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OUR 88th YEAR

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"Campilicious!"

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CAMP IS OUT OF THIS WORLD!

Karen Gormley, the Group Leader for the 2009 Dorm Girls shared this sermon with us last summer. Karen started as a General Counselor, has also been an Olympic General and is now a school teacher! Like so many at Camp Towanda; the impact one makes is two-way!

As all great fairytales begin...

Once upon a time there was a young maiden looking for employment for the summer but she didn't want just any job, she wanted something different and exciting so she asked around and heard about a great experience of working at a summer camp. She quickly applied and was scheduled for an interview.....ok, ok enough of that...yes the young maiden is really just me. At the time little did I know that my life would be changed forever. I left for that summer only knowing two people at Towanda; nervous, scared but overall very excited. My friend, Tanya, and I loaded a bus headed for Towanda each with one medium sized suitcase...I still remember driving up the dirt road for the first time being greeted by Mitch and Stephanie and having the feeling of nervous excitement. Little did I know that seven years later I would

be here standing in front of all of you speaking tonight at the place I often refer to as home. Many things have changed....the faces in the crowd, the bunks we've lived in, the size of the suitcase or should I say trunks I now pack but more importantly the things that have stayed the same...like the feeling of arriving the first day every summer, jumping in the pool for your swim test, Jonesy's cookies, seeing the people that are your summer family, and the list goes on.

When deciding what to speak about there were a few words that came right to mind. These words were cohesiveness, family and honor. In some places we find ourselves, these three small yet powerful words can seem very different but here at Towanda they wind themselves together in a perfect web. Sure we have all had our difficulties.....not agreeing on where to go for freeplay (or a day off), wishing your canoe partner would paddle, whether or not you won Olympics but these aren't the things we remember for the rest of our lives. It's the friends, special moments, like climbing the wall for the first time....orientation 2005 just in case you wanted to know....the feeling when you turn down the dirt road for the first time each summer, and knowing no matter what happens you are never alone because here at Towanda No One is Alone.

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What We Hear From The Mansion Porch!!!

With Baseball fever still going on at press time, the camp historians remark that Willie Mays once visited Camp (along with a rumor that Sandy Koufax did, too)...

Marcie Bruder (09) is Aimee Smith's (05-09) student...And Jenn McPhearson (05) had lunch with Aimee at Simon Fraser University...Congratulations to Chris Loehrer on his new baby girl...Bryan Altman (96-06) is spending the semester in Australia and will see Pearl Jam with Fabrizio (96-02), his old counselor...Toby Eichas (07-08) is in South Korea and has discovered Korean Kit-Kats!...Steen Nielsen (08) is in Banff, Canada; sees Towandaers from time to time and hopes to return to camp...Rachael Cohen (95-09) is interning at 60 Minutes...H-R-L sister Lauren Cohen (97-09) is enjoying semester in Florence, Italy and ran into Jason Wolpov (Club '11)...Allison Diehl (08) is getting married and moving to Georgia...Josh Kline & Ian Krasne (Club 06) are roommates at University of Vermont...Jonny "Bag of Donuts" Mehr (also Club 06) has texted in to say hi...Lauren Spierer is rooming with Blair Wallach at Indiana University (Both Dorm '06)...Glenn Brawn (91-94) says hi from England...Ido Aylon ('06) from Israel is in Denver...Jami Farbstein (Dorm 92) plans on visiting camp in 2010 with her daughter!...Bob Miller (60s-present) reports that a 70s & 80s NYC reunion on September 17th was a lot of fun, lots of old faces getting together just like old times...Charlie Niesenbaum (95-06) has taken on the serious role of guest judge for 2 Olympics in a row and in this off season has a law class taught by Judge Neil Ross (69-81)...Peggy Karlin (long time ago) sent in a photo of her dad and former CT owner, Sam Ettinger (see photo, on far right)...Stephanie along with



Jessica Marak and Vito Zuccarelli from the Arts and Crafts crew created a horse (see left) out of logs during the summer. . . Jake Laudenbach (07-09) got together with some other Willow Grove boys for lunch on November 1st...Andre Campbell (05-06), of the Elian Gonzalo-Steinberg skit/Kung-Fu Theater/Rodney Campbell (05) fan-club skit is living in LA...Marc Penziner (90s) was seen rafting in Montreal following the old trail of the Senior Trip with Shira Weiner (86-95)...Lt. generals from 1972 Gary Rafsky and Mike Smith are now in touch after 30 years...Robert Mandelbaum (72-91) is expecting a baby boy in a few months...Tracy Shapiro (Dorm 02) was watching The Game Show Network and saw Scott "Ruggy" Scherick as a contestant on "Catch 21"...Lots more news coming in from campers, parents, staff and alumni; all to show up eventually in this column! Stay well and thanks for keeping in touch!



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Each summer we come to form one giant group known as the Towanda family. We learn from each other, we discover new things and learn to appreciate the differences we have. Where else would a musical theatre geek, a jock, a prep and a beauty queen become the best of friends? That's what makes Towanda so special.

I couldn't come up here tonight and not speak about my girls....In my first summer I was placed with the Dillies.... I will never forget when the first camper arrived from Florida, her name was Melissa and she didn't speak.

I wondered if they were all going to be shy but that wasn't the case. It didn't take long before I was being told how things went and where I needed to be by 8 year olds but I learned quick enough. Somehow I can't believe that the young girls I met that summer are the beautiful gracious young women that sit in the back right now. These girls have taught me so much and I can't imagine my life without them. We've cried, we've laughed but most importantly we've come together as one. So as I bid you farewell remember that your summers here at Towanda are just like a fairytale so cherish each and every moment because before you know it too many years have flown by so "don't sweat the small stuff" and to each and every person here tonight it has been an honor to be in your presence and stealing the words from a beautiful green witch, "Because I knew you I have been changed for good."

Yummy!

REMINDERS

E-MAIL

Unblock us from your email filters. Our email comes from several names *@camptowanda.com. We often send bulk emails and if you have a certain filter on, it won't accept ours unless you specify.

> If campers and parents share the same email address, then campers will not receive camper specific e-mails from us (as our system identifies that email address as a parent email), so please get your own email address and let us know what it is.

> When parents or campers change their email address, be sure to let us at Camp Towanda know!

STAFF REMINDERS

You should have heard from us already; check your junk mail files or perhaps your email blocks us!

If you haven't please contact the winter office right away!

We want to know if you can return for 2010!

First time counselors (including former campers), be sure to complete an online application today!

We have many returning counselors and former campers committed!

GROUP SCOOP VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for a few Dorm/Club 2010 campers to attend the New Camper Group Scoop and help the new campers feel welcome and comfortable. If you are interested and able to attend, please contact mitch@camptowanda.com

AT THE NOVEMBER NEW JERSEY SPACE ODYSSEY REUNION

Be sure to take home your FNF DVD Hilites, croc "Camp Towanda" jizbit, cube pad, Camp Towanda pen & pencil and car magnet. Campers who won't be at the reunion, we will mail your "stuff" after Thanksgiving. Staff that would like items, please request via email at desk@camptowanda.com.

AFTER 2009

Although many proud parents have been seen wearing their 2009 Visiting Day "retro shirts", not everyone requested one. We have a limited supply left. If you would like one, please contact the office, while supplies last!

Also, in the excitement of departure, several "Retro Camp Towanda Pennants" were left behind; if you would like one mailed home, please contact the office as well.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

"Although the infamous Camp Towanda Birthday Squad is on hiatus until next season, it doesn't mean that we aren't celebrating current birthdays! We all want to wish a very Happy Birthday to the following ...

We are thinking of you and wish you the best ... "Kings and Queens and Bishops, too

NOVEMBER: 3:Eric Abrams, Sam Hecht, Jennie Russnow; **4:**Reem Eluk; **5:**Rachel Leibel, Todd Steiner; **6:**Alexa & Danielle Gault, Jesse Mautner, Shelly Field, Dave Mueller; **8:**Sammi Brown, Melissa Buzin, Jamie Gutkin, Megan England, Monica O'Hanlon, Dan Perry; **9:**Josh Fleishman, Kelly Southworth; **10:**Tyler Bisk; **12:**Spencer Rosen; **13:**Sydney Meister, Spencer Zelin; **14:**Lynn Dula; **15:**Matt List; **17:**Reed Blee, Zak Krouner; **18:**Matt Tolchin; **19:**Dana Friedman, Lauren Cohen, Eric Sacks; **20:**Bailey Aaron, Greg Schwartz; **21:**Addison Abramowitz; **22:**Martyna Kantorysinska, Ruth Marlow; **23:**Selma Saglam; **24:**Lauren Bosin; **25:**Michael Kantor, Jon Carrett, Eva Pohlyova; **26:**Hannah Paige, Emily Sacks, Eszter Javorszky; **27:**Jordan Hammer, Mike Irish; **28:**Ilana Springer; **29:**Brittany Gault, Tom Candela



Chat Rooms

Wednesday January 20th, 2010

New Campers,
Returning Campers and Staff!



Instructions & chat times are located in the password protected area of our website. Go to THE OFFICE section, click on FORMS & MAILINGS... or just drop us an email for a copy of the instructions at desk@camptowanda.com.

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Olympic Breakout 2009



Red Aliens vs. Blue Monsters

During Airbands (which was very entertaining) the CLUB boys organized and staged an incredible FAKEOUT. During the video portion of their AIRBANDS, the JOKER (was that Rapchik?) broke through and broadcasted a very realistic imitation from the BATMAN movie; The JOKER asked Towanda if ANYBODY WAS OUT THERE. At that point the eerie music of Pink Floyd's "Is anybody out there" played and then the Field House crowd went wild! Good Job Club Boys!

A few nights later the evening activity was the movie, MONSTERS VS. ALIENS. After the movie was over, I told everyone that in a few moments I would ask them to go to the main baseball field, but not yet! (of course everyone who was here the last 2 years (or heard about it this year), they were dreading going to another baseball game for Olympics breakout)!!!!



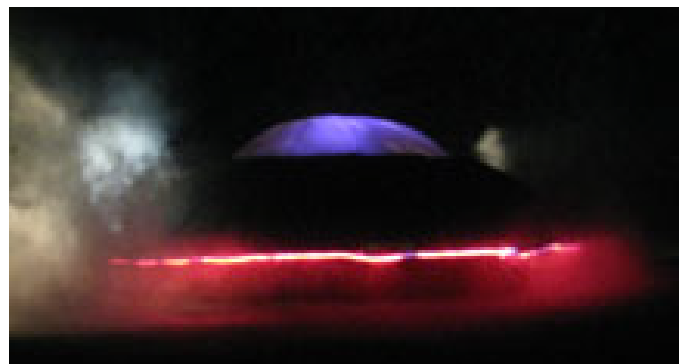
At this precise moment, IS ANYBODY OUT THERE played again; which caused an instant frantic reaction. Campers and staff stampeded (an organized stampede mind you) towards the main baseball field under a moonlit sky as they were led by personnel in full HAZMAT SUITS waving RED & BLUE safety flares. This string of HAZMATers directed everyone from the field house, around the back of girls camp, past the mansion, down the alley, towards the teepee.

As one approached the teepee, more HAZMAT personnel were waving the RED & BLUE safety flares. Upon approaching the Main Baseball field, powerful flood lights filtered through the forest casting an eerie glow

through the woods. All while this run from the field house to the main baseball field guided by the hazmat personnel waving the red & blue flares was going on, over the PA system, very loud space noises resounded (sounds of ufos and space equipment, very Jetsony)

When one arrived at the main baseball field, the space music was at a very loud level, and out in centerfield was a huge UFO. Aglow with powerful lights, smoke from its engines and red and blue chaser lights dancing, flashing and glowing all around. While the glow of the full moon, night sky and the searchlights in the woods created an amazing effect.

Once everyone was within a safe distance; the UFO engines roared, a large hissing sounded and a ramp unfolded from the spacecraft with low lying smoke rolling down the ramp.



Silhouetted on the ramp was a huge alien, who slowly walked down the ramp. As you might imagine, campers and staff were in disbelief; screaming, yelling and cheering!!

The alien was followed by 11 other aliens, all aglow and standing tall. The space sounds were pounding, the smoke/fog cascaded around the ship which was partially obscured by the bright lights of the spacecraft.

Once all aliens settled on the earth (off the ship); The HEAD JUDGE of Olympics announced that this was OLYMPICS 2009. The crowd cheered louder!

The generals, camper captains and lieutenants were announced.

The teams met and organized themselves for the first day of competition.



Very intense. Very Exciting,
Very awesome, Very Fun!

Five exciting and spirited
days of camaraderie,
respect, challenge, fun
and activity followed.

It was camp at it's best.

Bringing together all the elements of the summer.

A video montage of breakout is available on our website; or,
just click here!



Welcome to the Summer of 2010!

We want to Welcome the following new campers (as of press time) as the newest members of our camp family. 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 2010!:

Bailey "Bahh" Aaron (sister of Lucy, Phoebe & Jacob), Eric "It's in the game" Abrams (brother of Adam), Tyler "Soup" Bisk, Jack "JB" Boruchov (2nd generation (mom is Julie Rosen) brother of Max & Emma), Jamie "JD" Davis (2nd generation, mom is Joyce Leipsner) sister of Eliza & Lauren), Dylan "Jagger" Friedman (brother of Jerry "Garcia"), Corey "Free" Frydman (2nd generation, mom is Meredith Gerber & Dr Jarrod Frydman), Owen "Oh!" Furlong (brother of Tyler & Drew), Adam "Age" Gellert (brother of Samantha & Ben), Ethan "E-Gold" Goldberg, Brian "Gold" Golden (Serena's twin), Lisa "Greenie" Green, Derek "Hass" Hassan (brother of Alana), Sophie "Soaky" Kriftcher (sister of Charlotte & Hannah), Nicole "Bach" & Scott "Laudy" Laudenbach (siblings of Jacob Laudenbach), Rachel "Rally" Leibel, Jayne "Lev" Levine (sister of Joey), Michael "M squared" Mariam, Olivia "Opie" Plotnek (sister of Hannah), Andrew "Martin" Rowan, Jules "J-1" Schwartz, Zoey "Zoots" Seitzman (2nd generation, Dad is David "Tush") sister of Brittany & Skylar), Andrew "Matey" Shaffran (brother of Lizzy & Jonny), Skylar "Esses" Sloane (sister of Mitch), Jack "Wells" Wellington, Ari "A-Z" Zebersky (brother of Elysa & Hannah), and Dylan "Dizzy" Zgodny (sister of Jordan)

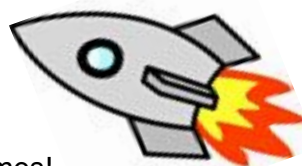
REUNION INFO!

LET'S GET TOGETHER!

**This
Month!**

NEW JERSEY REUNION

Saturday November, 21, 2009



Come see the best of **Friday Nite Flix 2009!** Lunch Provided! PLAY games!
ENJOY seeing your great camp friends! WEAR Sunscreen! The 2009 Video Highlight DVD with special UFO bonus track will be distributed. We encourage parents to stay and assist in chaperoning.
Those who can't make it, we'll mail you your DVD after Thanksgiving.

TIME: 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM

LOCATION: Space Odyssey USA

491 S. Dean Street
Englewood, NJ 07631

TEL: 877-772-2340

www.spaceodysseyusa.com



PARKING:

This venue is in an industrial area that is not active on the weekends. There will be "parking attendants" assisting, but basically, once the parking lot fills up, it is okay to park on the street.

DIRECTIONS:

From Route 4 East 17 North & South

From Route 17 N or S follow signs for Rt. 4 East, From Route 4 E take Grand Ave. exit towards Leonia, Turn right onto E Sheffield Ave., Turn right onto South Dean, Space Odyssey USA on right.

From Route 4 West

Take Grand Ave. exit towards Englewood, Turn left on Banker St., Turn left on to South Dean, Space Odyssey USA on left.

From Route 80 East

Take exit #70 Leonia, pass two lights on third light turn left onto Grand Avenue, pass one light on second light turn left onto E Sheffield Ave., Turn right onto S Dean St, Space Odyssey USA on right

From New York/GWB

Take exit #72A onto Rt. 4 West. (follow directions from 4 West)

From NJ Turnpike

Follow signs for I-95/I-80, Exit towards I-95 N. (follow directions from 80 East)



BOCA BEACH PARTY!

**Next
Month!**

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

Bring lunch, drinks, lotion, camera & towel!

Rain or Shine, we will be there.

Saturday December, 26, 2009

11:30 AM to 3:00 P.M. ish!

Located at: South Beach Park, Boca Raton, Florida. (This is not in South Beach, it is in Boca!)

Check out the live web cam: <http://evsboca.netfirms.com/index.htm>



DIRECTIONS: SOUTH BEACH PARK is located at the intersection of A-1-A and PALMETTO PARK ROAD. (This is just a mile or so south of Spanish River Park, our old reunion spot). To find us on the beach, walk down the stairs and we will be just to the left. Follow our HOT PINK ARROWS!

PARKING: In case the main lot is filled, there is additional parking just to the north of the main entrance.

LUNCH: Please bring a complete picnic lunch (there is a pizzeria & deli across the street).

Be prepared for the sun, fun, volleyball and hanging on the beach with new and old friends!

MORE REUNION INFO!

LET'S GET TOGETHER IN 2010!

New Camper Group "Scoop"!



For all new for 2010 campers
and their parents.

Sunday January 10, 2010
1:00pm Sharp to 3pm at the
Fort Lee DoubleTree
on Rt 4 East.

Details have been mailed.
Please RSVP!

SKI TRIP

MEET & SKI ELK MOUNTAIN

Sunday January 17, 2010
at Elk Mountain, Scranton,
Pennsylvania
(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 Buster & Tracy Waters, our Outdoor
Adventure Directors!

Meet at Noon outside the main lodge
by the big ski map.

Get your photo taken for the Towanda Times!

Call the camp office to rsvp!



SENIORS 2010 WINTER SLEEPOVERS

(AT THE MANSION!!!)



GIRLS WEEKEND - SATURDAY JANUARY 23, 2010

BOYS WEEKEND - SATURDAY JANUARY 30, 2010

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 HAVE BEEN E-MAILED; SENIORS NEED TO RSVP!

PLAN
AHEAD!

Labor Day Family Weekend

September 3-6, 2010

A great relaxing, comfortable, private, safe and fun way to end the
summer. Invite your friends and family! Friends and families of camp,
alumni, campers, new families, or just anyone you know!

For more details, contact mitch@camptowanda.com

REUNION INFO INSIDE!

Winter Address
4 York Court
New City, NY 10956-4418



CLIP & SAVE

2010 DATES TO REMEMBER

New Jersey Reunion
Florida Beach Party
New Camper Group Scoop
Meet & Ski At Elk Mtn
Senior Girls Sleepover
Senior Boys Sleepover
Flying Camper Arrival
First Day Of Camp
Visiting Day & Sibling Sleepover
Breakout
Last Day of Camp
Labor Day Family Weekend

November 21, 2009
December 26, 2009
January 10, 2010
January 17, 2010
January 23, 2010
January 30, 2010
June 25, 2010
June 26, 2010
July 24, 2010
Nice Try!
August 13, 2010
September 3-6, 2010

