: "Well, The Club building was used as the infirmary on the site of the current Mansion a long time ago. That building was moved to be the Club in 1954. Then Mansion (as we know it) started on the foundation of the old Club in 1962. (are you confused yet?) It stayed pretty small until 1992 when we started adding on to it."

Who was the owner of the Mansion before you?

Mitch: "The owners were Sam Ettinger and Lynn Nordan." (former camp directors)

What is your favorite room?

Mitch: "The Tower where I can monitor the weather and see the entire camp."

Do you have memories or stories about the Mansion?

Mitch: "In the winter of 1994 there was a blizzard and there was 7 feet of snow. We had to climb out of a window."

Is it true that there is a Lego room?

Mitch: "Yes, there is a Lego room, it is very cool."

When you moved into the Mansion have you put anything new onto it or taken anything out?

Mitch: "We built the porch around it and added the office and its porch."

When you came to camp was there a Mansion?

Mitch: "Yes but it did not have a name so we called it "The Mansion".

Was the Mansion used for something else before?

Mitch: "It was the owners' house."

What do you like about the Mansion?

Mitch: "I like that it is the center of camp and the larger porch"

Was it your choice to build the Mansion?

Mitch: "Yes."

Do you think that the Mansion will still be standing for the same reason in the future as it is now?

Mitch: "Yes."

CANADA, EH?



The day started with a bang as the Canadian counselors paraded through line-up dressed in their national colors of red and white while waving Maple leaf flags. They then tied Mitch up in a Canadian flag and sang "O Canada." The rest of the day stayed sunny and bright for all of the Towanda activities.

GUINNESS RECORD & FUN IN THE SUN!

□ The morning began with a porch breakfast. Later, the entire camp teamed up to attempt to set a Guinness world record for the most people working on the longest distance of sidewalk chalk art.

After the chalk art, the upper and lower camps took turns at the exciting Water Carnival. Campers slipped down inflatable water slides and played other water games all over the waterfront. They also got to take boat rides on Sunset Lake and dance to the sounds of DJ Mitch.

After the Water Carnival, everyone ate Hors D'oeuvres on the front lawn then got ready for their evening activities which was split between capture the flag and a Bonfire sing along.



They Say It's Your Birthday

July 5: Jack Grossman, Erika Kremin, David Ostern, Petr Pistek, Ewelina Slusarczyk

July 6: Karen Feuerstein, Alana Pines, Julia Robertson

July 7: Chandler Bolog, Bethany Hecht, Benjamin Silver, Alexa Werner

July 8: Carly Lapidus, Chelsea Shemesh

July 9: Zoe Denenberg, Lindsay Rokito, David Stillman

July 10: Jedd Horn

July 11: Adam Spivack

July 12: Milan Dzurik

July 14: Alex Margulies

July 15: Katherine Drop, Lindsay Ilgner, Shelley Mika, Elana Naimi, Haley Pastolove, Benjamin Sackler, Sam Slater

July 16: Robert Edwards, Andrea Filkaszova, Ian Howard, Claire Spence

July 17: Adam Friedman, Lee Kripke, Michael Leibowitz Jr

July 18: Lauren Krasnoff, Maria Perez de Valle

July 19: Sydney Axelrod, Tadeusz Baczewski, Michelle Feigenbaum



RAIN, RAIN, RAIN



□ The summer got off to a soggy start this year with over 13 inches of rain in the first week. Even with the rain the campers' spirits couldn't be dampened and everyone put on their rain boots and ponchos and headed to their activities. Due to the heavy amounts of rain many sports fields and outdoor areas were temporarily under water, but everyone made the best of it and some of upper camp even had mud sports games. Other activities during the rain included gaga, arts and crafts, kickball in the fieldhouse, food art in the dining hall, dancing, cheerleading, and gymnastics. Now the rain is gone and everyone was happy to see it go, so we could get to outdoor activities and regular camp fun.



Towanda Tennis!!!

By: Jared Buksbaum B-14

I really like tennis so I decided to sit down with Robert the director of the tennis program and learn a little bit more about the program and him. I hope you find this interview as interesting as I did.

How many tennis staff do you have this year?

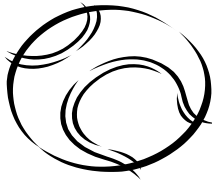
Robert: "We have a total of 11 staff in the Tennis Program."

What is the major goal of the tennis program?

Robert: "We have three major goals: to have fun, to learn, and to compete."

How many kids do you see a day?

Robert: "We see about 200 children a day."



Where did you learn to play tennis and how long ago was that?

Robert: "I learned to play tennis in London, 58 years ago when I was four."

What would be your advice for someone that wants to be a professional tennis player?

Robert: "My advice would be to work, work, work."

Did anyone ever tell you that the "Tennis Program" can also be called TP? Do you think that that could get confusing at a camp?

Robert: "Yes, I suppose it could be confusing at camp."

Why are the Tennis balls yellow?

Robert: "The balls are fluorescent yellow so they are easily visible."

AN INTERVIEW WITH MITCH

By: Noah Platte B-3 and Alex Marshall B-5

We all know Mitch, but how well do we know him? We decided to find out a little bit more about him. We hope you learn something about one of our favorite people at camp.

What do you like most about camp?

Mitch: "I like the campers."

What's your favorite part of being the head of camp?

Mitch: "I like being the head of camp because I get to have fun with the campers and the staff."

What's your favorite activity at camp?

Mitch: "I really like Ghost and night C."

What's your favorite food at camp?

Mitch: "I love Kit Kats."



What do you do when camp is not in session?

Mitch: "I spend my time getting ready for summer and getting camp set up. I also like to bake things."

When did you start working at Camp Towanda?

Mitch: "I started in 1990."

What is your favorite band?

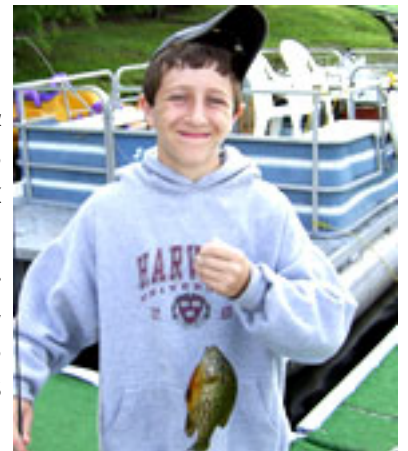
Mitch: "The Beatles."

What is your favorite song?

Mitch: "Hello muddah, hello faddah"

GONE FISHIN' AT CAMP TOWANDA

Fishing is off to a great start at Camp Towanda with over 140 campers (33 Girls & 107 Boys) signed up to attend fishing outings down at the lake. So far, two groups of campers have been down to the lake for early morning & noontime fishing. Alex Margulies caught four (4) nice size bass on the early morning outing and Ryan Siegel wrestled a massive 19 incher onto the dock during the noontime outing. Also on the noontime outing, Griffin Webber landed five (5) nice size fish. In all, thirteen campers caught a total of 22 fish on the outings. All of the 140 campers signed up will get the opportunity to fish down at the lake in the coming weeks and all of the campers are excited about their chance to catch the BIG ONE !!



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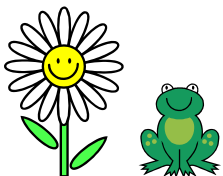
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I had an amazing week at Camp Towanda!

I am...



The Woodpecker is going to
have to go!



I love camp!
