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"The SCOPE of CAMP"

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# IT WAS A FRIENDSY!

Fast, Fun, Friendly, Fortifying and Fantastic. That's it, simple but accurate!

When campers and staff alike crashed on the shores of *Camp Towanda* in late June last summer there was not only the normal excitement, anticipation and happiness, there was the natural anxious, intimidating and awe-inspiring trepidation that accompanies everyone to the start of the summer, first-timer or seasoned Towanda-er.

However, at *Camp Towanda*, it is the magic, unique and very special atmosphere of comfort, acceptance, and safe camaraderie that helps blossom self-confidence, personal growth, life skills and social skills.

For Stephanie and I, enjoying every moment of our 25th summer as the owners and directors, although hard to describe, it is very rewarding and fills us with pride on how we get to influence, witness and be a part of all that.

From the opening night campfire, staff welcome show, Unique Entertainment, Towanda Open, Scavenger Hunt, LAX CLINIC, Canoe Trips, Binghamton Mets, Campa-pa-looza, HORSERACING, Guinness Yo-Yo

record, and Talent Show to the July 5th fireworks to the 1812 Overture, Water Carnival plus activities, play rehearsal for Mamma Mia, inter-camp games and oh so much more that made up just the 1st week of Camp 2014!!!!

Perhaps it was the Electionality victory of the Spaniards, Water Carnival, Steve Max doing Simon Sez, The Inters' Tubing Trip, the James Taylor concert, pride of Girls' Sing, the goats (which are chickens and horses) or Casper at Ghost and soooo much more.

If you think about the trips to the amusement parks or the senior extended trips or the crazy "like for real" fakeouts and psych-outs to the real thing of snow in August or the "just can't lose" 5 year club election speech of Max Saltzman to the intense camaraderie, drama and excitement of Olympics, including the ever so close Apache Relay, the intense Rope Burning, the tough Tug-O-war and the production quality of Olympic Sing and the final days that include The Wayne County Fair, Bunk Feast, Fort Night and Lazy Day!

If you think about it all; the memories, the laughter, the friendships, the bond

PLUS all the activities, instruction and entertainment; then you know why *Camp Towanda*, this place we all call our summer home, IS magic and unique.

We look forward to many, many more years with all of you and we thank you for the best summer yet...and now onto the best one you have ever SEEN in 20-15!



### **NEXT ISSUE:**

- -Welcome new campers
- -Sermon from the summer
- -Olympic & Breakout Review

#### CALLING ALL TT WRITERS!

-WRITE an article for a future issue of The Towanda Times OR SUBMIT A SCHOOL ESSAY YOU WROTE about camp THAT WE CAN Publish IN a future ISSUE!

# What We Hear From The Mansion Porch!!!

Bob & Phyllis Miller along with Michael & Terry Groll met up with Kobe Schwartz in Israel...The faux snow from Breakout just finished dissolving and left a weird section on the grass near the main basketball court...Congratulations to 2nd generation "Hootie" Tesser on his engagement...Zac Caudo and his family's vineyard in Australia are doing well; Zac says his work ethic continues to be inspired by his camp experience www.caudovineyard.com.au ... Although we do not like highlighting cell phones, here's a good story about Ilana Nemerow's iphone (which was lost on the LIT trip to Toronto) and was found at the Eaton Centre in Toronto. Erica Media has picked it up for Ilana....Zach Neidoff proudly created a chair out of boxes and Towanda duct tape (more duct tape to be had at the Lucky Strike reunion)...Linda Lowell and Rusty Primeau recently met up and reminisced about their wonderful memories at CT... Jamie Etkind and her camp big sister, Hallie Fishman caught up over coffee where they both work at Goldman, Sachs; Jamie said that this was a great example of Towanda in the real world





dedication by Abigail Roth

and the valuable connections made, even from her very first summer as a camper...congratulations to Aimee (Smith) and

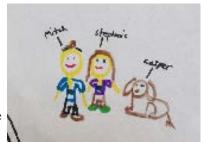


Tom Neaverson; this Towanda couple are expecting a future camper in January...And speaking of Towanda couples; here's a new one: Danielle Fennimore and Tom Atkinson are getting married this coming April...Diane Butler and fellow counsellors, Jacqui Holly, Ronnie Jaconelli, John, Doyle, Norman Brown met at Camp Towanda in 1980 and just celebrated their 34th year as good friends... 2nd generation Abigail Roth's 4th Grade Class Publishers Party was a great success and our thanks to the author for her Camp Towanda shout out (see Abigail roth pix)... Brett Bolog is in Madrid this year living with his family and training for Getafe CF, Division I Spanish soccer team (thanks

in part to our Madrid based Robert Edwards); we expect an article from B-Bo next issue...Ross Prussin is now working for XOJET; one of the premier private aviation firms... Just before the summer

Liza Goldstone And Spencer Waldshan won a special award for Courtesy and Respect.... Stephanie Bradshaw works at a company called MV Sport where we order our 10 year club sweatshirts...Congratulations to Katie Horn on her recent marriage...and to Towanda couple Amanda Peyser & Zach Fox who recently tied the knot...Hank Azaria received top billing as a celebrity who went to camp (and still comes by); check it out at: <a href="http://goo.gl/1pE0b5">http://goo.gl/1pE0b5</a> ...Hank recalls this photo from the 1970s (LtoR: Ernie Munick, Hank Azaria, Margie Stockfeder, Lori Shmaruk and we need help ID-ing the camper on the far right)...Max Saines walked the 2014 Walk Now for Autism Speaks in Pasadena at the Rose Bowl...Dr. Ben Roth is a dentist in the Boston suburbs...Our condolences to the family of Pat Modlin, she and her sisters, Lauren and Geri were at camp for many summers in the 50's and 60's... Jazzy Rivere Marcelin has started training as an Infectious Diseases Fellow at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN...and as The Late Show With David Letterman winds down it's run, the producers invited Mitch and Stephanie to be guests in the audience one more time. After the taping, Biff Henderson welcomed them on stage to sit in Dave's Desk and claimed that the Camp Towanda piece was one of the best bits they every did!





by 2nd generation Alex Gerson

### The Adventures of Cheese, Milk and Pickle



# "THE BALANCE OF THE WOC"

Although camp is only during the summer, a lot happens AT camp and OFF camp, all year long! Our year round Winter Office Crew is always in full preparation mode for next summer! Around camp, our Winter Office Crew is affectionately known as "The W.O.C.". An incredible vibe of young, energetic, eager, motivated, intelligent Towanda-ers learning, working and accomplishing any and all that has to do with camp season preparation! The W.O.C. help and learn from Mitch, Stephanie, Z (Our Operations Director) and Mike The Plumber (Our 'never-say-no' Head Caretaker) and get things done! Who are the W.O.C. you ask?

#### Here's The W.O.C.:

Jon Penner; simply known as "Penner" coordinates the accounting/bookkeeping end of things with our Financial Services department. He also is quick to jump on the lawn tractor or power up the leaf vacuum. 5 Years at camp.

Jared Reiter (born and raised at camp) is learning many behind the scenes facets of camp; from staff recruiting and research, program planning and marketing to name a few; as well as our resident Lego master and Head Tour Guide. He is certainly not afraid to get down and dirty; helping with the retiling of the pool, building a new stone patio at the flagpole, burning a rustic wooden sign or applying his engineering know-how to many of the onsite projects. Jared is also the camp's Certified Safety Director, Certified SafeServe Food Manager and is completing his Master's in Camp Administration. 26 years at camp.

Matt Miller (of the 4th generation Towarda Millers) is gaining incredible experience working with Jared and Z in our laundry, kitchen, transportation, hiring and baggage departments. In addition, Matt assists by fine-tuning special events for the program and takes the lead in our staff orientation program and ACA Standards Accreditation process. 23 years at camp.

Melanie Buck (Our Administrative Director). Mel completes her tenure with us this coming spring as she returns to Meadowbrook Day Camp in Long Valley, New Jersey, the camp her parents own and operate. Mel has gained a lot of experience running our office and acting as the parent liaison. We are very proud of what she has learned and accomplished... BUT, she is not really leaving us. She remains full-time through the spring, transitioning and training the rest of The W.O.C. and will help setup the summer office and visit often throughout the summer. We have definitely not seen the last of Mel!

Becky Schiffenhaus We are excited and lucky to introduce Becky who will be working with Mel and then taking over her duties. Becky comes to us with extensive camp office experience, the highest recommendations from our camp colleagues and already knows our CampMinder operating system. Over the coming months everyone will get to know and love Becky, as Mel and I do already!

Mark Zides The Z Man is known as the guru of the camping industry, Z has been part of Towanda for 18 years as our Operations Director, taking care of all the backroom logistics. Essentially, we have no problems...we have Z. The Junior W.O.C. team learns so much from him. Z is an ACA Standards Inspector, ACA Board member and chair of the Ethics and Lobbying Committees.

Mike Notarangelo The Plumber lives and loves every blade of grass on camp. It is his home year-round and he takes great pride in the maintenance, care and new projects...and is not afraid to call up the W.O.C. and tell them to get their butts up to camp to help on a maintenance project! 6 Years at camp.

Lauren Eckstein Forman (former camper, counselor, and general; now a camper parent and our on-the-ball Social Media Director). Lauren keeps us all on our toes, protected online, socially smart and the best in our field, while communicating and appropriately getting the word of Towanda out there through our social media, website and app. 12 years at camp.

Erica Gulliver It's really "Erica Media" who helps us tell our story through Friday Nite Flix, The Towanda Times, flyers, graphics, photo uploads, live camera feeds and anything else technical and creative that we need, she's got the skills. 9 years at camp.

This W.O.C. holds camp together while everyone else is back at their "off-season" lives; from manual labor, assisting a new parent, vetting a staff applicant, general office work or just plain getting everyone and everything in order for the smooth operation of the upcoming summer.

Stephanie and I are proud of our Winter Office Crew, who along with our amazing counselors, the well seasoned and experienced Senior Staff of Head Counselors, Department Heads, Programming and Operations Staff makes for a very solid, strong and impressive TEAM and the leading camp in the industry! MITCH & STEPHOLIE

No doubt that Camp Towanda will continue to be the best ever SEEN, in 20-15!





**COACH LEE REPORTS** 

### **2014 SEASON REVIEW**

Yet another very successful season has come and gone at Camp Towanda, leaving us all asking the same question: where did the summer go? This was a year of transition as we look to take Towanda sports to the next level. *Towanda Sports Center* is a new concept, with a fresh outlook. Its popularity has grown among campers and staff and its momentum seems to have begun a new surge of energy at Camp Towanda.

### ... OUR CODE

In the season that was, our philosophy was, is and will always be clear: a safe time, lots of fun, teamwork, skill building, good playing style, excellent sportsmanship, strong bonds with opponents and of course playing to win. Winning a game is a simple concept. However, victories come in various forms and can be achieved in many ways, even in losing a game. Its not whether you win or lose, it's HOW you win or lose and how you transform this into an experience that will take you forward. This is what we expect from our coaches and campers and we are proud to have achieved it.

### ... SOCCER STARS

On the fields of play, there was a good amount of teams who succeeded in winning championships. Soccer led the way with Wayne County Champions, among which was our Senior (9th grade) boys who recorded their 6th Championship in a row, despite being taken to a penalty kick shootout in their semi final at Trails End.

### ...TENNIS INSPIRATION

Some amazing individual tennis performances resulted in two singles championships (Junior 6th grade girls and Club/10th grade boys) as well as a mixed doubles success (Senior/10th grade), with their strong return of serve a notable characteristic.

### ...SUPER HOOPS

Basketball enjoyed a good season with all-round strength in many age groups, notably the Tweens (5th grade girls) who were tenacious and emphatic in their game, dominating rebounds offensive and defensive on their way to winning their Wayne County Championship.

### ...TWEEN CHAMPS

The Tween girls, as a matter of fact, were our most successful group this year, winning the soccer version of Wayne County (in addition to the basketball) beating Indian Head by an emphatic score of 9-2 in the final.

### ...AMERICA'S FAVORITE PASTIME

Our baseball teams played hard and fielded strongly. In retrospect the pitching could have been a little more productive, but the foundation is in place to rectify this. In all sports, as in life, we learn from experience.

### ... LACROSSE PROMISE

Lacrosse reached two finals this summer - Inter (7th grade) boys and senior (9th grade) boys. A VERY enthusiastic staff accumulated lots of interest among the campers and revamped the whole program. A Hard-to-believe 20-1 victory at Chen-A-Wanda for our Club and L.I.T. (10th /11th grade) boys underlined what potential there is against traditionally strong opponents.







**KEEP READING...** 

### ... HOCKEY REBUILDING

Most of our teams came very close but lost narrowly to very good teams. Stronger for the experience, this department has much to offer our campers in the future.

### ...SERVES AND FIRST DOWNS

Volleyball and Flag Football were also very popular, the latter providing a memorable Towanda Tournament victory for our Senior boys on August 4th, including a comeback against Tyler Hill (from 6-20 to 21-20).

### ...STRENGTH IN DEPTH

As mentioned earlier with basketball, almost every age group was able to shine in at least one sport, reaching at least one final or succeeding in an invitational tournament. From our Jet and Cadet boys to our Dorm/L.I.T girls, memorable moments were achieved in every sport. This is something we want to develop in the future, as well as the enthusiasm generated in swim, gymnastics and dance.

### ...ALL-IN-ALL

In victory and in defeat, it was clear that this was a very successful summer on the sports fields. *Towanda Sports Center* will add a lot more in the future. With all this in mind, Towanda Sports Center wishes everyone a good winter, many happy thoughts and promises of a 2015 season that will raise the bar even further.

To all our campers, families and staff, all the vey best and see you in June!





Coach Lee Athletic Director

# DEPARTMENT NEWS UPDATED

### DRAMA

We were all blown away by the dramatic improvement of the quality and excitement of our theatrical shows in 2014. The credit goes to "Drama Charlene" and her crew. Although still in the planning "stage", so far we can tell you that for the summer of 2015, the Lower Camp Play will be "ANNIE" and the Upper Camp Play will be "BACK TO THE 80s". The All-Camp Play will be announced in the next issue of The Towarda Times!



To view highlights from the 2014 productions, follow these links:

We will Rock You - https://vimeo.com/109506972

Mamma Mia - https://vimeo.com/109067732

# INFIRMARY

We are currently re-evaluating and researching our Infirmary/ Health Center procedures, protocols and personnel. We will soon be announcing exciting major enhancements and improvements.

The Camp Towarda Infirmary will be unique and innovative in the camping industry in that we will be ready, prepared and equipped similar to most children's hospitals.

Our Infirmary, in addition to standard TLC, will be capable of treating most things beyond most Emergency Departments which include suturing, reading quick local x-rays, treating eye injuries, rapid blood tests, ultrasound and the ability to evaluate orthopedic care.

Along with our returning 6th year Board Certified Pediatrician from South Florida, Dr. Jarrod Frydman; our Lead Doctor, Dr. Mark Merlin, returning for his 3rd year and who will be at camp over 2 weeks this coming summer, is also overseeing our Infirmary Staff Orientation.

The exciting details of our capabilities and re-structuring as well as background information on our doctors will be spot lighted in the upcoming months.

# NEW PROJECTS

Things have not stopped since the campers and counselors left.

After clean up and baggage was all sorted, a tremendous amount of activity has been happening; some very exciting!

We have completed Phase I of a 2-year rehabilitation and upgrade of **THE MAIN SOGGER PITCH!** We installed a French drain around the perimeter that approaches the track and field, added a new layer of topsoil (over 50 truckloads) and tough grade new turf along with a more solid 1/5 mile track and purchased an irrigation system that will keep the grass healthier in drier summers! Although all set for use in 2015, an additional re-grading will take place right after next summer to complete Phase II of the soccer field. But basically you can say goodbye to the days when Mitch could kayak on the field and track!

Also serviced by the new French drain, THE TREE HOUSE will be ready and waiting for your arrival; it is beyond awesome. We just completed a 40 foot bridge on a 7 foot incline between the 2 pods, as we will be able to sleep an entire group in this Ewok-like complex!

Our latest structure, The **30 FOOT YURT**, will be ready as well. Not sure what we need it for, but it will certainly be fun!

Jared added some finishing touches to the new **CLDE GHOST POINT** at Sunset Lake: including a stone fire pit for those lakeside BBO s'more desserts!

At The Waterfront, another major project happening right now is the front end of a 3-year major renovation of our **SWIMMING POOL**; this year brings us new filtration piping, a new tiled floor and wall, sidewalk repairs and new lifeguard stands. The remaining phases will include resurfacing the main pool deck, creating a splash pad, installing new fencing and a salt-water filtration system!

In addition, we continue with more BUNK BATHROOM RENOVATIONS (so far B-4, B-8 and B-9, plus 2 others to be announced).

In addition to all of these things MTP and his crew have also planted over 25 new trees, painted more than 15 different buildings, and dropped over a 1/2 ton of new seed all over camp to ensure that camp is as green in 2015 as its been the previous 92 years Towanda has been around! Stay tuned to future issues of The Towanda Times to hear about what else MTP and his crews are getting done at camp.

Also, don't forget to check out camp's **NSTAGRAM** account as you never know when you might att -Matt Miller catch a view of the goings on at camp!











# **Outpost Media Productions**

From the team that brought you Friday Nite Flix,

introducing Outpost Media Productions, a new division of Camp Towanda! Hire our very own "Erica Media" and Skyler for your next event. Bar-Mitzvahs, Private Parties, Retreats, Montages, Corporate Videos, On-Hold Entertainment, photo albums and more!

Our media team is available in the "off-season" (September thru May) to work with you!

Contact: mitch@camptowanda.com if you are interested or would like to see some sample productions created from our portfolio of past work.





# EVERYTHING CAMPER



We are happy to announce that **EVERYTHING CAMPER** is now the official outfitter for the Camp Towanda uniform and all your camp packing needs.

We chose Everything Camper because their proven reputation is based on the relationships they build with their customers and the high quality service they have provided.

We have been watching them the past few years and couldn't be more satisfied and excited. Their goal is to be an extension of the great tradition and reputation of Camp Towanda.

We will send an email notice when the 2015 Packing List and Catalog are on line at: http://www.everythingcamper.com/category\_s/341.htm

In addition, the gang at Everything Camper is excited to meet many of our camp families at their "Try It On" road shows that begin in January (that information will be sent to you, too).



Traditionally, this has become the unofficial kick-off of the next summer! Our Fall BBQ For New Campers and Their Families was yet again...GREAT! The hints of autumn color, the burning campfire, the newly seeded lawns, the projects in process, the charcoal grill and the huge crowd of new campers and their families along with THE DORM GIRLS of 2015, all added up to create a warm welcome for many of our new campers!

The New Camper Fall BBQ was happy, fun, relaxing and comforting and packed (250 people) and awesome! It was fantastic to see everyone, get to know each other a little better, and feel good that Camp Towanda is now their new summer home!

Thanks to all of our counselors, campers, maintenance crew and alumni that were able to be part of making this a great day! Next stop: Welcome of new campers (with nicknames in the next *Towanda Times*) and then we are off to Group Scoop in January!









### MORRY'S CAMP

It is not too late to send in your contribution to our office for PROJECT: MORRY; it is recommended a dollar for every lap you swam or ran!

Camp Towanda is once again proud to support Project: Morry and Morry's Camp;

At the upcoming Project: Morry Autumn Elegance event on November 13, we are participating in the annual Camp Tuition Auction; camp families can bid on a Camp Towanda Tuition on line bid beginning November 1st more details available at: www.projectmorry.org

### SPECIAL T-SHIRTS!

- VisionWalk Team Towanda 2015 T-Shirts
- Highly acclaimed Tie-Dye Camp Towanda T-shirts
- Exclusive Cheese, Milk & Pickle T-Shirts & Tank Tops
   \$25.00 each; contact: jared@camptowanda.com



# 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 March 1, 2015

# WHat's app?

Coming Soon. This November 22nd, just in time for the reunion, we are launching a brand new app game! Available exclusively on the Camp Towanda App! If you haven't downloaded our app, now is the time!

What's the name of the game?

HINT- if you get a high score, you just might get "late reveille"! Any guesses what the game is? Available on the Apple iTunes Store!

# want to follow us on instagram?

As you may know our @camptowanda Instagram account is "private" (for Towandaers only). We only accept accounts that we recognize. If we haven't accepted your request to follow, please send an email to jared@camptowanda.com with your Instagram username.

### HMMM...THat's PINTERESTING!

Are you following us on Pinterest? Get camp inspiration, recipes from The Farm, Great Parenting articles and book recommendations (including Mitch & Stephanie's HuffPost blog), ideas how to be more Social Media Smart and more!



### DJ MITCH REITER

Do you miss the sounds of camp? Follow Mitch Reiter on Spotify! Friday Nite Flix mixes, During the Day Tunes, Burning of the Numbers songs and more. It should help you get thru the next 8 months! All CT music mixes are also coming to our app in November (but you need to have Spofify). Spotify is now free to download on your mobile device.



### Camp More, cell less

This is so worthy of sharing: http://viralfury.com/if-this-video-doesnt-convince-you-to-put-down-your-phone-nothing-probably-will/

### HUFF POST M&S BLOG

Did you know Mitch and Stephanie are HuffPost Bloggers!? Check it out!



# **LABOR DAY WEEKEND 2015**

Parents, campers, alumni and your family and friends.

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

all provided. For more info CLICK HERE!

This is a great way to end the summer!

If you are interested, please contact <code>jared@camptowanda.com</code>

September 4-7, 2015



As you may know, Mitch is the National President of SCOPE "SUMMER CAMP OPPRTUNITIES PROMOTE EDUCATION"

- a special nonprofit organization that works to send kids from low income families to summer camps that also promotes them to do well in school at the same time!! We want you to get involved and spread the word.

You can take the #towanda4scope Backwards Shot Challenge to raise awareness and money for SCOPE.

Attempts count (even if you miss)! Post your backwards shot video on your page or your parents' page, nominate your friends and have fun! Use the hashtag #towanda4scope and tag Camp Towanda! We will be sharing some of the best shots!

Check out: https://vimeo.com/110035919

In addition SCOPE has launched the Junior Leadership Council (JLC)! This is a great Mitzvah Project; create awareness, raise money and/or participate in SCOPE events. Visit: www.scopeusa.org

Also, SCOPE has partnered with the Jefferson Awards Foundation and is looking for young people to be one of the award winners by raising funds that go towards SCOPE campers! Not only could you possibly be a recipient of one of the Jefferson Foundation Awards, but you also could be an honoree at the Annual SCOPE Dinner in New York City! THIS TOO IS A GREAT BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROJECT!



To learn more about the Lead 360 program through the Jefferson Awards Foundation click here.

If you would like to sign up to become a SCOPE-JLC member or to learn more about SCOPE please contact Rachael Hochberg at *rachael@scopeusa.org*. Also, please let *jared@camptowanda.com* know of your interest as well (so we know and can help)!

You can make a difference, get involved and help send kids in need to summer camp!

Former camper, counselor, General (and married to former camper, counselor and General Michael Novick) Nicole Mann Novick has created a beautiful "CAMP" necklace and charm, hand-cut in yellow, rose or white gold. Check it out at Nicole's website, garlandcollection.com; Nicole is graciously contributing 10% of sales to SCOPE.



### ANNUAL AlUMNI BBQ

### **SUNDAY July 26, 2015**

(The day after Visiting Day) 11:00am - 3:00pm

→We will be opening time capsules from Dorm & Club 2005 and any earlier years not yet opened. ←

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.



Do you have hand-me down Towanda Clothing items taking up space in your house? Camp Clothesline is here to save the day! Bring any items that are stain-free and in decent condition to the November Reunion to help future Towanda families prep for camp.

www.campclothesline.com

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Everyone's welcome to join the fun: campers (old & new), staff, parents, alumni, friends, prospective campers and their families. If you'll be heading south for the holidays, we'd love to see you!!

Bring lotion, camera & towel! Rain or Shine, we will be there.

Friday Dec. 26, 2 Spanish River Park,

Friday Dec. 26, 2014 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Spanish River Park, Pavilion #1, Boca Raton, Florida.

**DIRECTIONS:** Spanish River Park is on A1A in Boca Raton, between Spanish River Blvd. and Palmetto Park Rd. Enter the park, follow the HOT PINK Towarda ARROWS to Pavilion #1. Park, gather your gear, go through tunnel to beach, lay down stuff and say 'Hi!'

**Lunch provided!** Sandwiches, chips, drinks! RSVP by December 15 to *jared@camptowanda.com* 

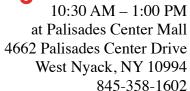
# **NY AREA REUNION**

Saturday November 22, 2014

Come SEE the BEST OF Friday Nite Flix 2014! Lunch Provided! BOWL! ENJOY seeing your great camp friends! WEAR Sunscreen! The 2014 Video Highlight DVD with bonus tracks and other gifts will be distributed.

Those that can't make it, we'll mail your DVD after Thanksgiving.

**Lucky Strike Lanes** 



Lucky Strike Lanes is located on the fourth floor of the Palisades Center Mall. If you enter on the side of the mall that faces the NYS Thruway the closest entrance is located between Staples and Modell's. Go in the glass doors, go straight across until you reach the elevator and take it to the 4th floor, exit to your left and Lucky Strike Lanes is straight ahead.

If you arrive through the entrance facing Route 59 the closest entrance is near the Cheesecake Factory. Go straight to the elevators, up to the 4th floor, make a left and we are straight ahead. We are also easily accessible from the underground parking areas – follow signs for Center Court.

**From the South** (New York, New Jersey): take the Palisades Interstate Parkway North to Exit 9E, follow the NYS Thruway (87 South/287 East) to Exit 12- West Nyack-Palisades Center Drive.

**From New Jersey:** take the Garden State Parkway North (all the way to the end) to the NYS Thruway South (87 South/287East) to Exit 12 West Nyack-Palisades Center Drive.

**From Connecticut/Westchester**: take the Tappan Zee Bridge (87 North/287 West) to the NYS Thruway Exit 12 West Nyack-Palisades Center Drive.

From Upstate New York: take the NYS Thruway South (87 South/ 287 East) to Exit 12 West Nyack-Palisades Center Drive.

From Putnam County: take the Bear Mountain Bridge to the traffic circle to the Palisades Interstate Parkway South to Exit 9E, then take the NYS Thruway South (87 south/287 East) to Exit 12- West Nyack- Palisades Center Drive.

**From Long Island**: take any highway to the Cross Island Parkway. Cross the Throgs Neck Bridge, then bear right to Interstate 95 (Bruckner Expressway). Follow 95 through the toll plaza (\$1.00 toll). Take Route 287 West, to the Tappan Zee Bridge, Cross the Tappan Zee Bridge and get off at Exit 12, at light make a left and follow to parking lot.



### REUNION FOOD DRIVE

Join us in helping those in need this holiday season by bringing canned food and non-perishables to the November Reunion!



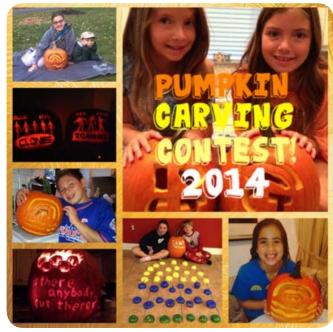
### STAFF:

Let us know if you are returning for 2015!!!

If you want a copy of 2014 FNF Highlights, please send us an email with the correct mailing address. We'll mail it in December. Of course, you can also pick it up at the Lucky Strike Reunion! Hope to see you there!

### NEW CAMPER GROUP "SCOOP"

for all new for 2015 campers and their parents! Sunday Jan. 11, 2015, 1:00 PM Sharp 'til 3 PM at the Fort Lee DoubleTree on Rt 4 East. Details have been mailed. Please RSVP!



Show your Camp Towanda pride this October with our annual Pumpkin Carving Contest! Submit your design to jared@camptowanda.com and post on social media! Use the hashtag #CTpumpkin2014

The deadline is 11:59pm on Halloween to be considered to win your name on the coveted plaque in the canteen!

Are you the ultimate Towanda-er?!?! PROVE IT! Make your Halloween costume this year Towanda themed! Having trouble thinking of an idea? Try these: Casper, the HC's, Olympic teams, anything Towanda!

# Stephanie Reiter's

Book Club!

January 27, 2015

Homesick and Happy by Michael Thompson Details Coming Soon!

### WE HAVE NO ISSUES

Past issues of The Towarda Times, including the last issue released on August 14, 2014, are available online on our website!



### 2015 CHAT ROOM

### Wednesday January 28, 2015

New Campers, Returning Campers & Staff Instructions in Forms & Documents section of CampMinder or drop us an email for a copy of the instructions at becky@camptowanda.com



Girls Weekend - Saturday January 17, 2015 Boys Weekend - Saturday January 24, 2015

Snow, sledding, frozen Ghost, toboggan, ice fishing and campfire in the middle of frozen Sunset Lake, sleeping bags in front of the Mansion Fireplace and a lot s'more! Registration details will be e-mailed shortly;



Seniors will need to RSVP!



### MEET & SKI AT ELK MOUNTAIN

Sunday Jan. 18, 2015 at Elk Mountain, Scranton, PA, (Martin Luther King Weekend) - not too far from camp (a good day trip, or stay close by) Call in advance, meet, ski and take a picture with JARED (jared@camptowanda.com)! Meet at Noon outside the main lodge by the big ski map. Get your photo taken for the Towanda Times!



In addition to the upcoming release of the 2014 Friday Nite Flix Highlight DVD, there are many bonus videos on our VIMEO channels.

Check it out at:

Plays & Fun Stuff -

https://vimeo.com/channels/ctjustforfun

Olympic Recap & Rope Burning -

https://vimeo.com/channels/ctolympics



Birthdays are now listed on the Official Camp Towanda Facebook page and on the Camp Towanda App!



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# SAMP DATES

New York Area Camper Reunion

Florida Beach Party

**New Camper Group Scoop** 

Senior Girls Sleepover

Meet & Ski at Elk Mtn

Senior Boys Sleepover

Stephanie's Book Club

**Chat Room** 

NYC VisionWalk

**Flying Campers Arrival** 

**First Day of Camp** 

**S'More Tours** 

**Visiting Day & Sibling Sleepover** 

**Alumni BBQ** 

**Last Day of Camp** 

**Family & Friends Labor Day Weekend** 

November 22, 2014

December 26, 2014

January 11, 2015

January 17, 2015

January 18, 2015

January 24, 2015

January 27, 2015 January 28, 2015

Spring TBA 2015

**June 26, 2015** 

June 27, 2015

July 11,18 & Aug 2, 2015

July 25, 2015

July 26, 2015

August 14, 2015

**September 4-7, 2015** 







