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"Welcome to Camp!"

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Dear Parents,

WELCOME TO YOUR CAMPER'S SUMMER HOME!



We are very excited to welcome you back to your child's summer home as Stephanie and I celebrate our 25th year as Owners and Directors of Camp Towanda! It's hard to believe this is our 25th visiting day. It promises to be just as exciting as the very first and every one in between!

The campers have been enjoying all of the activities, spending quality time at the waterfront, treasuring late reveilles and reminding us everyday in so many ways why Camp Towanda is absolutely best place to be! And we're not even close to



being done yet! This evening the staff will wow us with their many talents, the siblings will enjoy just a small taste of camp life during the Sibling Sleepover and tomorrow alumni will gather at camp to reflect on their Towanda days and join our celebrations at Alumni Day!



The coming weeks bring even more exciting events and activities like Casino Night (so much fun! You can BET on it!), Backwards Day, Gold Rush, and so much more! We also have trips to MONTREAL, BOSTON, MARTHA'S VINEYARD and NIAGARA FALLS coming up! And then, just maybe, there will be Olympics!



As you walk around camp today, take a moment to breathe in the camp life Stephanie and I have been so fortunate to enjoy for the past 25 years. Enjoy your day, feel proud, and don't forget your sunscreen! Have a fantastic day here at your child's summer home.



Warm Regards,

Mitch & Stephanie
Mitch and Stephanie

WE WILL ROCK YOU!

Queen has come to camp! The Drama Department, led by Charlene and her crew, put on a spectacular Upper Camp play this year. 'We Will Rock You' premiered on the Fieldhouse stage with fantastic reviews.

After only two weeks of preparation, the sets were painted, the dances were perfected and we were ready to have a ball.

All the classics were there. Don't Stop Me Now, Radio GaGa, Killer Queen and so much more!

Courtney Breit played the spunky Skaramoosh and Gideon Abramowitz was the rebellious Galileo Figurio.

Along with the GaGa girls and The Killer Queen herself, Alexa Weinberg. Camp Towanda sure had it's sock's rocked off. We can't wait for *Mamma Mia!* and *Robin Hood; Men in Tights!*



Friday Night Services

Each week camp gathers in the Fieldhouse to reflect on the days gone by and share thanks and memories. Camp listen intently as select staff and campers take to the podium to share their experiences. Here is just a small segment from two of the many sermons that have been shared during services.

Sermon by Jillian Horowitz

The memories and friendships that I've made over the past several years are the ones that will last a lifetime. I cherish every single photo shoot, dance party and girl talk in the rec hall. I can't wait to see what else camp has in store for me because let's face it—the Millers aren't going anywhere any time soon! I want to continue to grow at camp and help other people develop the same love I have for this place.

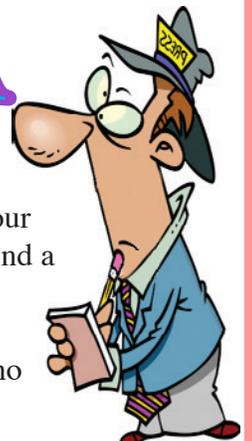
Sermon by Evan Seiden

If you haven't heard so already, prosper every moment because time really does fly by. Camp is one of the best places on Earth and being a part of it is something that I say with pride. I remember sitting in the front row looking at the Club boys in the back. After years of anticipation, I am now one of those Club boys and the feeling is nothing but surreal.



MEDIA

Did you get your article in this issue of the Towanda Times? Did you get your official Press Pass? We need your help! Listen for announcements or find a member of the media staff to let us know if you want to be a Towanda Reporter! Special thanks to those who wrote articles for this issue!



TALENT AT TOWANDA!

Camp Towanda sure does have talent! This week it was Upper Camps time to shine! The crowd oo ah and oh'd as the stage lit up with a spectacle of singing, dancing and laughter. Young musicians rocked our socks off. Michael Tuaty revived a Beatles classic as he drummed to Come Together. The Club boys showed us that 3 simple ukulele chords can adapt to a whole melody of pop songs that got everyone singing and cheering along. The Dorm keeping their talent hushed and surprised the crowd with a touching cover of *I'm Yours*.

The night ended with a huge round of applause for all the talented performers. Can't wait to see what the Staff Talent Show has in store for everyone!



What's Cooking!?



The reviews are in and the Culinary Kitchen with Chef Ben is a hit! It smells good, it looks good and it tastes even better! Campers have been busy whipping up Chicken Parm, Meatballs, Cannoli, Quesadillas, Guacamole, Egg Rolls and Sushi! Nobody is leaving hungry! That's for sure!



Towanda Times Jokes!

How do you make an egg-roll?

You push it!

What did the baby corn say to the mama corn?

"Where's pop corn?!"



#HashtagHeaven

We are definitely unplugged here at Camp Towanda but for our parents back home this summer has been #HashtagHeaven! For those of you too busy at camp to even think about hashtags, here are just a few of the very popular one!

- #GIRLSSING #FRESHONTHEFARM
- #STATEOFTOWANDA #PLAYBALL #THECAMLIFE
- #TRADITIONS
- #SIMONSEZ #FUN4EVERY1 #SPLASH
- #OOOHAHHOHH
- #CAMLIFE #TGIFNF #CAMPTOWANDA
- #ISTHEREANYBODYOUTTHERE

CHECK OUT THIS PIC FROM THE NATIONAL EXCURSION! RIDING THE RAPIDS!





GIRLS' SING



Attention Camp Towanda! Shhh! We're saving our voices for sing!

It was another great year of sing! From the Despicable Debs and Dillies, the Tweens and Juniors Namaste to InterNats: The Musical, Senior Night Fever and Sesame Street Dorm, everyone did a fantastic job! The scenery was amazing, the themes were so creative and of course the actual singing was fantastic! Boys camp was a great audience with many groups bringing posters to support the girls! After ice cream sandwiches to cool down, and hearing the Dorm Girls perform their Alma Mater, it was time to announce the winner. Congratulations to the Inters and Nationals who took home the Tony, and the Victory, for their Musical numbers!



ELECTIONALITY

The Presidential Elections here at Camp Towanda are a thing of absolute political seriousness. States of all types descended on the field house to hear the campaign promises of Ben & Jesse Ostrow, Gracie Pelton & Zach Friedman, Liza Goldstone & Adam Davis, Sydney Gubner & Grant Ettinger, and Jonny Shaffran & Sarah Kline. It was an historical event when for the first time ever at Camp Towanda the elected presidents hail from Spain! Maria Ruesta Llorente & Juan Perez Martin-Caro proudly represent their Towanda family as Presidents of 2014!



One of Towanda's many traditions is the Venezuelan Pizza Party! Everyone enjoyed a hot slice of pizza and cheered at the announcement of personalized Towanda Logo'd Duct Tape! Amazing! So Cool! The development of the duct tape was extensive but the results were worth it!

