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'We bonded!'

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IT WAS FINE IN 2009!

No one could have guessed as the buses pulled in at the beginning of the summer that the summer of '09 was going to be one of the best summers ever! New friendships were formed and old ones grew stronger as the whole Camp Towanda family gathered together for another summer of endless fun. Despite some wacky weather and maybe a little bit of flu, the true camp spirit prevailed and great times were had at every activities from sports, to the plays, to the evening events. Each of you probably has a favorite moment or a memory that brings a smile to your face and as you sit reading this



last summer issue of the Towanda Times, take a moment to reflect on how great the summer has been. There are few places where friendship, support, smiles and laughter are as readily available as at Camp Towanda. The journey from Deb or Jet to Club and Dorm may seem like a long one when at the beginning but ask a Dorm girl or Club boy and they will tell you it goes by in a flash. Remember to enjoy the big stuff and not fret over the small stuff, cheer as loud as you can for all occasions and treasure your bunk mates. Soon the leaves will change and the snow will come, that is if you are not living in Florida! School will start in September and old routines will return. The greatness of summer 2009 may even begin to fade, but just as it does another summer will be approaching. Good luck, and enjoy you're winter. Camp Towanda will be here to welcome you back for the summer of 2010!



LIL' ABNER by Hannah Plotnek

This years Inter-Nats play, *Lil' Abner*, rocked! The story, about a small town trying to prove its worth in order to avoid having a nuclear bomb dropped on them kept the audience captivated and everyone that sang a solo blew the audience away! There was romance, controversy, singing and dancing! What else could we ask for? The show guaranteed laughs and did not fall short with Ira playing the piano and direction by Drama Tony!



Towanda's Got Talent!!

After visiting day the siblings that slept over were wowed by comedy, poetry and more performed by the staff! Then it was the campers turn at the Talent Show to dazzle everyone with their dancing, rapping and all around great performances! This year the staff play was incorporated into the Talent show with songs from 100 Years of

Broadway being performed between acts! Then at Airbands we were blown away again by the compilation acts, included great performances by the Club and Dorm, and especially the Jets who were awarded the top prize of the night for their excellent choreography and spot on lip syncing! All of the shows were great!

Towanda definitely has talent!





FAKE OUT!

The Club did not disappoint with their Fake Outs this year! First they convinced us of a three game series between the Yankees and Mets, then it was the Bandits versus the Sheriffs and finally, and perhaps most spectacularly it was Villains versus Heroes! The final Fake Out, Heroes vs. Villains, occurred as Airbands was concluding with a video appearance by the Joker then the screen dropped to reveal the Joker holding Batman hostage on stage! There was a lot of excitement and a little disappointment that it wasn't real, but then we didn't know what we were in store for when Break Out would happen for real!

OLYMPICS 2009!!!



The sun had set and the stars were out. The campers were unsuspectingly watching a movie in the Field House when out of the sky landed an alien spaceship!!! There was a mad rush to the landing site on main baseball. The path was lined with individuals dressed in hazmat suits using flares to guide the way. As the crowds emerged out of boys' path, they were met with the flashing red and blue lights of the enormous spaceship. The crowd became silent as the door opened and through the mist emerged the Red Aliens and the Blue Monsters! It was definitely a Breakout that will not be forgotten!

RED ALIENS vs BLUE MONSTERS

GENERALS

Marc Cormier

Shelly Field

Jared Reiter

Jessica Heimler

Emily Niesenbaum

Amanda Ryman

Camper Captains

Lucas Feigenbaum

Amanda Kravitz

Jason Gold

Jacey Mossack

Brandon Reiter

Alyson Wolpov

Lieutenants

Alec Ryman

Chloe Hirsch



GENERALS

Adam Krause

Matt Miller

Michael 'Hootie' Tesser

Rachael Cohen

Spencer Kirsch

Kate Voelkner

Camper Captains

Ryan Goldberg

Meredith Buzin

Jesse Mautner

Phoebe Dinner

Doug Schweibel

Ilana Springer

Lieutenants

Josh Lowell

Leah Halpern



RED ALIENS vs BLUE MONSTERS

It was five days of intense battles between the Red Aliens and the Blue Monsters. Both teams crawled out filled with Olympic spirit and were ready to play. From the boys at track, to the girls in the pool, to Ghost, baseball, soccer, Sing and so much more, the competition was fierce!



DAY ONE

Olympics started with a full day of events from Olympic line up, to sports, to the first silent dinner. Both teams worked incredibly hard all day, both on the field and cheering from the side lines. The first evening event was Tug of War. After a long hot day, there was a beautiful sunset as all the campers tried to tug their way to victory. After an exciting day the Blue Monsters were in the lead but it was a tight race!

DAY TWO

The sun shone as the girls hit the track in the morning and the boys took to the pool for the afternoon. The competition was fierce. The girls on Blue raced to victory, while the Red swimmers took the prize at the boys swim meet. During the evening event of all group Knock Out, the Blue team swished to victory. At the end of the second day Blue's lead had increased to just over one hundred points.



DAY THREE

The tables turned on the third day with the girls heading down to the pool and the boys running at the track. It was another hot day which only added to the heat of competition. Again, the Blue girls came out on top swimming into the lead and the Blue boys joined them in the winners circle taking the track meet. That night's event, one of the biggest of the summer, was Rope Burning. The Red team was first to burn their bottom rope and then in an unprecedented move, the Blue team managed to burn their top rope before the bottom. Barely a minute later the bottom rope had burnt through. Red fought hard to burn their second rope but in the end Blue was declared the winner. After the days events the Blue team had managed to double their lead but, the Red team was still fighting hard.



DAY FOUR

Day Four's main event was the Apache Relay. In another Camp Towanda first, due to extreme weather conditions the relay had to be stopped halfway through. After nearly an hour, there was a mere 10 second spread between the Red and the Blue teams. Teams retreated to their meetings to await the end of the rain; delaying the rest of the Apache til day five. During the evening a brief break in the rain allowed the long jumpers to take their mark, but again the event had to be called off due to weather.



DAY FIVE

Day Five began where day four left off! Everyone returned to their spots to complete the last half of the Apache Relay. The lead switched back and forth with nearly every activity from shooting a basketball to threading a needle, and then we headed to the water front. There were challenges left and right as canoes flipped (not on purpose!) and the sails could catch no wind. Finally Blue pulled ahead completing their water brigade first and taking the win at Apache. That afternoon a few activities were squeezed in, and then just as we prepared for the final event, Olympic Sing, the clouds darkened and the rains down poured. A new event was added (though not for points!), digging Olympic ditches to keep the water out of the mess hall!

Finally the rain lightened up and we headed down to the field house for a spectacular event! The Red Aliens had flown their spaceship from main baseball to inside the field house. The Blue Monsters' Chemical plant had caused a hazardous swamp with monsters crawling out everywhere. Both teams cheered and marched with precision but in the end the Blue team could not be caught and took the title of winner of the 2009 Camp Towanda Olympics. Make sure to check out the incredible plaques that will hang in the Field House for years to come!

Congratulations to everyone! It was a great Olympics!



Happy Birthday!

August 5: Jay Frazier **August 6:** Kelley Igo **August 7:** Devin Cooper- Vastola, Harry Weber **August 8:** Alex Marshall, Kendall Heath **August 9:** Amanda Ryman **August 10:** Morgan Steinberg **August 11:** Sam Marcus, Sami Wallach
August 12: Jessie April, Ethan Denenberg, Dan Lemelman, Jayme Torrez **August 13:** Persi Gutierrez **August 14:** Sami Rosenberg, Jay Wolpov, Marty Kinar, Heather Meisner **August 16:** Miranda Brody **August 17:** Tyler Bolog, Andy Imaz, Sam Keller, Justine Brechue, Scott Newland, Silvia Porter **August 18:** Melissa Kaplan **August 20:** Phoebe Aaron, Melissa Ilgner, Francine Klarsfeld, Marc Cormier **August 21:** Hailey Bergman, Hayley Trichon, Keira Williamson **August 22:** William Bernstein, James Dolgin **August 23:** Ilana Nemerow, Emily Schwartz, Even Seiden **August 24:** Evan Lang, Griffin Weber, Steve VanDelinde **August 26:** Joshua Miller, Jordy Moskowitz, Nicole Webb **August 27:** Kyle Levy, Megan Canfield, Karen Sher **August 28:** Taylor Frank, Sydney Frank, Avery Matilsky, Lauren Tancer **August 29:** Zach Brown, Emery Jochau, Ernie Simmons **August 31:** Alana Hassan, Sally Thompson **September 1:** Matthew Stern, Jared Zelin **September 2:** Alyssa Delott **September 3:** Danielle Resnick, Victor Asensi, Jose Ramet, Brian Vrouvas **September 4:** Matthew Hochman **September 5:** Eden Brody, Aaron Kargman **September 6:** James Beswick **September 9:** Courtney Breit, Hunter Sabety **September 10:** Dylan Moskowitz, Gregory Polovin **September 11:** Jake Brett, Jeffrey Lowell, Max Mancino, Rebecca Myers **September 12:** Andrew Epstein, Peter Oszvath **September 13:** Heather Ginsburg, Bari Abrams **September 14:** Chris Hewitt **September 15:** Evan Wilkoff, Diana Ryan, Julius Sokol **September 17:** Griffin Lanel, Libby Goldsberry **September 19:** Eddie Gillette **September 20:** Mitch Sloane **September 21:** Gina Pizzolato, Damian Szczereba **September 23:** Jonah Gelfand **September 24:** Sarah Gomez, Jared Levy, Sam Perel **September 26:** Ally Friedman, Alex Kornfeld, Evan Lapidus, Jake Levy, Shelby Merberg, Martina Kadlecova **September 27:** Alexa Wertman **September 28:** Robbie April, Liza Goldstone, Jonah Grossman, Jacey Mossack, Samantha Ross, Katelyn Hopper **September 29:** Claire Cleverly **September 30:** Skylar Seitzman, Stephen Sokolowski, Ashley Eckman, Gari Hochman **October 2:** Joelle Hache **October 3:** David Sio, Carrie Stack **October 4:** Josh Katz, Amanda Kravitz, Kate Cachova **October 6:** Ethan Richard, Griffin Unger **October 7:** Alyssa Heller, Sandra Miller, Kylie Cheetham, Paul Ward **October 8:** Blake Danzig, Chris Cox **October 9:** Alissa Gruber, Zachary Marcus, Vanessa Owings **October 10:** Gabby Kayton, Jane Spielberger **October 11:** Lucy Aaron, Jackie Frank **October 12:** Emily Josephson, Julia McGrath **October 13:** Karen Gormley, Ira Meltzer **October 15:** Ally Botwinick, Evan Naccarella **October 16:** Ethan Balsamo, Sydney Gubner **October 18:** Matt Pomerantz, Alex Rosen, Shelby Wyetzner **October 19:** Sam Davidovich, Erica Weiner, Jiri Rejtharek **October 21:** Brandon Reiter, Nimrod Willner **October 22:** Andrew Resnick, Stormy Ritchie **October 23:** Gideon Abramowitz, Emma Dolgin, Ally Ignasiak, Brynn Werner, Corey Werner **October 24:** Andrew Goldwasser, Ally Schachtel **October 25:** Rachel Yasgur, Hannah Lyons **October 26:** Carly Leipzig, Sofie Saracho, Bethany Stephens **October 27:** Alec Feigenbaum, Brooke Hornstein, Zach Keller, Tyler Price **October 28:** Jill Davis- Annett, Jiri Eischmann **October 29:** Alex Gorodensky, Josh Levy, Jules Moskowitz, Marisa Postal **October 30:** Bailey Abramowitz, Adam Cohen, Tina Hechler, Agnes Kummer **October 31:** David Feuerstein, Omer Glassman, Adam Rapchik

One of the many great projects done by the Arts and Crafts department this year was a horse made entirely of sticks and bark! Cabbage, as he is now known, will definately be a figure around camp for years to come!



Jessica, Stephanie and Vito with 'Cabbage'

DORM 2009

Every year the Dorm girls create an Alma Mater. This year was particularly special because the music was an original tune created and performed with the help of Club boy, Lucas Feigenbaum. The words tell the story of their experience here at Camp Towanda and give us all a brief glimpse into the sisterhood that has lived within the walls of the Dorm for the summer of 2009.



CHORUS

*It must have been fate that brought us here
 Time's the only thing we have left to fear
 I hope one day we will reunite
 remember sitting here hand in hand tonight
 No matter what path each of us take
 Our bond is one impossible to break
 And as I look into your teary eyes
 I'm dreading to say our final goodbyes
 Longing to stay here another day
 Please don't go away*

Girls' Sing

This year's Girls' Sing was truly an exciting event! The Debs and Dillies sang their way Down Abbey Road, the Tweens and Juniors wore their Itsy Bitsy Tweeny Junior Polka Dot Bikinis, the Inter-National Armed Forces came marching in, and Senior Crime Investigators were there on a mission to win Girls' Sing! In the end it was the Dorm University that marched and cheered their way to victory! First they psyched everyone out with not one but two fake themes, Dorm in the City and Lights Camera Dorm, but it was their final theme,

enthusiastic singing and loud cheering that won the crowd and the judges over! This year's Sing featured a special surprise performance by the Inter boys! Congratulations to all the participants!

