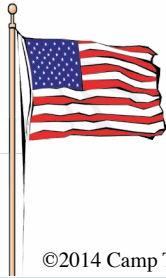


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"Today is My Favorite Day"

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YOU CAN'T SHOW THIS ON A TOUR... REFLECTIONS OF A SUMMER AT CAMP TOWANDA

By Jason Charney

Note: Jason extensively researched camps before deciding that this was where he and his wife wanted to raise their children. Jason is returning for his 2nd year as one of our Senior Staff Leaders.

As a teacher, I spent many summers working at day camp. My four children were happy, and I thought I would work there forever. That was until my wife planted the seed about sleep away camp. As a former sleep away camper herself, she felt that the experience of day camp couldn't compare to that of overnight camp, so we began our quest to find the perfect camp for our kids.

Our first stop was my wife's alma mater. Before visiting, she had made it pretty clear that she wanted our kids to attend the same camp she had attended as a child. Upon returning, she was filled with warm, happy memories of her camp experiences, but was surprised to see that not much had changed in the facilities since she had attended in the eighties. We then went on to visit three more camps. We ruled out the first camp within five minutes and we loved second one and thought it was the perfect camp for us... until we visited *Camp Towanda*.

Upon visiting *Towanda*, we were greeted by friendly faces of "former camper" counselors. The spirit and enthusiasm was immediately evident. In the center of camp, the smell of fire emanated from a brightly lit fire pit, triggering thoughts of

campfires and s'mores. The classic rock music playing through out camp gave us that warm, "campy" feeling. As we toured camp, we were not only impressed by the beautiful grounds and facilities, but also by the unbelievable sense of camaraderie and the feeling of a close knit family. This place was magical in a way that is indescribable unless you experience it first hand.

During our tour, the skies opened up and we were caught in torrential rain. Mitch, the owner and director, had been tracking the weather from his own personal weather station so he knew what was coming. They provided each of us with a *Camp Towanda* rain poncho, a nice touch that made us realize that this camp thinks of everything! Even amidst a torrential rainfall, everything was organized and efficient and all campers were quickly relocated to safe, dry facilities.

As we toured the camp, we were greeted by campers singing songs and welcoming us to *Camp Towanda*. It was evident how much all of these kids not only loved, but took pride in their camp. Our decision was made...*Camp Towanda* was the place for us! We were officially becoming a part of the *Towanda* family.

Last winter and spring were spent eagerly anticipating the arrival of summer. I was hired to be part of the Senior Staff Leadership Team, and my boys would be an incoming senior, inter and cadet, respectively. My daughter, who was still too young for camp, would have to wait a little longer to attend this summer haven!

Even before the summer began, my kids felt welcomed and part of the camp family. The *Fall Foliage BBQ* and *New Camper Group Scoop* enabled them to meet some current campers and learn a lot about what they had to look forward to at camp. Each of my children received a barrage of emails from campers their age welcoming them to camp, and they all went to camp already feeling connected and included. My fourteen year old was particularly anxious, as he felt that cliques had already been established and it might be difficult to fit in. Little did he know

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Staff of 2014

What We Hear From The Mansion Porch!!!



Congratulations to our very own Sir Robert Edwards, not only celebrating his 15th year (the varsity jacket he gets) at camp, but has been recognized by the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) for 20 years of service....Danielle Fennimore & Tom Atkinson (2013) are engaged and promise to return in 2015.....Noam Margalit (1999) says he knows the lyrics to American Pie by heart...Rob Nutall (2008) says he still thinks about Towanda all the time; "...it really did change me as a person for the better. I could not have done half the things I have done in my life

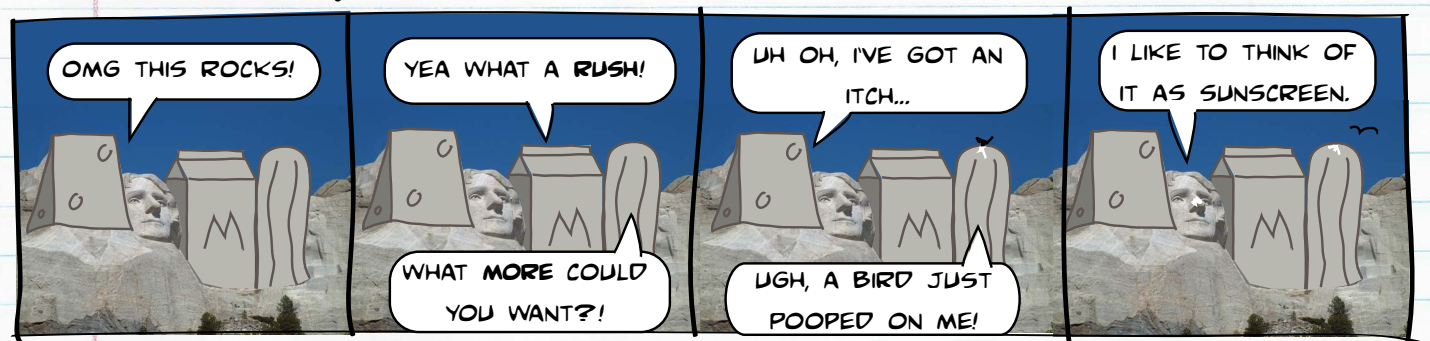


if it wasn't for that place and the confidence it gave me..."...Melissa Ilgner will be participating in Bentley University's *Relay for Life*...Ali Sussman is working at Nickelodeon and lives in Murray Hill, NYC...Erica Stott (1999) had her 2nd baby...Chris "Dr Evil" Avery caught up with Nigel Smith...Drama Nick Bradford (2010-11) says hi and is still in the drama business...Alysha Jensen (2012 O&A) says hi, too...Casey Hodges and Joff King are expecting a baby....Congrats to Vito Zuccarelli on getting engaged!...Rachael Cohen is doing great at CBS-NEWS as a producer...The Behlmans ran into Heidi Maze.....Bob Miller, Penner, Mel Buck met up with Howie Schrager and Camp Mom Barb Shields in NYC during a school field trip (see pix)...Zach Halperin takes advantage of this very snowy winter to express his thoughts and those of many of his camp friends' (see

pix)...Mitch, Stephanie, Jared and Brandon had a special dinner with Sean Reidinger and his wife, Silvia Porter (both O&A 2009, now married & proud parents (Kevin Blyth tried to make it) in Johannesburg (see pix)...Aunt Jo shouts out to all her fans and says "I'm still a Towanda Girl"!... Mitch & Stephanie ran into Jacqui Hopmeyer (2002-03) in Delray Beach on Atlantic Avenue (see pix on Florida Reunion page) and Jason, Lynn & Devon Brodsky, too.....Not sure where to share this, but recently received this from one of our vendors we do business with: You have always demonstrated to be a Camp Owner with true enthusiasm towards your work. Basically, I feel you actually love what you do and have a wonderful time doing it (thanks, vendor!!)...and we will close out this edition of The Mansion Porch with Jared recommending that this year's Guinness Record Breaking should be an all-camp Chinese finger trap!!!



The Adventures of Cheese, Milk and Pickle



continued from cover article...

that he was soon to become a part of a close-knit brotherhood that would welcome him with open arms!

When the time finally came to head off to our summer home there was lots of excitement (and some nerves) as we embarked on what would be the best summer experience of my childrens' lives. As an employee at *Camp Towanda*, and a parent of campers, I had the luxury of truly getting to watch what my kids experienced at camp from afar. The excitement and love was evident as each and every child came flying off the bus, screaming and hugging their summer family. This love and excitement persisted throughout the course of the summer. It is hard to put into words what it feels like to be at *Camp Towanda*.

Yes, the kids get to play basketball, baseball, soccer and gaga. Of course they swim, go boating, climb the rock wall, and do Arts & Crafts. They love the *Towanda* exclusive game "Ghost" and sliding down the coveted *Toboggan Slide*. But, any camp can provide kids with activities. Although the activities are great, they are not what makes *Towanda* so special. *Towanda* truly is a place of magic. There is a true sense of respect that each and every camper and staff member have for one another. There is an effervescent energy that is present each and every day. Just walk into the *Mess Hall* at any given meal and hear the cheering and chants that exemplify the camp spirit. Every Friday night, everyone comes together for services to reflect on the week's events and discuss how fortunate each and everyone of us is to be a part of this special place. We truly are a family.

There are really just not enough words to describe the spirit and energy of Olympics, and especially the night of Rope Burning. Watching all the kids work together to support one another to achieve a goal was truly a remarkable experience. Win or lose, the level of sportsmanship was unparalleled. There's something about *Towanda* that teaches kids to love and respect each other, even when things don't turn out in their favor.

The other thing that amazed me about Olympics was the number of alumni that returned to camp to participate as "Judgies" and to be a part of the *Alumni BBQ*. *Camp Towanda* is a place that people keep coming back to year after year, long after they have "outgrown" camp. It is a place where there are 2nd, 3rd and 4th generations of campers. It is a place that remains forever stamped on the hearts of those that have had the opportunity to make *Camp Towanda* a part their lives.

Throughout the summer, I was able to watch my children develop new friendships, gain confidence and develop an improved self-esteem. They returned home more confident, mature and responsible, and these characteristics have persisted. These friendships have continued throughout the school year, as my kids see their camp friends as often as possible. My twelve year old son told my wife and I that in seven weeks, he has made better friends than the friends he's had for his whole life. And to top it all off, my boys have convinced my six year old daughter that there is no other place to spend a summer than *Camp Towanda*, so she will be joining us at camp this summer too. If that's not evidence in favor of *Towanda*, I'm not sure what is!

If you are a returning camper, counselor or alumni, I bet you can relate to everything I have written; if you are a first time camper, counselor or parent, rest assured that you have made a very positive life impacting decision. As Mitch always says, "Get Ready for the Best Summer Ever", this time in 2014!



VisionWalk

NEW LOCATION!

Community Service Reunion

Campers, Parents, Staff, Alumni & Friends...
Everyone welcome to attend and support!

Saturday, May 3, 2014 9:00am - 12:00pm

Citi Field

123-01 Roosevelt Avenue
New York, NY 11368 (Queens)

Directions: Mets-Willets Point stop on 7 Train and LIRR (Port Washington Line)

RSVP: jared@camptowanda.com

Join the Facebook event on the Official Camp Towanda Fan page!
and register on the Vision Walk website <http://bit.do/VwalkCampTowanda>



REUNION RECAPS

Towanda is active all year long; not only on the web, not only through social media, not only through snail mail, BUT Since December, we have had reunions, college campus gatherings, meetings and any excuse to get together!

THE CHAT ROOM

This is crazy. 32 conversations going on at the same time; some silly, some real, some inquisitive!

For FOUR hours we were online as we typed away with our global reach of the Camp Towanda Family!



MEET & SKI

Always a great excuse to go skiing and get your picture in the Towanda Times; Jared meets up with Sam Blatt.



LEGO Movie #MeetUp

Any excuse for a camp gathering! Jared, The Lego Lunatic himself, met up with about 30 in 3D for the premiere of this Lego Celluloid Celebration!



W.O.C.

The newly self claimed “WINTER OFFICE CREW” (WOC) has been dodging many snow days and internet outages but are persevering to help create positive improvements and enhancements to *Staff Orientation* and *The Campers’ Daily Program*. Helping establish what we are calling *The Lead Team*, our seasoned staff will implement, follow through, empower and apply a lot of what they are learning at off-season seminars, conferences and brain-storming sessions. All to make Camp Towanda even better.

The Lead Team and all of our counselors will benefit from work sessions with Bob Ditter, the camping industry guru of camper and staff communication and personal growth. Bob will be spending several days with our staff during pre-camp, orientation and consulting throughout the summer to help improve our training and professional development components; helping make Towanda an even greater place!



SENIORS SLEEPOVERS REVIEWS



This is a very special part of our camp family experience. An incredible treat to be at camp, in the winter, with snow and ice, IN The Mansion, On Sunset Lake; sledding, ice fishing, S’ mores on the lake, Mitch and the Dads’ cooking; our own chickens’ eggs, Hibachi style...and priceless camaraderie bonding, in front of the burning Mansion fire. The two Senior Sleepovers were amazing!



FLORIDA BEACH PARTY

The original Boca Beach Party back in 1990 was at Spanish River Park's Pavilion #1, starting out with about 50 people. For 22 years we had great turnouts, fun, mostly sun (except for a few chilly and wet encounters) right there on that very exclusively private beach. The date (December 26 every year) and locale (and the Towanda directional arrows) became The Florida Beach Reunion, an annual unwritten tradition that attracted campers, 1st year snowbirds, interested guests, friends, parents, staff and alumni. Then Hurricane Andrew in 2012 closed the park and we relocated to South Beach Park at Palmetto Park Road; nice, but not private enough. December 26th, 2013, we returned to Pavilion #1 with a crowd of over 250! Lunch, volleyball, sand castles, chasing waves and lots of pictures and schmoozing (with sunscreen, of course). Another Great Time!



Not everyone signed in, but these guys did!.....Savannah & Forest Weiss, Jamie & Alyson Strauss, Shari, Dave, Remy, Devyn & Cooper Crone, Mara, Mak, Logan & Skylar Maklan, Daniel "DJ" Rosenthal, Harrison & Elana Kane, Ben & Alex Berk, Aidan & Zach Neidoff, Matt & Alec Feigenbaum, Liza, Jordyn & Dylan Tish, Jeremy, Addison, Barrett & Bailey Abramowitz, Shelby & Ari Buckstein, Sammy & Ava Schneider, Sam, Jacob, Melissa & Bocky Bockstein, Alex & Chase Klein, Barrie, Seth, Brett, Andie & Shea Huberman, Haley Davis, Ryan Rudes, Sam Hirsch, Ari & Gabe Bernick, Arielle & Gillian Bloom, Ari & Hannah Zebersky, Skyler & Bryce Brandfon, Jayde, Avi & Brenen Grossman, Hallie Abish, Rachel & Emily Hoffman, Michelle, Lucas & Karen Feigenbaum, Jamie Hammer, Madison Mariam, Mitch, Jared, Stephanie & Brandon Reiter, Avery, Sasha & Trevor Kaufman, Kevin & Tanya Deutsch, Sam & President Maxine Herbst, Allie, Sami & Romy Green, Ella Rosen, Amy Miller, Jessie & Jillian Horowitz, Ryan Negri, Corey, Hannah, Meredith & Jarrod "Dr. J" Frydman, Jack Rothbaum, Hannah & Olivia Plotnek, Steve Finver, Adam & Andrew Davis, Zach Schiller, Sara Friedman, David Maschler, Sami & Emily Fox, Zach Halperin, Josh & Olivia Rubin, Brian & Emily Josephson, Sam Kaplan, Agu Rigotti, John Vergel, Spencer James, Mallory Edelman, Ethan & Schloe Schlam, Brett Basinski, Sophie Kushner, Sophie Gerson, Marly Telchin, Sophie Levine, Jamie Levine, Carly Lapidus, Jenna Kravitz, Dylan & Brody Morningstar, Brett Rabinovich, Dylan & Grant Ettinger, Kyla & Jordan Finkle, Spencer Waldshan, Alec & Matthew Dubin, Hannah & Charlotte Kriftcher, Toby Eichas, Kylie Cohen, Paige & Adam Grossman, Cole Behlman, Josh Romero, Rachel Luftig, & Sydney Gubner.



FOOD AND COAT DRIVE

Thanks to all those that gave! And there were many feeling the Thanksgiving spirit at our November Reunion! All together we collected over 100 pounds of dried food and canned goods for the Hudson Valley Food Bank and collected several old jackets to help Taylor "Girl" Haber's great cause to warm the homeless. It is always warming to know that the Towanda Community is more than willing to give back to others in need. Thank You!



Stephanie's Book Club

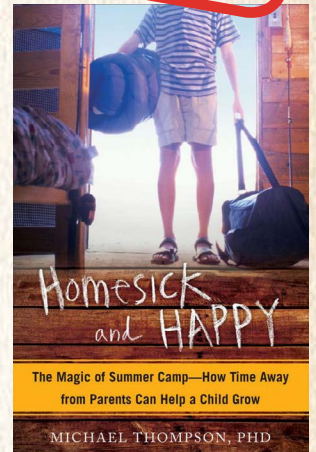
Stephanie's 1st Book Club was a success. A cozy gathering of Moms at The Southern Mansion (in New City, NY) provided an intimate discussion on the benefits of growing up at camp and all that it takes to get there. Conclusion of the day: if you haven't, Parents must read HOMESICK AND HAPPY, it is a life-changing, must-read for all camp parents and Senior Staff! For those who couldn't make it, here are the

Top 10 Reasons Why our "Homesick and Happy" Book Club was Awesome:

**STEPHANIE
RECOMMENDS THIS
BOOK FOR ALL PARENTS!**

1. We got to know some first-year parents a little better (and visa versa).
2. It was a warm, relaxed, fireside chat (not to be confused with a chat at The Fireside in Honesdale!)
3. The discussions were comforting, honest, enlightening and reassuring.
4. Great food (including International Kit Kats!) and a sneak peak of the Olympic Breakout plans (just kidding).
5. We shared ideas and strategies on how to prepare your child for the possibility of homesickness, why it is normal and how it is a part of becoming a healthy, independent person.
6. We were reminded to apply the "letting go" philosophy of camp to our everyday roles as parents.
7. We learned about the invaluable training that counselors and staff get at camp to help our children navigate and conquer homesickness.
8. We reflected on our own personal experiences and memories as children and campers, and reminded ourselves why the best times were often spent away from our parents!
9. We remembered that after the summer our children will soon be "campsick" and there is only one cure for that! (2015).
10. And to quote a parent: "We all got a little more psyched for the summer, proud to be a part of the Camp Towanda Family as well as humbled that we are all into raising our kids together."

If you haven't read "Homesick and Happy" you definitely should! It's perfect for first year parents, but is really for all parents! It will make you feel proud of your decision to send your child to Camp Towanda and how it is the greatest gift you can give them.



STEPHANIE

STAFF RECRUITING

We have been on the road this winter meeting up with former, returning and new staff. From South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana, England, Scotland, Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic, to Canada and around the USA; mainly Z and Jared have been doing face-to-face interviews to compliment our returning staff and former campers (a list of staff will be in the next issue of The TT). In addition to interviews at camp, on the phone and SKYPE, our staff is preparing to take care of you this summer!

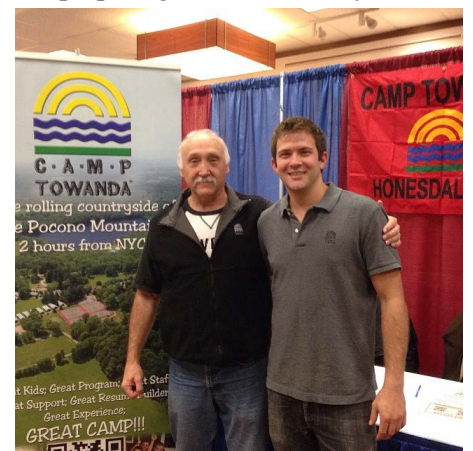
We want to thank staff that have helped us at Job Fairs:

Tom Atkinson, Aimee "Mrs. Nev" Smith, Tash Smith, Fran Wyatt, Kerry Beavers, Akos Ujfalusi, Marcell Demeter, Ildiko Boros, Judit Takacs, Betti Martus, Chef Tommy Horvath, Peter Bodo, Lenka Kremlackova, Tomas Rais and Lee Gielen.

During the winter, Mitch and Stephanie meet with the Senior Staff, attend, learn and speak at conferences, seminars and conventions; all in the effort to improve our program and special camp community.

To see where you qualify as a Senior Staff member; have some fun and take
The Senior Staff Personality Quiz!

<http://bit.do/CTStaffQuiz>



A Sisterhood (& Brotherhood)

*Samantha Ross is a double 2nd generation camper, as her Mom & Dad both went to Towanda!
Of course, Dad, aka "Judgie Ross", is a perennial favorite during Olympics.*

Camp Towanda has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. Being second generation I had only one choice for the summer: *Towanda*. Ever since I was little my parents would always tell me the most amazing stories about camp. I couldn't wait to go where my dad called his favorite place in the world.

I came to camp as a Dillie in 2007. I had one of the best summers of my life, from being in the talent show to being hit with a Kit Kat with Mitch's Kit-Kat launcher, to having a great first Olympics. After my first summer I only wanted more and more of *Towanda*. Soon enough my dad and I could talk about our favorite place together. As years went by the bonds with my sisters grew even stronger, but at the end of Inter summer I made the decision not to return for my national year. The memories I made during my missed summer were great but deep down I knew nothing could compare to camp. When I went to the Senior Sleepover in January everyone was so sweet and welcoming. I realized that I couldn't spend another summer without camp. Coming back to camp in 2012 for my Senior summer was the best decision of my whole entire life. I can honestly say that Senior summer was the best I've ever had. Everyone in my group grew even closer and by the end, we were inseparable. That summer flew by and here I am in the middle of my Dorm summer. So far, what I've learned this summer is that Dorm is indescribable. No one can explain to you what it feels like to sing the Dorm cheer for the first time, to walk to the flag pole linked arms in Maniac Monday attire, and to participate in the many Dorm traditions.

A fact that we all have to face is that camp time goes by faster than the time we spend at home. I've always been told to live in the moment and not to focus too hard on the future. All through this summer, I've been stopping and looking around and taking in camp and my Dorm summer. It is extremely important that everyone stops every once in a while and take in their surroundings. It may sound cliché, but time goes by as fast as the speed of light so everyone look to your left and to your right and take in this moment right here because you'll never have this exact one again.

To finish off my sermon, I'd like to say thank you to my camp family. Thank you to my counselors for always looking out for me and my 23 sisters. We all appreciate what you guys do, even if we may not show it all the time. Thank you to Michael Pelton for livening up camp and always flashing a great smile. Thank you to Bob for being there for me whenever I need it and always checking in on me. Thank you to Lisa for being a great person to talk to about any problems that I or anyone might have. Thank you Amy for helping the Dorm with everything and anything and also being so sweet to me. Thank you to Mitch and Stephanie for being awesome parents for the summer and truly caring for every single camper here. Thank you to the Club for always making me laugh. I'm so proud to share the summer of 2013 with you guys. Finally I would like to thank the Dorm 2013. You guys are my best friends and I couldn't be happier with the group we are today. I think of every single one of you as my sisters. We have grown so close and I don't know what I would do without all of you in my life. While I'm not exactly sure what the rest of the summer has in store for me and my sisters I do know that I will cherish every moment because as I said before, the time at camp definitely goes by way too fast. I hope that you all will do the same and make great memories and make the most of every second you have here.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND 2014

Back by popular demand!

Parents, campers, alumni and your family and friends.

Rent a bunk; enjoy activities, events, relaxation, food and entertainment; all provided.

This is a great way to end the summer!

KIDS UNDER 16 ARE FREE!

OFFER EXPIRES MARCH 15

If you are interested, please contact
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August 30-September 1, 2014

REMINDERS!!!

Camper Survey Reminder

**Order Cloz uniform items
(campers)**

**Complete your CampMinder
online items.**

Get Ready for camp!



NEW FOR YOU IN 2014

The excitement and buildup for this coming summer seems to be ongoing. New campers nervous yet excited, returning campers psyched, staff enthusiastic, alumni reminiscing and first year parents, a tad anxious! Plus the reunions, organized events, both official and unofficial, the news, the gossip COMBINED with the staff recruiting trips, interviews and plans, as well as the maintenance projects and new stuff!

The *Camp Towanda* cogs keep spinning and interlocking, preparing to come together for arrival of the start of the summer! As the days to camp lessen, the excitement and psyche increase. Before you know it, we will all be together, living together, growing together and experiencing the activities, the games, the events and all the moments that will shape The Summer of 2014 into the Best Summer Ever!

When you arrive this summer, brand spanking new you will find:

The ultimate TREEHOUSE, two sky-high thatched-roof pods connected by a swinging bridge (very cool) which will be in what used to be ARCHERY. Archery will be relocated! The Media Department is very excited to inherit the TreeHouse's aerial lift for awesome Friday Nite Flix camera angles! A totally rebuilt GHOST COURT; you might not be able to notice any changes, but know that we removed two feet of the surface and replaced it with fine, screened earth, so no more pebbles or rocks; the eleven dump truckloads helped form "Old Ghost Point", a combination of a new s'more campfire site and a beautiful rock staircase for the Tarzan Swing. The Hovel on Girls' Camp (Amy, the Girls' Head Counselors cabin) has been remodeled and will certainly be the prize of Girls' Campus! Several bunks on boys and girls campus have had bathrooms remodeled. Some new trees have been planted around camp as part of our annual arbor program—additional shade for the future! Chef Jonesy's kitchen has an improved gigantic walk-in refrigerator, this means better Fusion Water and Fruit Call! The stage has some new staircases. The Gully Hockey Arena is now bird and rain proof, as we have installed a new 100% wrap around screened curtain. The water storage tanks near Yankee Stadium have a brand new thermal earth tone coating; can our water be any tastier?? A few new Athletic Sheds have popped up near soccer, main basketball and the boys' basketball court. A new ski boat. The Dorm has an incredibly impressive wrap-around Victorian porch (will it be called The Dorch?). All this and more for your arrival this summer!



SOCIAL MEDIA AWARENESS REMINDER

Words of wisdom from our Social Media Director, Lauren Eckstein Forman, Dorm Girl 1992.

Imagine camp 365 days a year....Just close your eyes and dream what it would be like. Are you smiling? Are you living in the moment? Are you feeling safe, responsible and less pressure? Are you “unplugged”?

On June 28th, our cellphones, iTouches, computers and devices will power down as we switch into “unplugged” mode for the summer! Camp is truly that “lost world”, a special place where we can connect with each other, face-to-face. Where we write actual handwritten letters and wait eagerly to receive them. Our personal social media activity, texting, chatting and emailing are put on hold and we truly embrace the electronics-free environment, family-style dining and meaningful daily rituals. Life, the way it used to be!

Camp helps us realize the power of actual human connection and opens our eyes to our relationship without technology. For those of us returning, we look forward to the “cleansing” and “non-pressured relaxation” of being unplugged. For new staff, it does not take long to “get over not being connected”. Hard to believe, but true!

Of course, we know that in “today’s non-camp world”, Social Media is the popular form of communication and being connected seems like security; we get it! But it doesn’t hurt to “hit refresh” and ask ourselves a few questions:

1. Are you finding time to unplug (every now and then) and connect with your friends and family in an “old school”, or should we say, an “old camp” kind-of-way?
2. Are you being safe and responsible with what personal information you share? You can answer this question by asking yourself, “Would I be embarrassed if Mitch or Stephanie read or saw this?”
3. Are you being inclusive, respectful and sensitive to others? You know, sometimes words can be misinterpreted without face-to-face communication.
4. Are you recognizing that what you say and do online will effect how people think and feel about you in the real world (including our Camp Towanda family)?

While 365 days of camp is just a dream, the benefit of Social Media is that it can keep many of us connected year-round!

So use Social Media for the fun, sharing stuff...and remember once you say it, it’s out there forever.

The good, the bad and the funny! Keep it classy, Towanda!

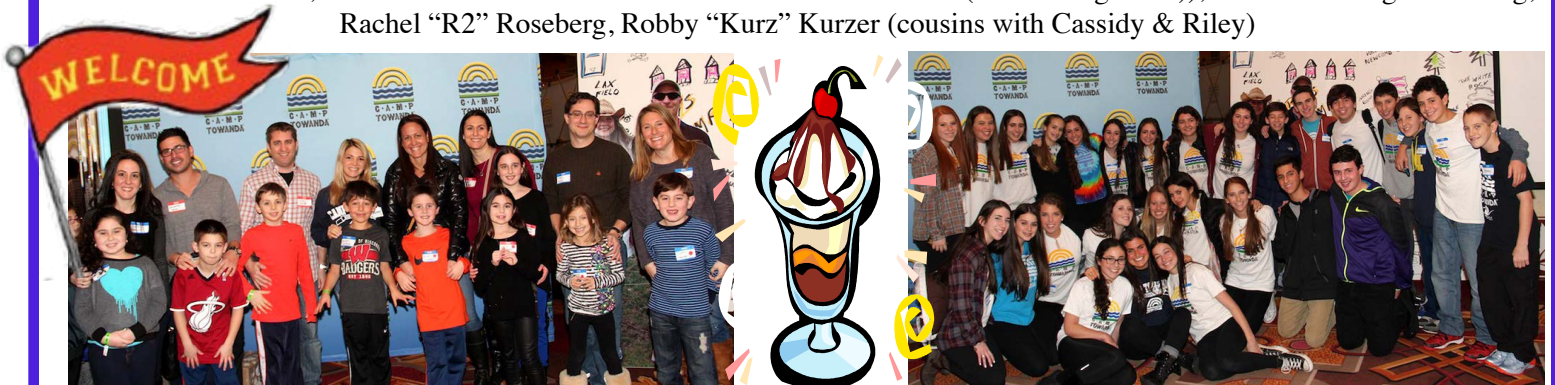
“WE WELCOME YOU TO CAMP TOWANDA, WE ARE MIGHTY GLAD YOU’RE HERE...”

A big thank you to The Dorm Girls and Club Boys of 2014 who were able to help host, greet and welcome many of our first year campers at our annual Group Scoop New Camper Orientation session at the Fort Lee, NJ DoubleTree Hotel. Several counselors, Senior Staff and a few older siblings also helped Mitch, Stephanie and the W.O.C. (Winter Office Crew, see related article) comfort, advise, inform, entertain (applesauce!) and give (cookies, gifts) to our new campers! All in all, it was a refreshing and delightful afternoon to get to know our new campers. But really, the real fun and excitement (for all of us) will start when we all arrive at 700 Niles Pond Road in June!



As of press time, the latest first year campers are:

Adin “Ker” Kersh, Ilana” Ilker” Kersh, Evan “Lego” Leggero, Morgan “Smorg” Schachter, Nate “Schack” Schachter, Ben “Stills” Stillman, Andie “Hubs” Huberman and Shea “Citi” Huberman (Brett is Big sister)), Max “MaxBerg” Roseberg, Rachel “R2” Roseberg, Robby “Kurz” Kurzer (cousins with Cassidy & Riley)





ANNUAL ALUMNI BBQ

SUNDAY July 27, 2014

(The day after Visiting Day)

11:00am - 3:00pm

Celebrate Mitch & Stephanie's
25th year
as Owners & Directors



Visit the Alumni Section
of the website for more info!

→ We will be opening time capsules from Dorm & Club through 2004 ←

RSVP: jared@camptowanda.com by July 1st

All alumni visiting is restricted to those age 21 or older (unless you have already been a counselor). Those who are able to contribute to Olympics with Judgie and referee credentials are invited to inquire about availability.

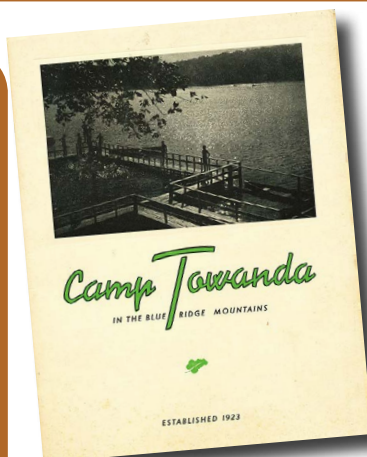


#ThrowBackThursday



3rd generation Bailey Hecht, a 1st year Dillie this coming summer is following in the footsteps of her Mom, Penny Kramer and Grandma, Diane Hass, who was a Camper Captain for the 1961 Moonshiners.

Mom and Grandma pictured Visiting Day,
circa 1986



Check out this retro
Camp Towanda
Brochure
now online in the
Alumni section
of the website!





SAVE - RECYCLE - SHARE

www.campclothesline.com

We have authorized CAMP CLOTHESLINE, an online camp clothing consignment store to help you buy gently used logoed Camp Towanda clothing at a discount. You can also recycle and sell your used Towanda clothing!

To take advantage of this opportunity by either selling or purchasing logoed camp items, visit www.campclothesline.com




MARCH MADNESS BRACKET CHALLENGE

The 2nd Annual MMBC

Entry details to be distributed by email and social media from Jared (in March)!

The winner receives a *Camp Towanda* basketball signed by all Senior Staff and your name on a Canteen plaque!

CALL FOR EMBROIDERY

Send us your shirt, top, jacket and we will embroider the camp logo on it at no charge!

Send to winter address by
APRIL 1, 2014

MUSIC AT CAMP

"It's camp music!" The best is getting better!

You already might know that at *Camp Towanda*, we have:

- ♪ The day starts with a Reveille Theme song
- ♪ Breakfast With The Beatles
- ♪ Lunch bugle is American Pie and the meal ends with The Beach Boys
- ♪ BBQs are always with The Grateful Dead
- ♪ On all day over the P.A. system: Classic Vinyl
- ♪ In the evenings, the Amphitheater Entrance has got to be Classic Rock

And now introducing, at Dinner, in The Mess Hall: Your Choice Requests and Dedications!




SAFETY CERTIFIED

We are proud to announce that we have been CERTIFIED by the COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA for recognizing our WORKPLACE SAFETY COMMITTEE. Congratulations to Jared Reiter for spearheading and maintaining this important component of our program.



YOU SAY ITS YOUR BIRTHDAY

Traditionally, we have announced camper birthdays here in The Towanda Times; the previous issue listed birthdays through February. Starting with March birthdays, we will be listing birthdays on our website, on our Facebook page and through Twitter. You can catch the latest birthdays on The Media Room on our website and APP.



2014 and counting!



Winter Address
4 York Court
New City, NY 10956-4418

CLIP & SAVE

2014 CAMP DATES

NYC VisionWalk	May 3, 2014
Flying Campers Arrival	June 27, 2014
First Day of Camp	June 28, 2014
S'More Tours	July 12, 19 & Aug 2, 2014
Visiting Day & Sibling Sleepover	July 26, 2014
25 YEAR Alumni Celebration BBQ	July 27, 2014
Last Day of Camp	August 15, 2014
Fall Foliage BBQ	September 20, 2014
NY/NJ Reunion	November 22, 2014
Florida Reunion	December 26, 2014
New Camper Group Scoop	January 11, 2015

