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OUR 89TH YEAR

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"What's a motto with you?"

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Growth, Leadership, Fun

Brian Klasner has grown up at Camp Towanda, starting in the 20th century. Klas brings his infectious style of leadership with humor and unconditional care to camp. This is his sermon from last summer.

Klas is returning for his 12th summer; he makes a big difference here!

Half a score and 2 years ago when the sun was at its highest point I walked off the metal stallion that took me to this land for the first time.

Sorry, that comment was the history teacher in me. I would like to open this sermon the way I open my classroom everyday: Good evening my young historians. How are we all doing today? (Pause for laughter.)

Instead of taking this time and telling you a story about my camp experience, I want to tell everyone here, whether they realize it or not, how much of an impact Camp Towanda is having on your life. If it's your first year or eighteenth year, camp is a place that you will never be able to explain to anybody outside of this little world of ours.

Believe me I am used to the confused faces when I try to explain how hilarious Mr. Towanda is or the rules of Ghost.

Anywhoo...why digress? I can honestly say I am who I am today because of this place. I grew up here. Camp took an incredibly immature kid and helped transform him into a slightly less immature adult, which is, of course, acceptable!

It is here at Camp Towanda where we never have to grow up, but somehow we do. I am a teacher now, who saw that one coming!

At camp I have had the pleasure of being the counselor for the Senior boys, the National boys, and now the Inter boys. I can say with a smile that each group has had its own different quirks and many similarities.

Camp is where Rapchik convinced you baby sharks can fly (they can't), I told Jake Cohen that there are too many Jakes in the group so he will be referred to as Thumper for the rest of his life, and we convinced Kripke that I am a 31 year old who has been married three times and I have six kids! But that is what makes camp great.

Along with my many phenomenal campers, I have the pleasure to look out at this crowd and be very proud of a number of counselors that I can proudly call my friends.

Whether you are a counselor or camper you can take out of camp what you want to. It is not the activities, the trips, or what you do on your days off that makes this place special, it is the people. Camp Towanda brings together the greatest group of people I have ever met. In another 12 years that is what I will remember about camp: the people. I hope all of you do as well. Although the same state, not quite *The Gettysburg Address!*

Cherish this place,

*-KLAS
(ANY WHO)*



"Getting ready for the opening campfire and staff show!"

NEXT ISSUE:

Staff For 2011
Final Countdown
A slice of America Pie
The Best of Reveille
Pre-Camp Checklist

What We Hear From The Mansion Porch!!!



Silvs and Vito in Australia found an incredible store (see pix), and met up with Bacon, Jimminy, Siobhan, Guesty & Lauren Hughes ... Andrew Rowan builds a soap box derby car for the Boy Scouts (see pix)... Ben Roth is a dentist in Philly... Shout out from Kevin Gobien... Mark "Woody" Wood teaches in Japan, is married and hopes to see Wade Rugg soon... Dan Bushansky works at Showtime and sees Rachel Hirsch at NYU... Reuters visited Penn State and saw Lauren Welger, Rachel Heimler, E-Roth and Elyse Leff (see pix)... The Fabrizio's are celebrating

14 years since meeting at camp... while Alexa and Dylan Weinberg (see pix) travel the world, they have been blogging and proudly getting the logo in pictures along their journey (coming in a future issue will be a collage of their pictures)... Russnows met Bologs at the peak of Vail... This year's CHAT ROOM was crazier than ever with over 200 people entering our conversations... The Blooms, Rosenbergers & Roses met in Mexico... Mitch & Stephanie, at the Heat vs Knicks game bumped into Carl Gold, Ilisa, Taryn & Evan Ocko's dad, Jesse Wolf, Sami Frankel, Dani Pines, Jamie & Ben Levine, Sammi Denberg

and Tadpole & Minnow Balick's dad, Frog!... Cheeks checks in and says: No matter if you are at camp one year or many years, Towanda never leaves your heart and changes you forever; Camp has definitely proven to be one of the best decisions I have ever made... Freda Stern Johnson hasn't been at camp in over 30 years and is catching up with old bunkmates through Facebook, she lives in NY and work as a finance consultant.....



SENIORS SLEEPOVERS REVIEW

Camp Towanda has some great traditions, many great traditions; this is an awesome one! Mitch & Stephanie love having the incoming Seniors at camp in the winter at The Mansion! Despite below zero temperatures for the girls' weekend and balmy upper teens for the boys; bonding, sledding on the groomed grassy knoll, frozen Sunset Lake activities (snowmobile, s'mores, football & ice fishing), basketball in the Field House and mattress moving all made for an absolutely wonderful weekend.

And not to forget that Mitch's spaghetti dinner was only outdone by his famous hibachi breakfast eggs! Thanks to the Dads who helped and Hannah Lyons & Jared Reiter who came from college to visit their campers.





BOCA BEACH PARTY FLORIDA REUNION

Always a fun excuse to gather campers, parents, staff, alumni and new families; the Florida Beach Reunion in December was terrific. Despite very chilly temperatures, we did luck out with a sunny day. Even though it was one of the rare occasions Mitch was wearing long pants and a sweatshirt, there was a great crowd of over 200 people. Plenty of food, drinks and sunscreen! It was great seeing everyone. It didn't stop there; Mitch & Stephanie ran into Towanda-ers at the movies, restaurants and the Heat vs Knicks game all week long!

Those who signed in:

Evan & Carly Lapidus, Sara & Jared Friedman, Jordan Hammer, Drew & Ally Botwinick, Molly, Melissa & Meredith Buzin, Tyler, Owen & Drew Furlong, Ben & Olivia Sackler, Charlotte Kriftcher, Kevin & Tanya Deutsch, Jennie & Brother Bear Russnow, Halle & Jake Feuerman, Aly & Jason Wolpov, Emma & Alan Leipsner, Phoebe



Dinner, Sami, Allie & Romy Green, Hannah, Elysa & Ari Zebersky, Nicole & Jordyn Salm, Andrew "Bocky" Bockstein, Meredith Gerber-Frydman, Dr. Jarrod, Corey & Hannah Frydman, Olivia Acker, Emily & Brian Josephson, Jillian & Jessica Horowitz, Amy Miller-Horowitz, Amanda, Andrew, Ryan & Laura Goldwasser, Mitch, Stephanie, Jared & Brandon Reiter, Gabby & Robert Kayton, Sammi & Sydney Brown, Rachel & Emily Hoffman, Jason, Ava & Liza Goldstone, Stacey Glass-Goldstone,

Greg Polovin, Karen, Michelle, Alec & Matt Feigenbaum, Tyler & Harris Fein, Todd & Sydney Steiner, Bailey, Addison, Jeremy & Barrett Abramowitz, Skyler & Bryce Brandfon, Brett & Hallie Abish, Maxwell, GiGi & Ilana Nemerow, Doug Schweibel, Serena & Brian Golden, Lauren & Matt Tancer, Aunt Jo Tancer, Haley & Ilyssa Pastolove, Zac & Jonah Gelfand, Ari Goret, Sarah & Rachel Gomez, Eve & Harrison Goldstein, Tyler & Lindsay Bisk, Caren Hammerman-Zaidoff, Amy Hash-Bates, Simon Bates, Sydney & Sammi Brown, Jessie & Samantha Frankel, Emma & James Dolgin, Dana Friedman, Berto Frutos, Carl Gold, Adam & Sari Kamp, Mallory Edelman, Melissa & Lindsey Kaplan, Sam & Zach Keller, Adam & Dana Krause, Hillary & Nicole Lehrhoff, Jaynie & Joey Levine, Adam & Rachel Luftig, Callie, Alana & Dani Pines, Adam & Brett Spivack, Mike Thompson, Manny & Griffin Unger, Rachel, Jenna & Max Yasgur, Jayde, Avi & Brennan Grossman, Ava & Sammy Schneider.



ALUMNI NEWS

ANNUAL BBQ

PLAN NOW!

The new tradition continues.

SUNDAY July 24, 2011

10:00am - 4:00pm

Lunch BBQ at Camp.



Come Celebrate with Us!

All alumni visiting is restricted to those age 21 or older. Those who are able to contribute to Olympics with Judgie and referee credentials are invited to inquire about availability.



90 YEAR REUNION

90 Years of Camp Towanda traditions and history!

Plan to come back home!

June 8-10, 2012

Save the Date!

Alumni and their families welcome!

Archives

With Alumni fever high and in honor of next year's **90th Year Reunion June 8-10, 2012;** we are digging into the archives; here is a page from the 1928 yearbook:

Annual of CAMP TOWANDA

BASEBALL

BASEBALL at Towanda did not mean merely the random ball-game, but also a course of instruction in some of the fine points of the game. This was made possible under Uncle Duke Carling, who has coached at several of the leading high schools in the last few years and was at one time athletic director at Chestnut Hill Academy. He sought to impart the fine points of the game as it should be played scientifically, and improved each one's playing by his timely corrections.

SENIOR BASEBALL

O a Senior especially, baseball period has a double significance. It means not only the regular league game and practice, but also the qualifying for the camp team. Every senior, therefore, is on his toes during the baseball periods, so that instruction and practice are run off in big league style. This spirit resulted in keenly contested games in the Senior League and a rather strong camp team, which gave a good account of itself. The group was fortunate in being able to split up into two very evenly matched teams with the Malofsky brothers pitching against each other. Batting and fielding averages were kept and much of the free time at Senior Row was spent in "warming up".

There goes the whistle for activities. Senior baseball! All out! Marty Eile is half way to the field before the O. D. has finished his announcement. "Come on, boys, bring the bats, balls and gloves for today; we have a league game." In no time at all Greg Malofsky has his team on the field. Irving Goldberger already has his mask and body protector on and is calling for the ball. Dave Noble is guarding the initial sack, while Bernie Levine will give him able assistance at second. Mickey Raker is hoping the first ball will be hit to him at short.

"Batter, up!" calls the umpire and the



game is on. The pitcher winds up; here comes the ball. "Not my style," says Marty Goldstein, as he takes a firmer grip on his bat, but the umpire pulls a Casey on him and calls it a strike. The next pitch he drives to Katz in left-field

for an easy out. Who is this advancing to the plate? None other than Ginsberg, the redoubtable Philadelphian who proves an easy victim to the pitcher's curves. Malofsky has everything on the ball today for Abe, next up, also goes out on strikes. And so the game progresses, with serious and comic incidents in which every camper shares.

The Senior League Teams were as follows:

Team A	Team B
Greg Malofsky	Is. Malofsky
S. Goldberger	H. Goldstein
B. Levine	H. Luskin
D. Noble	M. Eile
M. Goldstein	M. Raker
M. Ginsberg	S. Hirsch
S. Miller	A. Liebeskind
P. Rosenblatt	B. Rolnick
M. Schaffer	A. Schaffer
B. Krauthamer	E. Katz

THE PEPPERS TRIUMPH

FROM the Intermediates there was almost as much interest as among the Seniors. The Uppers had a scrappy league fight and they too had the incentive of making the Junior Camp Team. Jerry Myerson and Alex Pearlman were outstanding in their respective positions. Charlie Abrams and Merwin Bayer vied with each other at snatching flies in the outfield. Sandy Katz had his dazzling curves under such good control that even such redoubtable batters as Barclay Bloomgarden, Jules Lipsky and Jack Werbelovsky found it hard to connect for many hits. On the bases, Mortimer Herskovits and Kenneth Rosenheck were exhibiting fine style at the season's close. Adolph Klein and Arthur Roggen made de-

To Wonder About Towanda



Why do kids and counselors love being part of the camp family and living at Camp Towanda? Why is it so hard to describe to others what makes it special?

At home, everyone moves so fast; racing, hurrying, planning, squeezing stuff in, trying to catch up, and wondering what others are doing.

At Camp Towanda, we move at our own pace. Everyone is included and everyone is happy. All we do is “to wander” around playing, learning and growing while experiencing lots of excitement, laughter and friendships.

Life at Camp Towanda is truly like no other place. It is the way life used to be in the old days, kind of like the way life should be now. We are all here, we are all one, and we are all together.

We share, care, fair to those near, breathing our air. You and Camp Towanda, what a pair!

Getting ready for camp includes helping new campers and their parents feel comfortable, and extensive staff training and preparation. **10-4-2** is what we do! We live **TEN** months **FOR TWO!**

Those lucky enough to have this great privilege and experience, reap the benefits their entire life.

Towanda is Camp, the rest is just life!

Get ready, get psyched, the summer of 2011 is getting closer!



This counts as Logo-Spotting at FedEx Field!



GROUP SCOOP REVIEW

A very special thanks to CLUB & DORM 2011 who chaperoned the New Camper Group Scoop



Orientation session for many of our new campers.

They were all great! Warm, welcoming, caring and fun! No doubt we are going to have a highly spirited summer! Thanks so much. Yeah Dorm! Arrrgh Club!



WELCOME NEW CAMPERS!

We want to *Welcome* the following new campers (as of press time) as the newest members of our camp family since our last issue. It won't be long until you are feeling comfortable and at home at camp. We have taken the opportunity to give you a temporary nickname as we imagine a new one will develop once we are altogether at camp! Welcome All to the *Summer of 2011!*:

Jeremy “Jarm” Abramowitz (brother of Addison & Bailey), Morgan “EmCee” Cohen, Jakob “Coop” Cooperstein, Thomas “Top Cat” Croft (son of O&A Ryan & the Office Mala-ameter!), Ryan “1st” First, Jonny “The Hammer” Hamwee (brother of Livers Hamwee), Steve “Hoss” Hassett, Riley “Smoothy” Kurzer (sister of Cassidy), Zoe “Zo-Lo” Lanel (sister of Adam & Griffin), Emma “E-L-P” Leipsner (dad Alan is alum), Simon “Sez” Muller, Lee “L-ARE-S” Rosenswell, Ava “Ator” & Sammy “Schneids” Schneider, Austin “A-Tuck” & Matthew “M-Tuck” Tucker

NEW FOR 2011

• No more long walks back to the bunks with the new O&A bathrooms near the *Tombstone* campfire area. And, speaking of clean toilets, The Dorm Girls can look forward to an all new sanitized, remodeled, hygienically wonderful, brand spanking new bathroom. Don't worry, we saved the old stall doors!



• You have heard of *Triple-I-Zero* for the Senior Boys; now the girls on *Senior Row* have the "*Sporch*" connecting *Outback* and *Next* (insert rim shot!). The Senior porch name was coined by Alana Pines winning out over other names such as *The NextBack*, *The Same Bunk*, *Double-I-Not Zero* or *The Bridge Extension*!

• The Rec Hall transforms a bit with the new REC DECK; this is a huge covered porch facing The Apple Tree and Stephanie's Horse.



• Arts & Crafts has been remodeled and is much more spacious!

• The outdoor fitness center begins (this will be a multi-year project) as well as more fitness and Zumba classes!

• From the Media Department: *Friday Nite Flix* expands with "morning news reports" presented by groups. And any day now the iPhone App should be ready!



• Plus a lot of other cool things such as more ping-pong tables, an additional new ski boat and a few new additions to the games of The Canteen.



We'll update you more as we get closer to camp!

NOTE THE DATE!



VisionWalk

Date: Saturday, May 21, 2011

Place: Central Park, NYC

Central Park Bandshell at W 72nd St

Registration: 8:00 AM

Towanda Team Meeting: 8:30 AM

Walk Start: 9:00 AM



Message from this year's VWalk Leaders, Jennie Russnow and David Ostern:

As everyone knows, one of the charitable organizations that *Camp Towanda* supports is the Foundation Fighting Blindness. For the past 5 years, campers, staff, and family members have supported FFB by attending the annual VisionWalk. This year, the VisionWalk will be held on Saturday morning, May 21st in Central Park. Individuals can sponsor Team Towanda members by logging on to our VisionWalk website:

http://www.fightblindness.org/site/TR?team_id=58100&fr_id=4051&pg=team

or by sending donations to the camp winter office. In years past, Camp Towanda has had one of the largest teams in attendance, and we want to continue that tradition this year. This is a great opportunity to see your camp friends and support a great cause; that is working hard to find cures for blindness.

In addition to the above website and for further information concerning ways to donate, ways to get involved, or get Team Towanda t-shirts (\$25), please contact desk@camptowanda.com and/or RSVP on Facebook, search "NYC VisionWalk" .

Social Media

For a place that is so “old school”,
we seem to be very high tech in the off-season.



- Subscribe to the Camp Towanda YouTube Channel
- Subscribe to iTunes’s Camp Towanda Podcasts
- Follow us on Twitter
- Like us on Facebook
- Read our Blog online
- Download our iPhone App (soon)
- Visit our website regularly
- Check your email filter to allow *@camptowanda.com
- Be sure we have your latest email address
- Send us your cell number to be on our TEXT alert system



CampMinder

The *CampMinder* section of our up-to-date website is your personal office space!

Once you login to *CampMinder*, be sure to update all your information (contact, health), pick *Optional Activities* (from Fine Art, Culinary, Horseback to blanket rental and Upper Camp trips and then some!) and check out *FORMS & DOCUMENTS*. All official forms, documents and mailings are available.

If you need assistance, just call Dusty in our office and she’ll walk you through it. Even last summer’s bunk pictures are in *CampMinder*!

LINKS WE LIKE

Parents, don’t forget, you can send us your website URL with a one sentence description and we’ll add it to our **LINKS WE LIKE** networking section.

BIRTHDAY SQUAD



Every summer we are able to celebrate birthdays in style. Our LITs serve as the members of the “Birthday Squad”. This tradition creates excitement with crazy hats, toys and whacky presents as well as “real pizza” from town! Of course, we celebrate non-camp birthdays with our annual winter birthday party, featuring the “parade of months” cake mess!

YOU'RE WATCHN' FNF!

Send us a short, quick and creative video “bumper” saying

“You’re watching Friday Night Flix”

2010 FNF HIGHLIGHTS

We still have some left! If you did not receive a copy of the 2010 FNF Highlights, let us know!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

FEBRUARY: **1:**Caroline Lerche, Alon Arzi; **2:**Rachel Heimler, Dana Krause; **3:**Jake Silverberg, Adam Steiner, Siobhan McCormack; **5:**Sera Person, Ali “Medium Spiz” Spiesman; **7:**Jenna Marcus, Tim Notarangelo; **8:**Gregg Fanning; **9:**Dan Hecht, Sari Postal; **11:**Andrea Huttova; **13:**Sarah Antes; **14:**Nicole Seiden, Dr Staci Pollack-Berke, Lisa Pelton, Jakub Zvonar; **15:**Andrew Shaffran, Miguel Palomares, Sonia Parres; **16:**Taylor Haber, Brian Josephson, Bill Riefler, Don Sneath; **17:**Sarah Youngbauer; **18:**Juan Moreno; **19:**Poppy Vallario; **21:**Corey Frydman, Tyler Furlong; **22:**Melissa Welger, Alan Katz Adam “Silvs” Silverman; **23:**Joey Goret, Brahm Wieseneck, Kasia Mirgos; **24:**Ava Goldstone; **25:**Ethan Kripke, Isabella Messer, Jordan Sharaf; **26:**Cory Weintraub, Jamie Weintraub, Adan Rodriguez; **27:**Manny Unger; **28:**Jonny Shaffran

MARCH: **1:**Jonny Wiener; **2:**Hariet Weltz; **3:**Jacqueline Maier, Sebastian Fomenko; **4:**Adam Albert; **6:**Gaby Lee; **7:** Mallory Edelman, Ben Gellert, Adam Lowell, Laura Caton, Richard Molloy; **8:**Jayde Grossman; **11:**Jason Carlson, Simon Muller, Emma Trokel, Matt Bernstein, Randy Silverberg; **13:**Pavla Zhorova; **14:**Sydney Levy; **15:**Grace Lang, Charlie Wyetzner, Duen Bhumiwat, Bobby Pizzuto; **17:**Olivia Plotnek; **18:**Blake Axelrod, Carlos Del Portillo; **19:**Nacho Recarte; **20:**Jake Epstein, Nicole Lehrhoff; **22:**Zoe Lanel, Noah Platte, Monika Motyl; **23:**Amanda Gershowitz, David Starrs, Stacey Tapping; **25:**Jesse Perel, Jill Gittleman; **26:**Drew Schweibel, Shaun Spielberg, Jordan Lee; **29:**Brenen Grossman; **31:**Rachel Slater, Phillip Melton

Getting Closer!

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CLIP & SAVE

2011 CAMP DATES

Former Camper Orientation	May 14, 2011
NYC VisionWalk	May 21, 2011
Staff Orientation	June 18, 2011
Flying Camper Arrival	June 24, 2011
First Day Of Camp	June 25, 2011
Visiting Day & Sibling Sleepover	July 23, 2011
Alumni BBQ Day	July 24, 2011
Breakout	1-3-5-6
Last Day of Camp	August 12, 2011
Fall BBQ	October 15, 2011
NY AREA REUNION	November 19, 2011
Florida Reunion	December 26, 2011



We are about to process another run of our very popular Camp Towanda Tie-Dye t-shirt. We have seen parents, grandparents, alumni, staff and campers wearing this shirt!

\$22.00, include your t-shirt size!
Do it now.

