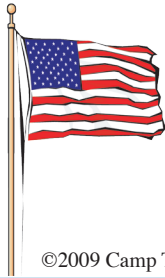


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"The Goats will not escape the PEN in 2010"

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The Family Of Camp

Each Friday evening during the summer, a member of the camp family speaks in front of us all.

On one particular Friday last summer, Brandon Reiter, a Club boy who has been at camp even before he was born, reflected upon and shared his experience with the camp family.

Most people's camp memories begin with the first time they walked off the bus. But, I *don't* remember the first time I walked off the bus. In fact, I have *never* even walked off the bus on the first day of camp. I have had a unique experience being Mitch and Stephanie's son. Camp is not only my summer home but my real home as well. A lot of my friends tell me that camp never really seems to leave them. For me, this is true not only figuratively, but camp literally never leaves me. I see much more than what most of you sitting here before me see.

Camp requires a lot of preparation that many people are a part of. From painting the lines on the soccer field, to training all of our beloved counselors, it takes hard work when it comes down to making sure that camp is ready for all of us to enjoy. But it is not until the whole family arrives that camp becomes more than just its skeleton. Camp is as much a part of me as I am a part of camp. I am here when the buses arrive and I stay here when they leave. Sometimes this can be tough. As I am able to walk around camp when it is just a ghost town, I can see all the memories that camp has left for me as if they were still happening right in front of my eyes. And as my camper days draw closer and closer to an end I still have a smile because I know that my camping experiences will stay with me forever. I look around and see all the former campers who came back as counselors and are continuing to live camp up to its fullest meaning.

Apart from Gracie, Andrew, and Poppy, I am the only one who can say that I have been at *Camp Towanda* since I

was born. I have come to appreciate all that camp has to offer me. From the deeper meaning of this very service to the smell of *Jonesy's Cookies*, to having fireworks on the 3rd of July (or the 4th or 5th)! Camp enables us to find our true selves and let our inner selves shine. For the past nine years I have made 24 brothers. Together we have made it through the great times, but more importantly we survived the tough times. Sure we have fought and did not always get along, but the way we dealt with each situation as a group makes me extremely proud of how we came together to form the everlasting brotherhood of the Club of 2009. From singing "*Fire on the Mountain*" to being in the Club with my brothers, I see that camp not only transforms and develops us but it provides a place of comfort. Towanda could not possibly demonstrate the slogan of the *American Camping Association* better than it already does. *Camp gives kids a world of good*. I am glad to have spent my childhood here as it has made me into the person I am today.

Brandon

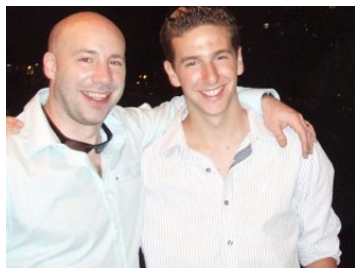
-Brandon

(I'll be your Waiter in 2010!)

Happy
Holidays!

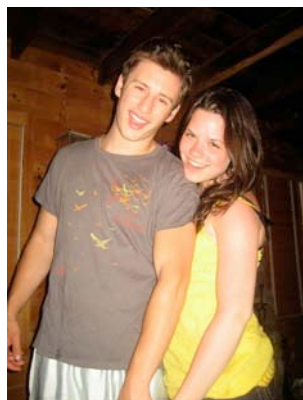


What We Hear From The Mansion Porch!!!



Eric "Shappy" Shapiro who is returning for his 8th year as a 2nd year counselor really wants the 1st line shout out in The Mansion Porch article (who knew it was so prestigious?)... *Ron Dagan's* Live Concert is returning to camp this summer!... Shanon Little ('03) sees many *Towanda-ers* in Halifax, Canada! ... Bryan Altman (98-05) visited his old counselor Fabrizio (96-02) in Australia (see pix)... *Camp Towanda* has been reaccredited by the *American Camp Association*, exceeding it's highest standards (congratulations to Z for overseeing the process; please note that as an ACA Inspector, Z is on top of his game and the camping world!)... Lucas Feigenbaum (00-10) is running for a regional board position with the *National Federation for Temple Youth*

and has to go to a Winter Regional Retreat December 26 so we will wish him good luck and miss him at the annual Boca Beach Party (don't worry, Lucas...it should be as easy as "shoot, pull, miss")... Joy Hawley (Media '04) has been in Berlin and is trying to make her way back for another summer... The *DORM-X* (as in 2010) made a great showing at the *Fall Foliage BBQ*, helping welcome the new campers, playing on a *Ouija* board, having a late night talent show in the *Infirmery* (where they slept), toasting s'mores and having breakfast in Buster & Tracy's *CareHouse* (see pix)... Marc Cormier (05-?) is applying for the PhD program at West Virginia University in sport psychology... Ross Devore's Mom and Mason & Sydney Gruber's Mom report that the ladies of the Sigma Delta Tau sorority are well represented by generations of *Towanda-ers* (including Shelby Wyetzner (00-?)... Siobhan "Shove On" McCormack is living in Toronto with Jimmy Sams and Vito Zuccarelli; They will be celebrating the holiday season with Erica "Media" Gulliver, Chris Cox, Jazmin McNeal, Marcia Bruder and anyone else who would like to join them... Sarah Knowles (1983)



still has her Blue Mariners t-shirt... Ava & Liza Goldstone and Ally Botwinick got together at Animal Kingdom in Orlando (see pix) ... Michael Novick (91-00) is the producer of the hit TV show, *Glee!*

His wife, Nicole Mann (90s) has a fine jewelry line called *Garland Collection* and his sister, Joanna is working with children in Africa for a few weeks and works at *Teach for America*.... Adam Shelly cleared his name in relation to 2 missing pizzas from the birthday squad supplies way back in 2003 by sending 2 pies to the camp winter office last week (see Adam Shelly pictured with Hallie Gittleman, an apparent accomplice in the pizza heist!)... Jared Reiter & Greggles Polovin showed Jesse-Rose & Ari Goret around Boston University... Ali Sussman & Stephanie Simon made a cameo appearance at Ally Schachtel's sleepover where some of the Debs



2009 got together (see pix)..... Rachel Albergo (94-06) ran into Hank Azaria (80s) on the streets of NYC... Ryan "Chickpea" Rosner (95-08) is planning on joining her former Dillies on the Dorm Trip this summer!!!... Aliza Sabin wrote a paper on *American Pie* and Don McClain for her History of Rock paper... and Steen Nielsen is working at the *Banff Voyager Inn* in Canada!...

Please send us your *Towanda* gossip and *Towanda* logo pictures for the next issue.... Who will get the 1st line shout out?!



BY POPULAR DEMAND

Several years ago we had a special one time only tie-dye shirt; ever since we have been bombarded by campers, staff and alumni to "bring that shirt back".

Your wish is our command!

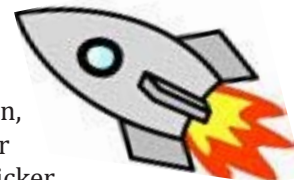
We are happy to offer the tie-dye shirt one more time. Please place your order by mailing a check for \$22.00 to the winter office by February 1st.

Be sure to include your shirt size.

TYPE OH's!

The last issue of *The Towanda Times*, although colorful, was embarrassingly full of typographical errors. Stephanie's Horse Sculpture was referred to as a HOSE sculpture. The *Camp Towanda Croc Jibbit* was referred to as a Jizbit (okay, that wasn't an error, just Mitch's *juxtapositional* deficiency!); however, please note that we have been educated and the proper plural is *Jibbitz!*

SPACE ODYSSEY REUNION RECAP



It was great to see so many at the *NJ Space Odyssey Reunion*. Another fast, but fun time! At the reunion, we had a chance to say hi, play games, watch the *Friday Nite Flix* highlight video and take home lower camp compass awards, a copy of *Friday Nite Flix*, a camp pen, pencil, bumper sticker magnet and the all new exciting *Camp Towanda Croc Jibbit!* We realize that many were unable to attend or forgot to stop by the "gift desk". Many were mailed, but if you didn't get yours, please send us an email and we'll mail one to ya!!



Those that signed in at Space Odyssey:

Lucy Aaron, Addison, Gabby & Gideon Abramowitz, Adam Abrams, Blake Axelrod, Cole Behlman, Shari & Hailey Bergman, Evan Bergman, Ben & Cole Berke, Gillian Bloom, Emma Bolog, Max & Emma Boruchov, Jazzy Riviera & her new husband Alberto Marcelin, who will both be back at camp this summer, Biggums & Lil' ums, Max Dixon, Chef Jonesy, Z, Dusty Fox, New Office Assistant Karen Tanico, Lauren & Sam Bosin, Alli Botwinick, Wiggles Bromberg, Greg Brown, Allie Chaikin, Jake & Molly Cohen, Lauren & Eliza Davis, Ethan, Zoe, Maddy & Marni



Denenberg, Emma & James Dolgin, Ali Dulman, Julie Eichner, Tyler & Harris Fein, Rachel Feldman, David Feuerstein, Stephanie & Rose Fishbein, Kyle Flagg, Margo & Josh Fleishman, Taylor & Sydney Frank, Sara Friedman, Dana Friedman, Tyler & Drew Furlong, Alexa, Brittany & Danielle Gault, Kendall Gaynes, Sam Geanacopoulos, Ben & Samantha Gellert, Amanda Gershowitz, Heather & Mitch



Ginsburg, Julia Gips, Nicki Gold, Meryl & Ryan Goldberg, Eve & Harrison Goldstein, Ryan, Andrew, Amanda & Laura Goldwasser, David Golkow, Sarah Gomez, Ari & Joey Goret, Jackie Grossbard, Jonah & Jack Grossman, Avi & Jayde Grossman, Sydney & Jacob Gubner, Matt & Jamie Gutkin, Taylor & Ashley Haber, Justin Halper, Jordan & Jamie Hammer, Livers Hamwee, Alanna Hassan, Sam, Dan & Bethany Hecht, Cody, Zack & Sue Hecht, Alyssa Heller, Rachel Hoffman, Rachel Holtz, Brooke Hornstein, Allyson Ignasiak, Melissa Ilgner, Jillian & Leah Jaffe, Garrett & Emery Jochneau, Brandon Jonas, Brian & Emily Josephson, Gabby & Robert Kayton, Sam & Alex Kornfeld, Kailen Krame, Sonya Alivia & Evan Lang, Jacob Laudenbach, Alex Levy, Jeffrey, Adam & Linda Lowell, Shelby Merberg, Jake & Josh Miller, Dave Maxwell, Gigi & Ilana Nemerow, Noah Jesse & Sam Perel, Ally Platte, Erin, Evan Brandon, Jared, Stephanie & Mitch Reiter, Resnick, Dana Riback, Ethan Richard,



& Zach Keller, Zach Khazzam, Sam Kirsch, Logan Kripke, Cassidy Kurzer, Rachel Labarre, Adam Lanel, Hillary Lehrhoff, Josh & Sammy Levy, Erica Levy, Devon Margulies, Avery Matilsky, Sydney Meister, Mueller, Rebecca Myers, Evan Naccarella, Elana Naimi, & Hannah Paige, Corey Payones, Alexandra, Matt, & Matt Pomerantz, Andrew & Danielle Kimi & Brittany



Rose, Shelby, Spencer & Alex Rosen, Samantha Rosenberg, Marti Rosenberger, Muffin & Mini-Muffin Rosenthal, Alanna, Sam, "Judgie" Neil & Wendy Ross, Dylan Rudolph, Jennie & "Brother Bear" Russnow, Samantha, Hunter & Bari Sabety, Ben Sackler, Nicole Salm, Ally Schachtel, Ethan Schwartz, Greg & Emily Schwartz, Adam Schwartz, Carly Schwartz, Isabel Schwartzapfel, Doug Schweibel, Evan, Brett & Nicole Seiden, Skylar & Zoey Seitzman, Hannah Seley, Noah, Cooper & Spencer Seligson, Jordan Sharaf, Danielle Sheinman, Jake, Jordan & Randy Silverberg, Austin & Sam Slater, Mitch Sloane, Carly

Solomon, Shaun, Reece & "Waterfront" Jane Spielberg, Mollie Spiesman, Brett & Adam Spivack, Ilana Springer, Sydney & Todd Steiner, Jeremy Steinman, Lauren & "Aunt Jo" Tancer, Jason Tepper, Tyler Trichon, Jack Trokel, Griffin Unger, Reed Wallach, Buster & Tracy Waters, Griffin Weber, Cory, Jamie & Jillian Weintraub, Melissa Welger, Harriet Weltz, Erica Wiener, Jenny & Amanda Winkler, Charlie Wyetzner, Spencer & Jared Zelin and Jordan Zgodny

YOU CAN CALL ME AL, LEE!

We need a new name for the new *Alley*. Last year's french quarter style *Motel 6ish* building has changed the look of the ol' alley and we need a new name. Please submit your entries to Mitch. The chosen moniker will win a pizza party for their group!



ECONOMY FRIENDLY!

LABOR DAY

ALL NEW LOWER PRICES!



WEEKEND

2010

Friday September 3 - Monday September 6, 2010

NO WORRIES - NO HASSLES - NO THINKING - JUST RELAXING - JUST CAMP!



"It may not be Camp David, but it sure looks like fun to me!"*

ALL MEALS INCLUDED!
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Tell your friends...invite anyone..
Not recommended for children under age 2.
Night babysitting available by request in advance.
ARRIVE after 3PM Friday (Dinner served 6-7PM)
DEPART after lunch on Monday

Adult: \$250
Ages 10-17: \$75 Ages 6-9: \$50
Ages under 6: No Charge!

*This message is in no way approved by the POTUS, nor will he be attending this event. We asked, apparently he's busy.

Registration form is online in the **ALUMNI** section of our website or contact the camp office for a copy.

PRICES LOWERED UP TO 60% FROM PREVIOUS YEARS!



JUNE 1st ENROLLMENT DEADLINE!!!

ALUMNI COMMITTEE

We are in the process of forming a multi-generational alumni committee that will meet, organize and help create a more elaborate network of *Camp Towanda* camaraderie. Some projects to get our committee started include:

- * Camperships for alumni children
- * Towandapedia — camp facts and history resource
- * Olympic Rules — clarification and interpretation
- * Reunions — gatherings and events
- * Philanthropy
- * and more....!

If you are interested in dedicating time or can recommend someone who would be into being part of this, please contact mitch@camptowanda.com. We are looking to have our first meeting in February.



SKI TRIP

MEET & SKI ELK MOUNTAIN

Sunday January 17, 2010 at Elk Mountain, Scranton, Pennsylvania (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 Mitch and Stephanie!

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!



Florida Reunion Directions

BOCA BEACH PARTY

OPEN HOUSE

**BRING
YOUR
FRIENDS!**



**LUNCH
PROVIDED!**



December 26th
11:30am to 3:00pm

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

Check out the live web cam: <http://evsboca.netfirms.com/>

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.

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.

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

LUNCH: ALL NEW FOR THIS YEAR: Lunch provided! (however there is a pizzeria and deli across the street).

Be prepared for the sun, fun, volleyball and hanging on the beach with new and old friends!

Please **RSVP** by calling 845-639-4582 or email mitch@camptowanda.com

SENIORS 2010 WINTER SLEEPOVERS

(AT THE MANSION!!!)

Girls Weekend - Saturday January 23, 2010
Boys Weekend - Saturday January 30, 2010

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!

Seniors have already RSVP'd!



New Camper Group "Scoop"!



For all new for 2010 campers and their parents.

Sunday January 10, 2010
1:00pm Sharp to 3:00pm at the Fort Lee DoubleTree on Rt 4 East.
You RSVP'd already!

NYC VisionWalk

Dates to be announced...
Sometime in April or May!





WHAT'S GOING ON AT CAMP

THE WATERS

Buster & Tracy Waters, our wonderful O&A Directors are still at camp! They never left camp; making appearances at the BBQ and Space Odyssey. While everyone is all around the globe, Buster & Tracy have made Camp Towanda their new home and are overseeing and taking great pride with all of the property management. In their spare time, they have fixed up the CareHouse by the entrance to camp. This is destined to become a great WELCOME CENTER to camp. They look forward to your return in June!

THE WATER

The seemingly never-ending water project started 2 years ago is near its finish. We have installed over a mile of new pipe. Our water supplies will now be purer than ever as well as never ending ! With this project comes a partial reseeding of Yankee Stadium and the Grassy Knoll! Amazingly, during this excavation, no bones were uncovered (unlike when we built the Gully Hockey arena a few years ago). However, the national archeologists have continued their interest in our discoveries.



WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2010

PYOA

Pick Your Own Activities makes a return this coming summer! Sue Hecht, our Program Director is once again extending our Option Periods to include two Design Your Own Days. Each group will vote on what they want for the particular day.....Did anyone say GHOST?

Cyber Presence Improving Soon

- Towandapedia
- Towanda on Twitter (new and improved)
- Towanda Facebook makeover
- Towanda Linked In
- More of Mitch's overnight email memos



In addition to the above and the new water line, *Camp Towanda Croc Jibbitz*, and the return of Ron Dagan already mentioned in this issue, one can expect more ping-pong tables (in fact a new dedicated area by the *Bike Shop* area near *Moon Beam* and *Eye Beam*), more greening of camp with on demand water heater replacements, several special programming enhancements, fun new toys and more trophies! In addition, each department receives new equipment. We also are taking advantage this winter to begin a lengthy minor schedule of some projects that have been sidelined due to time constraints over the past few years. And, definitely do not forget the *Guinness World Record* breaking during the July 4th celebration... this year, could it be a simultaneous pie toss?!!



As of press time, the best thing is that we are starting to shape up with a lot of returning staff (including many former campers). We will have a report on returnees in the February issue of *The Towanda Times*!

CHAT ROOMS

Wednesday January 20th, 2010
New Campers,
Returning Campers and Staff!

Instructions are located in the *NEW* password protected area in the *CampMinder* section under *Forms & Documents* or just drop us an email for a copy of the instructions at desk@camptowanda.com



PARENT STUFF

CAMPMINDER

Our website has been updated.

All Forms & Documents that used to be located in *THE OFFICE* section under *FORMS & DOCUMENTS* are now in your *CampMinder* section.

Forms & Documents in *THE OFFICE* has been replaced with *NOTICES*.

These are just general announcements that do not need password protection. Included in this section are step-by-step instructions for *CampMinder!*

If you need assistance, please contact Dusty at desk@camptowanda.com or 845-639-4582.

Log in to *CampMinder* at: <https://my.campminder.com/v2/LogIn.aspx?c=mlddh>

PARENT NETWORKING

Our *LINKS WE LIKE* section on our website is a great venue for spreading the word of your business, goods and/or services.

We are happy to post a link to your website with a brief description.

Please submit by the end of December to:

mitch@camptowanda.com.

Check it out at: <http://camptowanda.com/office/linkswelike.php>

NEW CAMPERS CHECKLIST

- ✓ Welcome Gifts mailed December 1.
- ✓ Will we see you on the beach in Boca December 26?
- ✓ Group Scoop Orientation January 10.
- ✓ Chat Room January 20.
- ✓ Big Brothers & Sisters in the Spring.
- ✓ A call from the Head Counselors.
- ✓ A great summer!

CAMP MINDER LOGIN



PARENT BUSINESS

Looking for a quality low cost venue for a corporate retreat or family reunion?

Contact zebra@camptowanda.com for pre and post season information and availability.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Right after the holidays go online to the *CampMinder* section and complete all your camp forms. We'll send a reminder.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!



December: **2:** Bari Sabety; **3:** Kyle Flagg, Meaghan Cumpstone; **5:** Jared Friedman; **7:** Romana Halova, Marton Vegso; **8:** Matt Epstein; **9:** Mitch Ginsburg, Rachel Luftig, Lizzie Shaffran; **10:** Dana Riback; **11:** Jayne Levine, Brett Seiden, Robert Warren; **12:** Dylan Zgodny; Ari Goret; **13:** Noah Paige, Zach Wilkoff; **14:** Nicole & Scott Laudenbach; **15:** Julia Gips, Alexa Weinberg; **16:** Reece Spielberger, Lauren Wiener; **17:** Dylan Rudolph; **18:** Casey Garfinkel, Jerry Friedman, Ian Kantor, Jared Heit, Mike Thompson; **19:** Adam "AA" Altmark, Jason Tepper, Luke Lambourne; **20:** Charlotte Kriftcher; **21:** Greg Brown, Lucas Feigenbum, Samantha Tepper; **22:** Gillian Bloom, Noah Seligson; **23:** Elysa Zebersky; **24:** Sam Frankel, Blake Readett; **25:** Lindsey Kaplan, Tylar Trichon, Callie Pines; **26:** Chris Johnston; **27:** Emma Boruchov, Jenna Dean; Gracie Pelton; **28:** Elly Meister; **29:** Nick Baxter, Ellen Levy, Dani Pines; **30:** Christine Roy, Rebecca Solomon, Jason Gold; **31:** Zach Chaikin, Linda Lowell

January: **1:** Natalie Melvin, Mitch Reiter; **2:** Joanna Dendra, Phyllis Miller; **3:** Valerie Maier; **4:** Hannah Seley, Jan Schvarz, Boston Sean Trindall; **5:** Brett Bolog; **6:** Brett Blee, Gigi Nemerow, Reed Wallach; **7:** Jonny Garfinkel; **9:** Perry Feinstein, Maria Climent, Veronika Skalova; **10:** Haley Holmes; **11:** Adam Schwartz; **12:** Tom Neaverson, Jason Steele; **13:** Max Zimberg, Gabriela Piskackova, Brenda Schweighofer; **14:** Jessica Heimler; Joan Mitchiner, Casper Reiter; **15:** Jacob Gubner, Kate Voelkner; **16:** Jackie Grossbard; **17:** Jesse Kugler; **18:** Maxwell Nemerow; **19:** Rachel Hoffman; **20:** Phoebe Dinner, Katya Samus; **21:** Britta Pryall, Lauren Welger; **22:** Cara Naimi, Ethan Schwartz, Andrew Pelton; **24:** Brian & Serena Golden; **25:** Carly Solomon; **27:** Erin & Evan Pomerantz, Andrew & Lauren Seid, Aly Wolpov, Eve Goldstein; **28:** Andrew Rowan; **29:** Amanda Breit, Mollie "Lil Spiz" Spiesman, Fowzi Suleman; **30:** Jake Cohen, Eliza Davis, Ally Platte and Ben Sabin

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"HAPPY 2010!"

CLIP & SAVE

2010 DATES TO REMEMBER

Florida Beach Party	December 26, 2009
New Camper Group Scoop	January 10, 2010
Meet & Ski at Elk Mtn	January 17, 2010
Senior Girls Sleepover	January 23, 2010
Senior Boys Sleepover	January 30, 2010
NYC Vision Walk	TBA (April or May)
Flying Campers Arrival	June 25, 2010
First Day of Camp	June 26, 2010
Visiting Day & Sibling Sleepover	July 24, 2010
Last Day of Camp	August 13, 2010
Labor Day Family Weekend	September 3-6, 2010



Thanksgiving at
Sunset Lake

