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"Camp starts.... NOW!!!"

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SO MUCH MORE in 20-1-4!!



Welcome to camp! We are very excited to be celebrating our 25th year as Owners and Directors! We can't wait to welcome you to your summer home for 2014. Hooray! Three cheers for beautiful Honesdale, PA! The only place in the world where it never rains and there are no hills! Sit back, relax and enjoy the scenic drive. Here are some tips for the bus ride: get excited for camp, eat your lunch slowly, and there's a bathroom in the back of the bus if you need it. We're counting down until the busses pull into camp! We are going to have an awesome and exciting summer! We want to give a special welcome to all first year campers!!! You will only feel new for about five minutes and then everything will be okay! Your bunkmates and counselors are friendly and helpful. When you get to camp, we will bring you to your bunk, so you can get settled in. Then, after dinner tonight (spaghetti and meatballs of course!), there will be a

fantastic Staff Welcome Show, and a huge campfire! Then get ready for our first full day of camp, which is loaded with all sorts of fun activities! Besides our usual great activities and games, we have some incredible special events this summer, including our very own Unique Entertainment, Banana Splits, Steve Max, Water Carnival, Campapoolooza, Friday Nite Flix, and s'more!!! Don't worry if you're not sure what to do or where to go when you get here; your counselors will answer all of your questions and help you every step of the way, all summer long! All Big Brothers and Big Sisters, don't forget to visit your "Little" at their bunk this afternoon (and tomorrow after lunch at the "far side" of the Mess Hall).

We're looking forward to giving you all a big hello when you step off the bus.

Don't worry, everything will be great!
It's summer! See you soon!!!

Mitch & Stephanie



TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- Bus Ride (NO KIDDIN'!)
- Find out your bunk when you arrive
- Get your bed and cubbie
- Meet your big brother or sister (if 1st year)
- Group hair check and health screening at the Infirmary
- General swim (if warm enough)
- Wash up for dinner
- Campus line-up
- Flagpole
- Dinner (Spaghetti)
- Free Play
(Join the Garden Club - Meet at the White Rock)
- Back to the bunk
- Staff Welcome Show
- Campfire
- Back to the bunks!
- Get some rest!
- Tomorrow! (Activities! Events! So much more!)

WELCOME TO CAMP 2014!



GHOST COURT OPENING CEREMONY

The new and improved Ghost Court is officially open! Counselors witnessed the ribbon breaking ceremony during orientation. Past Presidents joined Mitch at center court, now featuring the official Ghost logo by Jared Reiter, to cut the ribbons. It was an intense first couple of games and we can't wait for the campers to hit the court!



A MESSAGE FROM BOYS' CAMP

Hello! This is Bob, the Boys' Head Counselor, along with my assistant, Michael Pelton. We are getting excited and we are anxiously awaiting your arrival! Spending your summer at Towanda is a great reward for all that school work you did all winter! You can relax and enjoy the ride! Pretty soon you will be at camp! We have been very busy this spring getting everything ready for you. The only thing missing is you! Camp is the best experience in the world. Whether you are a first year camper or returning you're going to have a fantastic time here! Get ready to meet your counselors and the rest of the staff, who are here to help you have a great time. Pretty soon you'll be passing through Honesdale, which means that camp is just up the road! We'll all be here to meet your bus and get summer of 2014 started!



A MESSAGE FROM GIRLS' CAMP

Hi! I'm Amy Miller, your Girls' Head Counselor, along with Lisa Pelton who is the Assistant Head for Girls' Camp. We are very excited to share so much more in 20-1-4! We have so many fun activities planned for you! You'll be arriving at camp before you know it! All of the counselors on Girls' Camp are very excited and ready! Lisa and I are looking forward to seeing all your happy, smiling faces as you get off the bus! Enjoy the bus ride--we'll be seeing you super soon!!!!



TOWANDA SPORTS CENTER

The coaches are here and ready. The fields are lined. The balls are pumped. The bats are shiny. The nets are up. The helmets are polished and the play books are set. The only thing missing is all of our campers! We can't wait for you all to arrive for what will definitely be a very exciting summer. Whether you're a competitive player or someone who just wants to play, just let us know and we will take care of the rest.

So, gear up!

This is Coach Lee with Towanda Sports Center!!! (Da-Na-Na, Da-Na-Na!)

-Coach Lee



Activities Galore!

WATERFRONT

Looking for a great place to beat the heat this summer? Waterfront is definitely the best place to go! Whether you like boating, swimming, waterskiing or paddle boarding, the Waterfront's got it and so much more! Come on down to cool off and take a spin on our new ski boat!! Don't forget to check out the new walk-on-water attached to the giant water slide!

-Mara



Gymnastics

Its going to be another exciting summer at gymnastics! Our top-of-the-line equipment is designed to help you perfect your gymnastic skills. We are ready to help you cartwheel and flip and balance and jump! The foam pit is ready and waiting! I can't wait to see all of you and help you experience all the gymnastics fun!!

--Nikki

TENNIS

If you want to learn tennis, this is the place to be! A warm welcome to all the new and returning campers! I, Robert (15th year), and all the tennis staff will do our best to help sharpen your skills and serve up another fun summer on the court!

-Sir Robert Edwards



O&A

Ever imagine going down a zip line? What about zip lining at night?! Adventure is the name of the game! You can experience serious nature live, exciting new high ropes elements, and the expanded farm project. The horses, chickens and bunnies are back! We cannot wait to mountain bike down the new trails with you and maybe even catch a few bullseyes at the relocated archery range! We hope you are excited for camp outs (in the Treehouse!) and canoe trips! Enjoy the ride to camp and know that we are ready to greet you and provide you with a summer filled with all the Outdoor Adventure you can handle!

- O&A Hacker



ARTS & CRAFTS

Linda and the Arts and Crafts crew are ready!

Feeling inspired? Want to get your hands dirty? Arts and crafts is the place to go!



From painting to woodworking and ceramics, there is always an outlet to let the creative juices flow! Come on over to check it out! Its all about being creative and having fun!

-Linda

DRAMA

Hi everyone! I'm Charlene and I'll be the theater director this summer! If you enjoy singing, dancing, or acting then the fieldhouse is the place to be! The Upper Camp play will be "We Will Rock You" (based on Queen songs!), Lower Camp is "Mamma Mia" and finally our All Camp show is "Robin Hood, Men in Tights". The drama staff can't wait to see you all on stage and in the audience!

- Charlene



