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2011 WAS JUST FAB-YOU-LIS!!

Brandon Reiter, coming off his 17th summer, this time as a CIT, and looking forward to returning as a counselor in 2012, offers this recap of the summer. Other articles by Brandon can also be read on bleacherreport.com.

The summer of 2011 was, as Mitch aims for, "our best summer ever"! Events got off to an unusual start as the campers arrived in the midst of a major soaking downpour. Bunk signs were ruined, the greeting location was relocated, ponchos were being sported, but of course, the excitement was not dampened in the slightest. The rain went away for most of the summer, except for a few nights in the last week of camp, but we'll get to those later. Even though Steve Max did not balance anyone on his face, he still gave us one of his most excellent shows, and life lessons (R-E-S-P-E-C-T). Along with Simon Says, the first few weeks featured many great activities that included: Campa-pa-looza, Unique Entertainment, scavenger hunt, the Dorm & Club play, High-5 Tuesday, Fist Pump Friday, (not to be confused with) Fist Bump Sunday, the 360 panoramic photo shoot, and always a great CT tradition, celebrating the 5th of July! Another great tradition, that being the water carnival usually taking place on the coldest day of the summer, but in 2011, it was on one of the nicest days, allowing for one of the best water carnivals we've had at camp in ages, including the new bubble pit! Electionality was historical (and hysterical) as new presidents, Samson Gelfand and Jordyn Salm were elected. The first winning ticket ever to not include a Dorm/Club/LIT candidate. This proved anything can be achieved here at Camp Towanda. SamSalm! The 5-year club went off to see the Scranton Yankees, and some campers were lucky enough to run into Yankees' rookie, Ivan Nova, in the parking lot. Other evening activities included: square dancing, watermelon league, Brad the Hypnotist, and the Staff Talent Show.

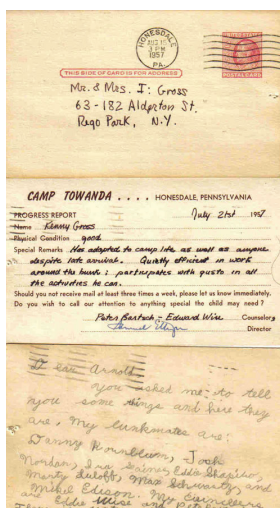
Girls Sing was definitely one of the most impressive. The Barbie Doll Dorm were the victors with an impressive performance, just edging out the Senior Spelling Bee, International Geographic, Tweens and Juniors Live Happily Ever After, and the Debs and Dillies Day Off. All just very creative and entertaining for those of us on Boys' Campus. Then The Club revealed their theme, The ClubFathers, during Friday Night Services. Visiting Day could not have been better, followed by the Alumni BBQ. The All-Star BB game was exciting, featuring the Red Team VS the Blue Team (oo-ahh-ohh). The craze this summer seemed to be Zumba, led by Mikey Austin. Also new in 2011 was our mini-horse (hidget) and the mini-donkey (monkey). The new CIT program was terrific (I was one!) and hopefully will continue to attract participants from future groups for years to come. The Dorm & Club went to Boston, the Seniors to Montreal, and the LITs to Toronto; while the rest of camp enjoyed: the BYOC movie, Backwards Day, the new Porch Breakfast Buffets, and several great campfires. MISSter Towanda was a sight to see with Jay Fray finally claiming his crown. Six-time MISSter Towanda judgie, alumni Brian Klasner made a surprise appearance to announce the winner. The Club gave camp a thrill with their double fakeout including a change of pace as their second pair of teams were The Brown Conquistadors vs. The Gold Aztecs. Who knows, maybe it won't be Red vs Blue forever (oo-ahh-ohh)! Even more unprecedented, for the Club's 3rd fakeout, they joined forces with the Dorm to create an ultra-fakeout, which fooled the entire camp. Incredible!

Apparently, we needed another waterfront shot in the pouring rain for the 360 tour. After dinner, the whole camp filed down to the lake where we were surprised to see divers emerging from the lake, along with giant weather balloons floating over from the water-ski area. The Blue Balloonists vs the Red Divers. In the pouring rain, the CCs, Lieutenants, Sergeants, and Generals were called, and even some of the best completely wiped out on their way up (I was one!). Apparently, the rain decided to save itself the entire summer for Olympics. For the first time in recent history, Rope Burning was postponed until the fourth night. In an intense burn, the Balloonists had the longest winning Rope Burning time recorded at 51:02. As the Red Team struggled to burn their rope in the rain, the entire camp came together to cheer on the RedTeam, a true display of what camp is really about. Another Olympic first was the Apache Relay delay. Towards the end of the race, one of the biggest lightning storms struck camp, even hitting a tree in The Grove. The relay resumed the next morning, as it featured a comeback victory by the Blue Team. The summer of 2011 saw a lot of firsts, but most importantly it saw unity. In the midst of all challenges the rain brought during Olympics, camp was able to come together as a family, truly demonstrating why we all come to camp in the 1st place. Plus, so much more but I have run out of room! What a great summer, it was like Heaven in 2011!

Brandon

What We Hear From The Mansion Porch!!!

Hannah Plotnek ran into Jamie Etkind on a class trip touring UPenn...The Fabrizios of Australia check in and say good day...Mo Langenbach is an elementary school principal in Vegas and still dreams of her sunny Towanda days.....Arturo de la Fuente says hola and that he is looking for a job in sports management...On October 2nd The Davis/Leipsner families hosted their annual "Keeping Babies Safe 5K Run/Walk" and had over 90 Team Towanda campers participating (included Dillies, Inters, Seniors, Dorm, Club, LITs and CITs). The Davis Family wants to thank all who participated and overnight hosts: Bosins, Buzins and Matilskys...Amy Hash and Simon Bates are expecting their 2nd child...Brittany, Danielle and Alexa Gault were in Juneau, Alaska and ran into Adam Kamp!...David Tomback is now the business development officer for YIPIT.com...Michelle Lapidos was at Kraz & Kunkle's wedding on Cape Cod where she saw many alumni, including Meisner, Freedawg, Charlie & Emily Neisenbaum...In the absolutely true column, Stacey Swofford claims to be a grandmother and



plans on visiting camp within the next few years...Speaking of Charlie Neisenbaum, he was recently on *Who Wants to be a Millionaire* and walked away with a 5-digit winning—congratulations!...Mark Chapman sends his regards to his 1984 campers...When Derek Jeter hit his 3000th hit, Michael Groll was in the stands wearing his CT baseball cap and was captured in the official Steiner photo...Drama Tony Prather had a baby boy...Nurse Anthony welcomes daughter, Addisyn... a special moment at camp last summer was when Aimee "GG" Smith and Tom Neaverson returned for an extended visit; one evening "Nev" brought Aimee's "boys" who are now in The Club to the waterfront to watch him propose to Aimee at Sunset Lake (see pix)!...Ali Fisher works on House of Representatives State floor in Harrisburg, PA...The Grubers are on a plane going to Jason Carlson's Bar Mitzvah in Las Vegas and Alissa has the Towanda logo on her I-Touch. The person behind them spots the logo, it was Cary London...Jordan Dupont now lives in Vietnam and sends his regards.... did you know that HIGHLIGHTS magazine is based out of Honesdale?... Ken Gross (1953-60) stopped by to say hi and gave us an old progress report (see photo)...Adam Abrams contributed \$2000 of his Bar-Mitzvah money to



Morry's. He told them "I am donating money to you because I enjoy camp so much that I want to give the privilege to another child. I know that they will enjoy it very much."; how wonderful is that? Mazel Tov, AA!...Alums Hallie Gittleman, Ashley Lerche, Lynn Brodsky and Rachel Albergo were spotted at Dorney Park by Adam Shelley STILL wearing their Trip Day Shirts!! (see photo)...Bryan Altman returned to camp last summer with his band, The Sliders, to entertain us at our annual Campapalooza event, after us, they opened for Maroon 5 (see photo)...Hank Azaria starred in NBC's Free Agents...and our thanks to Susan Warren, former CT owner, Sam Ettinger's widow, for sending Stephanie a vintage CT sweatshirt she found in her attic; with the utmost respect, Susan packaged it as Sam would have, in a shoe box, wrapped in a brown paper bag; Stephanie will be sporting this during the 90th year reunion next summer.



FALL FOLIAGE BBQ

Our thanks to the Dorm Girls 2012 for their help on October 15th. They were terrific, spending the night and then welcoming our new campers for a great day (despite the overcast and threatening conditions). Our thanks to all campers, staff, parents and alumni who attended; we had about 150 people.



WELCOME TO THE SUMMER OF 2012!

We want to welcome our latest group of new campers for 2012. It won't be too long before you are part of the CT family, knowing everyone, feeling very comfortable and lovin' your new summer home! As is our tradition, we have assigned you a temporary nickname until you show up; don't worry, you can change it or your counselors can help with that! In the meantime, Welcome To Camp Towanda! As f press time, the latest first year campers are:

Barrett "B.A." Abramowitz (brother of Bailey, Addison, Jeremy), Jordan Berke (sis of Ben, Cole, Parker), Zoe "Z-Bee" Birnbaum (3rd generation, sister of Alexa & Ben, grandma-Florence Alexander, HC in 1947), Lindsay "El Bisque" Bisk (sis of Tyler), Carson "CC" Crisp, Cooper "CoopCrisp" Crisp, Gerry "Dobs" Dobson, Samuel "SD" Dobson, Madison "The Madison" Dulman (3rd generation-mom Sari Gaitman, grandma Caren Goldtsein), Grant "Get" Ettinger (bro of Dylan), Zach "Zigfreid" Friedman, Ben "Galley" Gallinson, Hannah "Hannah-G" Garmise, Jared "Jay-G" Ginsburg (bro of Mitch & Heather), Jack "The Gladster" Gladowsky, Maya "MG" Gross, Maxine "To The Max" Herbst (sis of Sam), Austin "Holdster" Holder, Avery "Day" Kaufman, Jack "Jip" Lipkind, Jarrett "Jam" Margolis (bro of Lara), Madison "Em2" Mariam (sis of Michael), Josh "Mister" Merlin, Betsy "Best" Muller (sis of Simon), Aidan "Ay-En" Neidoff, Jessica "J-Rad" Radfar (sis of Jeremy), Dan "Cake" Rosenthal, Michelle "Rube" Rubin, Ava "Schneids" Schneider (sis of Sammy), Cayla "K-S" Schwartz (2nd generation-mom Monique Bendett), Alex "Sunshine" Silver, Brandon "Suds-Junior" Sudnow (2nd generation-dad Michael "Suds"), Dylan "Dish2" Tish (bro of Jordyn, 3rd generation-mom Liza Prussin, grandma Sharon Rudolph), Jack "J-T" Tuchman, Jake "Jaw" Weinstein and Maddie "Molin" Wolin (sis of Sydney & Ben)

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During the summer, we have Friday evening Shabbos services. This is quality time when we all come together as a giant camp family to reflect and appreciate the past week as well as look forward to the upcoming week. Each week, Mitch and Stephanie ask someone to present a sermon. For this issue of the TT, Michael Pelton, our beloved Boys' Assistant Head Counselor; who met his wife, Lisa, here at camp, and are raising their soon to be 4 children at Towanda (that's right, Lisa is expecting over the winter) transforms wonderful feelings into a great story. Now, here's Michael Pelton (clap, clap)...

The year was 1991, I sat in my dorm at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio. I was a freshman, an education major and I wanted to know if I could really work with children. I decided summer camp was the place to be to figure it all out. I applied to three different camps and waited. Mitch was the only camp director who actually called me and we had a great conversation for about 45 minutes – little did I know the impact one phone call would have on my life. When Mitch asked me to speak tonight on this Friday evening, my mind started to race – so many things I could speak about – friends, family, life lessons; the list was endless. But one thing kept racing through my mind “The Wizard of Oz.” Being from Kansas, I thought it was appropriate to compare Camp Towanda to one of my all-time favorite stories. Most of you know it; a young girl from Kansas is swept-up in a tornado and lands in the Land of Oz. Her only wish was to safely return to her Kansas farm, in the arms of her loved ones. In order to return home, Dorothy was told by the Munchkins to follow the yellow brick road and meet with the Wizard who would be able to grant her wish. As Dorothy traveled, she met up with new friends, each of them searching for that one special thing which was missing from their lives. I'd like to think that Dorothy's new friends and their adventures together are much like our friends and our adventures at Camp Towanda. First, Dorothy met the Scarecrow who was looking for knowledge. Many of us come to camp looking for knowledge. I wanted to know if I could tolerate children enough to be a successful teacher. We each come here looking for different types of knowledge. Here we learn about new sports like Ghost and Frolf. We learn about poison ivy and hospital corners. We learn to manage our time and to make the most out of each opportunity we are given. We learn patience and tolerance by living in a bunk with people from all over the world. We learn how to resolve conflicts and how to make decisions on our own. Camp Towanda gives us a safe place to learn lessons we don't always get in our classrooms; the lessons of life. Next, Dorothy met the Tin Woodsman who was looking to understand love. To me, this is really the “heart” (so to speak) about what Camp Towanda is really all about – love. The relationships we form cannot be easily described to those in the outside world. The people we live with are more than our friends and bunkmates – they become our brothers, our sisters, our best friends, our second mothers, our second fathers, our mentors. In my case, Camp Towanda brought me love more ways than I could have imagined. It was here I met my very best friend, the calm in my storm, the one who loves me unconditionally, my best friend through thick and thin, Lisa. Little did I know when I spoke to a GC on road duty, that we would one day have Gracie, Andrew and Jonathan, our three amazing children to share our Camp Towanda experience. Finally, Dorothy met the Lion who was looking for courage. Weather it is climbing the wall, zooming down the zip line, getting in front of the entire camp to sing a song at the talent show or trying ever so hard to get the coveted green chip; camp is a safe place to face your fears knowing you have the support of your friends, bunkmates & counselors. The world is a scary place, but what makes Camp Towanda special is the support of friends and family in helping to make the scariest of times just a little easier to face. As the story ends, Dorothy and her friends each find that what they have been looking for, that “missing piece” in their lives has really been inside them the entire time. The knowledge, the heart, the courage – it is in each of us; we just sometimes need those around us to help us see the obvious. Camp Towanda is more than just a place on a map – it is Mitch & Stephanie, Bob & Amy, the Club and the Dorm. Camp Towanda is the Willow Grove bus, trips to Dorney Park and Olympics. Camp Towanda is watching Lauren, Jackie, Hannah, Ali, Zac, Plasker, Jared, Miller, Marbles and so many others grow from Jets and Debs to group leaders and beyond. Camp Towanda is our knowledge, our heart, our courage and our home – and no matter what – no matter what, be it one year or 41 years here Camp Towanda will always and forever be a part of you. Next time you are looking for knowledge or love or courage close your eyes and try it – just try it. Click your heals together and say it softly “There's no place like Camp Towanda...there's no place like Camp Towanda!!”

Healthy Sports Season

by Athletic Director, Mike Thompson

Mitch always says that Camp Towanda offers a lot of opportunity for competition, but that Camp Towanda is not competitive. That is true...and important. When we play a team, our kids and coaches have healthy attitudes;

this is because our philosophy is to have fun, utilize some of the skills you have been learning, exemplify positive sportsmanship and be a good teammate. By virtue of that attitude, we win! We are less tense and definitely more relaxed than our opponents. That, and we call you up to the flagpole even if you don't win! Despite all that, we had another victorious season. Not to diminish the great efforts of all of our players, coaches and teams, here are the top results of 2011:

Championships

Boys: 10th/11th Grade Soccer, 6th Grade Basketball, 6th Grade Soccer, 8th Grade Basketball, 9th Grade Baseball, 9th Grade Soccer, 5th Grade Soccer, 7th Grade Lacrosse, 7th Grade Soccer, 8th/9th Grade Baseball, 4th Grade Soccer, 5th Grade Basketball, 6th Grade Baseball, 6th Grade Basketball, 6th Grade Soccer

Girls: 10th/11th Grade Lacrosse, 10th/11th Grade Soccer, 7th Grade Basketball, 8th Grade Soccer, 8th/9th Grade Lacrosse, 6th Grade Softball, 6th Grade Soccer



INTERNSHIPS vs BEING A CAMP COUNSELOR

Many of our camp parents, current and former staff, friends and alumni have sent us the following article that appeared recently in USA TODAY, by Darryl Brown. Camp provides so many benefits; some are obvious like friendships, incredible activity participation, skill development and more. However, what should not be overlooked, especially for our LITs, CITs and bunk counselors, are the lessons and life skills of responsibility, accountability, respect, stamina, care and appreciation.

I have discovered the perfect summer job. In this job, I am part of an organization that gives me duties that are critical to its long- and short-term success. Supervisors give me responsibilities such as interacting directly with customers on a daily basis, and they fully integrate me into the professional hierarchy. To top it all off, I am learning legitimate skills that will help me develop professionally when I move into the workforce. This mystery job I speak of: camp counselor. These are only a few of the many potential benefits of being a camp counselor, and I offer them not only to praise the occupation, but also to offer a propositional alternative to the profession's biggest competitor: internships.

For the most part, interns do work that is wholly unrelated to any sort of day-to-day task that full-time employees fulfill. Indeed, not only do most offices give interns mundane tasks that the aforementioned employees would never do, but they are also given tasks that will only be taken over by another intern. In short, interning in any office, regardless of the field, will likely mean you will be performing more secretarial duties than industry-specific ones. Anyone thinking that taking an internship with Goldman Brothers will give him or her a better shot at becoming a full-time employee is misguided. As such, taking an internship for the sake of career advancement is an unwise decision.

As alluded above, internship experience rarely parallels relevant work experience. Moreover, a student with (all else equal) an internship experience — indeed, even two — will not receive a substantive boost in the hiring process. The dirty secret of the professional world is that everyone knows that internships are vehicles through which companies can unload their undesirables onto unsuspecting college students.

Given this, it is reasonable to conclude that internships provide few potential benefits for their laborious components. Not only are interns wasting time in their respective offices by performing arcane duties, they also are allowing their last free summers to go by the wayside. Indeed, for all intents and purposes, college summers are the last ones for which we will have a legitimate array of choices. Accordingly, students would be well advised to engage in activities that they would enjoy, as opposed to activities that they misguidedly believe will yield long-term benefits. To this end, there are more efficacies in volunteering, working in non-profits or even taking classes than doing an internship. However, the most benefit comes from being a camp counselor. . . .

To finish the article, visit www.usatodayeducate.com/staging/index.php/blog/opinion-skip-the-internship-go-to-camp
Or use this scan with your smartphone! →→→→→→→→→→



ULTIMATE LOGO SPOTTING

T-shirts, bumper stickers, magnets, jibitz for the clogs, baseball caps, ski hats, water bottles, backpacks and coffee mugs are only some of the logo-ized items circulating the world. If you are spotted or send us legitimate pictures of you and the logo somewhere unique, it will make our new LOGO WALL at camp (as well as a prize for your bunk next summer). Send us a quality photo by May 1, 2012.

Alexa and Dillon Weinberg returned recently from their family's year long, around the world tour! Although they missed camp last summer, Towanda was on their mind the whole time. They made a collage of their trip....and now their bunks next summer get the pizza party prize!!!



COLLEGE CONNECTION

For those of you thinking ahead to college, the best way to get honest information, insight and suggestions as well as the best campus tour possible is to contact one of our very own. Just send an email to mitch@camptowanda.com for the counselor contact info at one of these schools.



Alfred University, Appalachian State University, Arizona State University, Boston University, Bowling Green State University, Brooks Institute of Photography, Canterbury University, Clemson University, College of Wooster, Curtin University, Dodge City Community College, East Carolina University, Eastern Illinois University, Emory University, Emporia State University, Florida State University, Franklin and Marshall College, Granada University, Indiana University, High Point University, Indiana University Of Pennsylvania, Johnson Bible College, Kansas State University, Kansas University, Kenyon College, Keuka College, Keystone College, Lancaster University, Lehigh University, Lock Haven University, Louisiana State University in Shreveport, Mansfield University, Mercyhurst College, Minnesota State University Moorhead, Missouri Valley College, Northern Arizona University, Nova Southeastern University, NYU, Ohio State University, Penn State University, Princeton University, Quinnipiac University, Ramapo College, Ryerson University, Saint Cloud State University, Saint Joseph's College of Maine, Sam Houston State University, San Francisco Art Institute, San Jacinto College, Scripps College, Skyline College, St. Petersburg College, Syracuse University, Tallahassee Community College, Temple University, The College of New Jersey, The George Washington University (GW), Trinity College, Tulane University, University of California, Irvine, University of Arizona, University of Florida, University of Kansas, University Of Maryland, University of Pennsylvania, University of South Florida, University of Washington, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Vancouver General Hospital School Of Nursing, Vanderbilt University, Warner University, Wesleyan College and West Texas A and M University

ALUMNI BBQ

The 2nd Alumni BBQ was held on Sunday July 24, 2011. Being able to relax without the diversions of the Visiting Day festivities was again a huge success for all that attended. It certainly made for a great Alum's Day! Those alums that weren't able to make it, be sure to plan ahead and clear out your calendar, because we have the big 90 Year Alumni Reunion coming up....

The 90 Year T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Create a design to be used for the 90th Year Celebration.

- KEEP IT SIMPLE
- INCLUDE Retro & Rainbow LOGOS
- DEADLINE: February 1, 2012

If you need logo assistance, contact Erica Media at MEDIA@CAMPTOWADA.COM



CALL FOR CAMP HISTORY

ROPE BURNING

We want to create a Rope Burning Plaque. We need Clubs of yesteryear to send in the winning teams and times. We would like to present this at the 90 Year Alumni Reunion.

Submit record data to mitch@camptowanda.com

The BIG 90th ALUMNI REUNION



ATTENTION ALUMNI
SAVE THE DATE---
PLAN AHEAD

The BIG 90 Year Alumni Reunion Weekend
Celebrating our 90th Year!

June 8 – 10, 2012

We welcome back our alumni 21+ with their families. Please check out information and register in the alumni section of our website or scan with your smartphone:



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.

MONDAY DECEMBER 26, 2011

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!



2012 CHAT ROOM - Wednesday January 18, 2012

New Campers, Returning Campers & Staff

Instructions in Forms & Documents section of CampMinder or drop us an email for a copy of the instructions at desk@camptowanda.com

STAFF:

Let us know if you are returning for 2012!!!

If you want a copy of 2011 FNF Highlights, please send us an email with the correct mailing address. We'll mail it in December.

NEW!!!
READ THIS

NY AREA REUNION

Saturday November 19, 2011

Come SEE the BEST OF Friday Nite Flix 2011! Lunch Provided! BOWL!

ENJOY seeing your great camp friends! WEAR Sunscreen!

The 2011 Video Highlight DVD with bonus tracks and other gifts will be distributed.

Those that can't make it, we'll mail your DVD after Thanksgiving.

Lucky Strike Lanes is located on the fourth floor of the Palisades Center Mall. If you enter on the side of the mall that faces the NYS Thruway the closest entrance is located between Staples and Modell's. Go in the glass doors, go straight across until you reach the elevator and take it to the 4th floor, exit to your left and Lucky Strike Lanes is straight ahead.

If you arrive through the entrance facing Route 59 the closest entrance is near the Cheesecake Factory. Go straight to the elevators, up to the 4th floor, make a left and we are straight ahead. We are also easily accessible from the underground parking areas - follow signs for Center Court.

From the South (New York, New Jersey): take the Palisades Interstate Parkway North to Exit 9E, follow the NYS Thruway (87 South/287 East) to Exit 12- West Nyack-Palisades Center Drive.

From New Jersey: take the Garden State Parkway North (all the way to the end) to the NYS Thruway South (87 South/287 East) to Exit 12 West Nyack-Palisades Center Drive.

From Connecticut/Westchester: take the Tappan Zee Bridge (87 North/287 West) to the NYS Thruway Exit 12 West Nyack-Palisades Center Drive.

From Upstate New York: take the NYS Thruway South (87 South/ 287 East) to Exit 12 West Nyack- Palisades Center Drive.

From Putnam County: take the Bear Mountain Bridge to the traffic circle to the Palisades Interstate Parkway South to Exit 9E, then take the NYS Thruway South (87 south/287 East) to Exit 12- West Nyack- Palisades Center Drive.

From Long Island: take any highway to the Cross Island Parkway. Cross the Throgs Neck Bridge, then bear right to Interstate 95 (Bruckner Expressway). Follow 95 through the toll plaza (\$1.00 toll). Take Route 287 West, to the Tappan Zee Bridge, Cross the Tappan Zee Bridge and get off at Exit 12, at light make a left and follow to parking lot.

SKI TRIP

MEET & SKI AT ELK MOUNTAIN

Sunday Jan. 15, 2012 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 2012 WINTER SLEEPERS

(at The Mansion!!!)

Girls Weekend - Saturday January 21, 2012

Boys Weekend - Saturday January 28, 2012

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!



NEW CAMPER GROUP "SCOOP"

for all new for 2012 campers and their parents!

Sunday Jan. 8, 2012, 1:00 PM Sharp 'til 3 PM

at the Fort Lee DoubleTree on Rt 4 East.

Details will be mailed. **Please RSVP!**



Lucky Strike Lanes

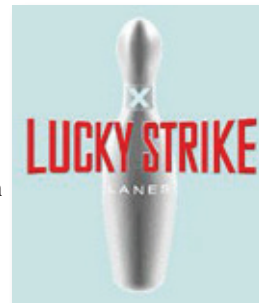
10:30 AM - 1:00 PM

at Palisades Center Mall

4662 Palisades Center Drive

West Nyack, NY 10994

845-358-1602



Whats Gonna B New!?

It has been a very exciting post season at camp; including surviving the challenges of Hurricane Irene (we lost 12 major trees, suffered damage to a few athletic shacks, our waterfront dock system and had tons of tree, twig and leaf debris; but thankfully, nothing too catastrophic except for the loss of power for 6 days...and as you can see, or more accurately, not see, our LIVE CampCam has been offline; (we hope to have that fixed soon); in addition, a very wet September and the recent October Snowstorm !

As we prepare for the Summer of 2012, you can expect to find when we see YOU in 20-1-2:

- Our new state of the art, 5000 square foot indoor Gymnastics Pavilion (featuring a spring floor, ball-pit and so much more).
- Our 3rd beach volleyball court; this one down at the waterfront.
- An enlarged and remodeled Canteen.
- New lighting deck tower at the amphitheater.
- New Gaga spectator standing platform
- New bench seating around The Field House perimeter.
- Improved bird deterrent wiring for the indoor Gully Hockey arena.
- New indoor bowling equipment.
- New Skyview softball equipment shed.
- Remodeled guest bathrooms in the Mess Hall, Infirmary and Gazebo.
- Grass planted to smooth over the deep roots by G-78.
- Various landscaping improvements around camp
- Improvements at our Recycling Center.

As you can see, we have a lot going on; plus more to share and update in future TT issues. All this is in addition to our routine maintenance upkeep, improvements and care. A special thank you to our Head Caretaker, Mike The Plumber and his off-season crew of Colin, Glen, Thompson, Karla from laundry and Z. In addition to the above, they are working on leaves, winterizing and oddly enough, snow removal already! Thanks!

Community Service

If you haven't already, you can still send in your contribution in support of the Morry's Camp Swim-A-Thon, so far, our campers have raised over \$6000.00! Suggested amount: \$1.00 per lap.

In addition, you can still purchase a fundraising VisionWalk T-Shirt for the May 20, 2012 LIT & CIT sponsored VisionWalk in Central Park, NYC.

T-Shirt: \$25.00



SOCIAL MEDIA CRAZE

For a camp that is unplugged during the summer, we certainly are connected in the off season!

When I say Video, you say VIMEO! The latest Camp Towanda videos are in High Definition on our video channel.

If you haven't, check it out at:

<http://vimeo.com/31209774>

FACEBOOK

Connect with the Camp Towanda Official Fan Page on Facebook! Be sure to LIKE us (as if you didn't like us already)!

TWITTER

Follow us on Twitter at:

@camptowanda (for campers and everyone)

@TowandaParents (for current parents)

@TowandaAlumni (for alumni)

BLOG

You can follow our blog through the RSS feed

(feed://camptowanda.com/blog/?feed=rss2)

iPHONE APP

Download for free at the iTunes store, the Camp Towanda App.... To be updated later this year!

WEBSITE

The Camp Towanda website, which is constantly being updated, will have an overall upgrade by mid-March, 2012. Look for new HD format, cool links, fun gizmos, the 360° panoramic walking tour and more!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

OCTOBER: 2:Will Basta; 3:Holly Cox, Iwona Stanislawek; 4:Morgan Haber; 5:Andrew Plasker; 6:Ethan Richard; 7:Jamie Davis, Alyssa Heller, Viktoria Farkas, Karla Horst; 8:Lindsay Shatz; 9:Alissa Gruber, Zach Marcus; 10: Samson Gelfand, Tomas Rais; 11:Lucy Aaron; 12:Emily Josephson, Tomas Hill; 13: Ira Meltzer; 15: Ally Botwinick, Evan Naccarella; 16:Sydney Gubner; 18:Alex Rosen; 19:Sam Davidovich, Jesse Starr, Erica Wiener, Jiri Rejtharek; 20: Marcell Jozsa, Becca Zarrabi; 21: Maxine Herbst, Brandon Reiter (& Happy Anniversary Stephanie & Mitch); 22: Dan Kuhn; 23:Gideon Abramowitz, Emma Dolgin, Ally Ignasiak; 24: Andrew Goldwasser, Ally Schachtel, Mary Denton, Kyle Maynes; 25:Rachel Yasgur, Jakub Havlicek, Hannah Lyons; 26:Bryce Brandfon; 27:Zach Keller, Jack Lipkind; 28:Ange Angyalosi; 29:Alex Gorodensky, Jules Moskowitz; 30:Bailey Abramowitz, Brett Abish, Tina Hechler, Paul Nierzwicki

NOVEMBER: 1:Seamus Parkinson; 3:Eric Abrams, Sammy Hecht, Jennie Russnow, Roberto Martin, Kathryn Rea; 4:Erica 'Georgia' Darden; 5:Rachel Leibel; 6:Alexa Gault, Danielle Gault, Shelly Field, Amy Henson, Enrique Silla; 8: Melissa Buzin; 10:Tyler Bisk, Cayla Schwartz, Charli Vogel; 11:Diego de la Fuente, Morgan West; 12:Spencer Rosen; 13:Sydney Meister, Michelle Rubin, Hailey Eichner; 14:Lynn Dula, Dave Nichols; 15: Jake Sloane; 16:Nikki Goldberg; 17:Reed Blee, Zak Krouner; 19: Lauren Cohen; 20:Bailey Aaron, Megan King, Greg Schwartz, Cat Mueller, Jacey Naccarella; 21:Addison Abramowitz; 22:Martin Drobniowski, Ruth Marlow; 24:Lauren Bosin, Helen Carroll, Tommy Kalman; 25:Michael Kantor, Danara Kuhn; 26:Erica Levy, Hannah Paige, Emily Sacks, Rossana Giacomelli, Paul Hobbs; 27:Jordan Hammer; 28:Jake Feuerman, Jackie Roher; 29:Stef Weidert; 30:Josef Rajtmajer

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2012 CAMP DATES

New York Area Camper Reunion

Florida Beach Party

New Camper Group Scoop

Meet & Ski at Elk Mtn

Chat Room

Senior Girls Sleepover

Senior Boys Sleepover

NYC VisionWalk

90th Year Alumni Reunion

Flying Campers Arrival

First Day of Camp

S'More Tour Rookie Day

Visiting Day & Sibling Sleepover

Alumni BBQ Day

Last Day of Camp

November 19, 2011

December 26, 2011

January 8, 2012

January 15, 2012

January 18, 2012

January 21, 2012

January 28, 2012

May 20, 2012

June 8-10, 2012

June 22, 2012

June 23, 2012

July 14, 2012

July 21, 2012

July 22, 2012

August 10, 2012

NY Area Reunion
NEW LOCATION!



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