

GIRLS' SING

The girls of Camp Towanda put on an amazing show at this year's Girls' Sing! Everyone in the audience really enjoyed their cheers, marches, claps, and most of all, their spirit! It was an incredibly close contest, with all five teams scoring within 10 points of each other, but in the end, the winner was Cartoon Dorm, with the Tweens and Juniors taking second place! Special mention to the LIT girls who helped introduce all of the groups, and the LIT boys who joined in for a group sing song! It was great!







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Dear Parents,

WELCOME TO YOUR CAMPER'S SUMMER HOME!

We are glad you are here! We are expecting TODAY to be a typical 2012 very hot summer day!!

The campers have been going to activities, swimming a lot, enjoying late reveilles and also inter camp games. They have also been participating in very entertaining evening activities, special events and just overall loving camp, no matter the temperature!

The best is yet to come...this evening is the Staff Talent & Entertainment Show (and that ever crazy Sibling Sleepover); tomorrow we have our 22nd year celebration Alumni BBQ and at night, our staff All Star basketball game.

Monday is Casino Night (You can BET that is fun with Towandough!) and later this week we have Backwards Day, Gold Rush and More. We have trips to MONTREAL, BOSTON, MARTHA'S VINEYARD and NIAGARA FALLS. Plus the Nationals' canoe trip, the Inters' Cooperstown trip and a lot more. Perhaps, even Olympics!!

Enjoy your day, walk around camp, feel proud and don't forget your sunscreen!!!! Have a great day here at Camp Towanda, your child's summer home.

Celebrating our 23rd summer year as camp directors, Amy's (our Girls HC) 18th Year and Bob's (our Boys HC) 42st year and the 90th year of great Camp Towanda traditions.



Mitch : Stephanie
Warm Regards,
Mitch and Stephanie

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

By Skylar Sloane

July 4th on the 5th was so cheerful and joyful! You should have been there! Oh, wait, you were! My favorite part of the day was having co-ed activities and seeing everyone in their red, white, and blue spirit! Everyone seemed to pull together really cool things! Three other activities came in a tie in my little race to see which activity was the best: the luau, the barbeque, and the fire works. The luau was so much fun! We had amazing fruit and a huge dance party. The barbeque was so good! I would like to have it many more times. The fireworks were so exciting and loud! I thought that they were excellent. Overall, the 4th of July on the 5th was the best in years!



We all know and love "American Pie," the song that has been calling campers here at Towanda to lunch for the past 20 years. In honor of its 20th anniversary as our lunch bell, and 40 years since its release, this year's Guinness World Record was to film everyone at camp lip-syncing along in their best 5th of July spirit and gear! It was definitely a lot of fun and great to see in Friday Nite Flix!



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Have I Been Here Forever?

By Shari Bergman



When I got off the bus to camp my counselor Randi Morgenstern came up and hugged me before I could even get my two feet on the ground. When she released me from her arms I was looking at my beautiful surroundings. The shaggy grass, the beautiful trees, and the most amazing people I have ever met. I was so glad to be back home! As I ran towards the sign saying "Jammin' Juniors," I saw my counselors. "Had they come back for us?" I was thinking in my head as I wrapped my arms around my sisters that I haven't seen since the reunion. Was I actually walking into the bunk? It felt like I never left. I couldn't believe that I was back with my Camp Towanda family.

The Show Goes On!

The plays have been fantastic so far this year! Everyone has done a fantastic job! Actories, scenery, lights and so much more! Congrats to everyone who has been invovled!

Damn Yankees!

This summer's Upper Camp play was a hit! *Damn Yankees* tells the story of a man named Joe whose greatest desire is for his home team, the Washington Senators, to win the World Series. Sick of seeing them lose to the Yankees, Joe sells his soul to the Devil to become a star player for the Senators. While he's a pro athlete, he attracts the attentions of the lovely Lola and brings success to his team. But in the middle of their last game, the Devil takes away the athletic skills he had given to Joe, who decides to go back to his old life. All of the actors, singers, and dancers did a fantastic job in bringing this story to life on the stage. This summer's Upper Camp production was a treat for the whole camp to watch!



Snow White and the Seven Dwarves

Lower Camp's presentation of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarves* was amazing! Their performance of the classic fairy tale really brought the story to life for the whole camp to enjoy. The acting, singing, dancing, and scenery were all amazing! It's clear that all the work that campers and counselors put into this show made it a real success.



Rookie "S'more" Tour!



By Simon Muller and Andrew Rowan

On Saturday July 14, it was the second annual Rookie S'mores Day! Mitch helped make the rookies have the best time exploring camp with activities such as zip lining, ghost, general swim, arts & crafts, and gymnastics. All the rookies had a smile on their face as they zipped down the zip line, climbed out of the foam pit, and flew down the big inflatable lake slide. Liz Bonfanti, G.G. for the Jets, took care of seven rookies and described Saturday as a fun-filled day for everyone! The day ended with a splash in the lake and some gifts for the travel home! Can't wait to see all the rookies as campers next year!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

- July 8:** Alicia Florin, Carly Lapidus, Nicholas Pender, Chealsea Shemesh
- July 9:** Zoe Denenberg, Sophie Kriftcher, Spencer Waldshan
- July 10:** Hannah Robertson, Ryan Nichols
- July 11:** Diego Elizondo, Shelby Rosen
- July 12:** Mo Evans, Rose Fishbein, Drew Furlong
- July 14:** Lily Gorodensky, Evan King, Sydney Steiner
- July 15:** Lindsay Ilgner, Haley Pastolove, Ben Sackler
- July 16:** Maddy Denenberg, Robert Edwards
- July 17:** Viktor Kundrak, Corey Payones, Marti Rosenberger
- July 19:** Sydney Axelrod, Michelle Feigenbaum, Lenka Kremlachova
- July 20:** Cole Behlman, Melissa Ilgner, Maria Ruesta Llorente
- July 21:** Sammy Schneider
- July 22:** Meredith Buzin
- July 23:** Perry Axelrod, Juan Canales Mena, Jami Grossbard, Fallon Roher
- July 25:** Riley Albert, Nicole Salm
- July 26:** Rachel Goldberg
- July 27:** Adam Sharaf
- July 28:** Zachary Swenson
- July 30:** Jordyn Salm
- July 31:** Amanda Goldwasser, Christine Hopkins, Jack Trokel
- Aug 1:** Alex Levy, Sally Moen, Lee Rosen-Swell, Muffin Rosenthal



BATTLE OF THE DJS

By Kyla Finkle and Madeline Wolin

In this article you'll read about the recent evening activity Battle of the DJs. The event was very exciting and the music was very unique and funky. It was very very fun. We liked it most because everybody was dancing. The best DJ was DJ Tgab, she had her music set and was ready to rock. She played a lot of great songs. We liked her flickering lights the best. In the middle of the event we got glow sticks and it was great. Everybody was having a great time!

Water Carnival

By Owen Furlong, Ari Zebersky, Andrew Shaffran, Samson Gelfand, and Jeremy Abramowitz

The Water Carnival was a blast! Everybody had lots of fun. The best part was the Polar Plunge and tubing. The Polar Plunge was probably the best slide we have ever been on. The best part about the slide was how fast you go Very exciting! The fastest way to go down was the cannon ball position; you tuck your feet into your arms and then jump and there you go! There was a Slip-And-Slide and that was fun also. But at the end you would get a little bit dirty. Also there was a treasure hunt in the pool. It was fun. You had to find golf balls and other toys. Overall we all had loads of fun.



Talent Show!

By Allie Green



There is so much talent at Towanda! The talent show happens every summer. It is a great way to express yourself and show off your skills. Here are some of the best acts. The Davis sisters (Jamie, Eliza, and Lauren) did the act of drums and dancing. Two of the Club boys sang "One Thing" by One Direction, in honor of the Dorm girls. My favorite part was when three of the L.I.T. boys played the guitar and they did a great job. At the end of the night the crowd was cheering loud and proud. It was a very good night.



Electionality '12!

By Carson Hechler and Parker Berke

The Electionality of 2012 was the closest in Towanda history! This year's candidates were Jordan Berke and Bellizone, Dylan Ettinger and Jacob Gubner, Dylan Tish and Meryl Goldberg, Dylan Weinberg and Jessica Dean, Jamie Davis and Drew Furlong. The speeches were very funny. Uncle Sam has changed a lot. The Gelfand Report with Boppy's report was very funny. It was the best video ever. Each state was very creative but the two best were the State of Jay Fray and the State of Late Reveille. In the end the votes were added up and the winner was... Jordan Berke and Adam Bellizone! Mitch and the Presidents promised more chicken patties and on Thursday, a real porch breakfast.*

*As of press time both promises of chicken patties and real porch breakfast had been met! Only at Towanda!



ALL STAR BASEBALL



By Bryce Brandfon

On July 10, Camp Towanda was excited for something special! It was the All-Star Baseball game! It was late at night when the stars were out, and everybody was sitting on the Infirmary lawn, anxious to watch the game. The boys and girls cheered for their favorite league, American or National. We served snacks such as popcorn, hotdogs, and soda. Bob (the head of Boys' Camp) served 703 hotdogs! WOW! Camp Towanda was having a blast (including me)! My favorite part was hanging out with my friends, eating snacks, and watching the game, so that means I liked everything! The next day we were talking about how much fun we had! Next year you should come to Camp Towanda to watch the All-Star Baseball game!



NATIONAL CIRCUS PROJECT

By Owen Furlong, Jeremy Abramowitz, and Andrew Epstein

The National Circus Project was great. It was hilarious and entertaining at the same time. Greg, the main guy, and his sidekick Adam performed a great act. The National Circus Project was full of many different events. The first act we enjoyed was juggling. Some of the things he juggled were cups, tennis balls, clubs (at one point on fire) and finally he juggled knives when he was on a unicycle with a spinning plate on his chin! Also another great act was the Chinese yo-yo. It was great because Greg did amazing tricks. One of his tricks that people loved was the baby cradle.

The next day we had a period that let us try the acts from the show. We tried to learn how to spin plates on a stick, which Greg did during the show, and it was challenging. Next we tried to juggle and that was fun and then we got to use a Chinese yo-yo that was truly fun. Overall we all enjoyed the National Circus Project.



Lower Camp Unique Entertainment!

By Dylan Zgodny and Sera Person

When the buses rolled around into camp, we knew what was coming...Unique Entertainment! Unique is a challenge game where you are split into four colors: red, yellow, green, and blue. You have to answer challenging questions, for example: What district was Katniss from? You also have to do physical challenges and pick a few people from your team to accomplish these challenges. It was a green machine victory! It was the best Unique yet!

