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Goodbye to Summer 2007!

As the busses pulled into Camp Towanda on Saturday, June 23, the air was full of anticipation as everyone was eager to learn which bunk they would be spending their summer in and who their counselors might be. The anticipation of what the summer of 2007 would hold was nearly too much to handle and there were plenty of tears of joy as the Camp Towanda family was reunited. There were also at least a few tears from those new to camp who were a little scared to be away from home for the first time perhaps, but those tears quickly faded as friendships were formed and memories were made. 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.



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 2007 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 2008!



Have a great winter!

Erica Gulliver
Head of Media 2007



MISSSTER TOWANDA!

Here she comes . . . or he? MISSter Towanda was definitely an even to remember! As the male counselors dressed in their finest, or more accurately in the female counselors' finest, it was hard for the audience to contain their laughter! There were magic tricks and cooking acts, dancing and singing, and at least a few surprises along the way! All of the contestants worked hard to impress the audience and the judges but there can only be one winner! The crowd this year went to Amanda Hugnkiss, also known as Maxx Rapaport! Congratulations!



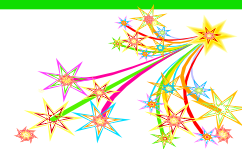
GOLD RUSH!



It was definitely a rush when everyone took part in Gold Rush! With colorful rocks scattered across camp, and only a paper bag to carry them in, it was definitely a challenge! The bandits were out in full force armed with water guns, ready to destroy the precious paper bags! Thankfully, the Sheriffs did a pretty good job of protecting the teams! When all the points were added up, the different groups then had the opportunity to bid on items like a pizza party, a tour of the mansion or even more important items like extra shower time!



Fake out Fireworks!



☐ Whenever Olympic fever is in the air, everyone is on high alert! Anything suspicious could be a sign of break out, but often it is just a fake out, or a psych out. Over the years there has been much debate about what is the difference between a psych out and a break out without any decisive decision. All we know for sure is they definitely keep us on our toes!

☐ This year there were two major fake outs! The first happened right after MISSter Towanda. As everyone sat, arms linked, singing Friends, there was suddenly an explosive burst as fireworks shot into the sky above the field house! Bursts of color and light brightened the sky and sent a fury of screams through the crowd as hopes for Olympic break out rose and then were squashed by the realization that it was not yet time.

☐ The second, and very impressive fake out, was in fact a double fake out! The lights went out in the field house, flashlights flickered and banners were brought on stage. Generals were called up, but alas it was not the real thing. But wait! The lights went out again and that famous song, 'Is anybody out there?' came over the speakers. This had to be it! The banners were turned around, to reveal another set of teams! Olympics were here, but no! The club had tricked us all! Twice! Congratulations to the Club boys for faking us all out! And then faking us all out again! It was definitely a fake out that will be hard to beat!

A few Dates to Remember . . .

VisionWalk☐
Central Perk,
NYC
October 7

NJ Reunion
Space Odyssey
Englewood, NJ
Nov, 17
10:30AM - 1:00PM

Boca Beach Party
South Beach Park
Boca Raton,
Florida
Wed, Dec, 26th

Seniors 2006 Winter Sleepover
Girls Weekend
Saturday, Jan 26
Boys Weekend
Saturday Feb 2

DRAMA!

It was back to the classroom as High School Musical took over the field house! The Inters and Nationals were the teachers and the audience listened attentively! The whole crowd got swept into the action, singing along with every word! Austin Zudeck was the basketball star who dreamed of singing, and Sam Bosin was the science nerd who longed for the spotlight! As their friends helped them fulfill their dreams the audience screamed and applauded! Everyone did a great job!



All of this summer's plays have been amazing! It takes everyone involved, including those not on stage, working their hardest to create a great show. This summer we enjoyed 'West Side Story' by the Dorm, Club and Seniors, 'Oklahoma!' by the Middies, Tweens and Juniors, 'Annie' by the Jets, Cadets, Debs an Dills, and 'Highschool Musical' by the Inters and Nationals! Based on the spectacular shows we saw this summer, everyone must have been working incredibly hard! Good job to everyone!

Casino Night!



Come on, lucky number 7!! The towandough was flying as Casino Night took over Camp Towanda! There was plenty of candy to keep all those gamblers going as they placed their bets and rolled the dice! The dorm girls looked fabulous as they delivered the candy and the Club boys did a great job of DJing. Of course, it wouldn't be Vegas without a wedding chapel! Love was in the air as wedding certificates were given out just as readily as the candy! There was also a fortune teller and so much



Court Jesters!

The Court Jesters laughed their way around the court when they came to teach Camp Towanda a thing or two about basketball tricks!

Our team put in a good effort but we just couldn't compete with the spins and shots of the pros!



Airbands



They may not have been playing their own instruments, or singing their own songs, but there was nothing fake about how much the audience enjoyed the performances at Airbands! Celebrity musicians or at least their imitators were everywhere! There was even tributes to camp mom, mansion Mary, and a touching moment for Taxi. Both the Club and Dorm performed amazing medley pieces, with the Dorm being named the champions of Airbands 2007!

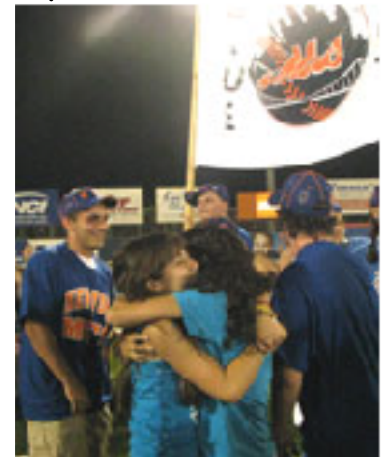
OLYMPIC BREAK OUT!



Camp Towanda has many traditions dating back to the year 1923 when it was founded. Although Olympics may not go back quite that far, it is a tradition that has stood the test of time and it is an event that is looked forward to with great anticipation. After all the fake outs are done, this year's breakout was definitely one to remember. For the first time ever, breakout occurred while everyone was off camp. A special trip had been arranged to see a baseball game because the 5 Year Club's trip had been rained out. No one was suspicious because nothing like this had ever happened before. As the stadium emptied a loud horn was heard in the far reaches of outer left field as Mitch sounded the signal. Banners appeared from right field and THE song played loudly. This was it!



Campers raced onto the field to discover this year's Olympic teams announced as the Red Yankees and Blue Mets! The excitement as the Generals and Camper Captains were announced was overwhelming. Campers scattered madly to find out if they were on red or blue and share a hug or smile with their new team mates. Olympics were finally here, and it was going to be a great one!



THE RED YANKEES

GENERALS

Marc Cormier	Jessica Heimler
Shelly Field	Emily Levine
Matt Miller	Emily Russell

CAMPER CAPTAINS

Lee Kripke	Jasmine Bensky
David Needleman	Jill Gittleman
Ryan Singer	Alexa Werner

LIEUTENANTS

Andrew Merinoff
Lauren Welger



THE BLUE METS

GENERALS

Dave King	Kerry Armstrong
Brian Klasner	Rachel Cohen
Josh Susman	Jen Stern

CAMPER CAPTAINS

Matthew Bernstein	Mikael Austin
Maxwell Gold	Devon Brodsky
Jared Ostern	Amy Henson

LIEUTENANTS

Max Sussman
Karen Feuerstein

RED YANKEES VS BLUE METS!

Olympics 2007 was an insanely close race between the Red Yankees and the Blue Mets!

Check out the daily events and scores!

Day One

The first day of Olympics was filled with every type of event. There were competitions in basketball, newcombe, soccer, tennis, ghost, softball and so much more. The first evening was Tug-of-War which took place under the lights on the main soccer field. Both teams took their share of victories. Also the first evening, was the lighting of the Olympic rings. Everyone took a moment to reflect as the Olympic rings burned brightly.



Day Two

The morning of Day Two saw the Girls take to the track in running, throwing and relay competition, and the boys take to the pools to swim it out. During the afternoon competitors participated in a variety of activities. The second evening's activity took place across camp's many basketball courts as the Red and Blue teams played games of Knock Out.



Day Three

Day Three it was the boys' turn on the track and the girls' turn to climb into the pool. The third day of Olympics 2007 was one of the most intense. The boys' track meet ended in a tie, something that is almost unheard of. That night was Rope Burning. Being a part of the team that builds the fire is an honor looked forward to by the younger male campers and an opportunity cherished by those who take part. The times it took for rope burning this year was one of the fastest in Olympic history. Congratulations to the Red team for winning Rope Burning!



MORE OLYMPIC COVERAGE . . .



Day Four

The intensity of Day Three definitely did not fade as we entered the second last day of Olympics. After a morning filled with events, everyone still found the strength to give it their all in the Apache relay. The teams stayed close throughout the race. At one point Blue was ahead, at another Red took the lead. Tensions were high as we entered the last of the 250 areas of the relay, the Fire Brigade. Members of each team had 2 shot glasses they had to fill with water and then dump that water into a jug, hoping to be the first team to overfill their jugs. Red and Blue team members cheered loudly from the hill behind the pool as their fellow team members ran and poured, trying to not touch the jug or the table. The red team finished first with the blue following only 10 seconds after. It was up to the judges to name the overall winner of Apache, taking into account any time penalties. Both teams worked incredibly hard, and it showed as the final score was a tie!

Day Five

It all came down to the last day! Everyone could be seen holding onto their cough drops tightly, desperately trying to save their voices as Olympic Sing took place the final evening of the 2007 Olympiad. The field house was transformed into the stadiums of the New York Yankees and Mets! Scenery covered the walls, floor and props even hung from the ceiling! There were hot dog vendors, locker rooms, and even the Brooklyn Bridge! The Umpires couldn't help but be impressed as both Red and Blue did an amazing job with their Sing performances. The revealing of the plaques was an especially important moment. Each year the Olympic team plaques join those from previous years and become a lasting symbol of the sportsmanship and teamwork of both the Red and Blue team. Congratulations to the Blue team for their victory at Sing!

And the Winner is . . .

With a point difference of less than 3 points, the winners of the 2007 Olympics are the Red Yankees! Congratulations to both of the teams. It was an amazing Olympics!



Ice Cream Sundaes, Banana Split!



Based on the amount that landed on the cheeks, foreheads and various other body parts, ice cream must be a very difficult item to eat! Everyone was screaming for ice cream on Sundae day! The infirmary lawn was transformed into our very own build-your-own ice cream sundae factory and everyone took full advantage! The sundaes were quickly eaten up in attempts to avoid having to eat ice cream soup, but the sun did manage to destroy at least a sundae or two! That's alright though! Ice cream tastes good even when it is melted!



Happy Birthday!

August 1 - Luis Gonzaga de Villota Ruiz, Alex Levy, Jacob Rosenthal, ☐ Jessica Batt
 August 2 - Ali Sussman
 August 3 - Cali Lehr, Samantha Sabety, Austin Slater
 August 4 - Emily Feinstein, Grogory Samus, Jamee Horgan, ☐ Mark 'old' MacDonald
 August 5 - Cory Randell
 August 6 - David CLarke, Jessica Hartmann
 August 7 - Harrison Weber
 August 8 - Joey Harman, Alex Marshall, Roberta Flannery, ☐ Luis Gordejuela Zaragoza, Jonathan Lloyd, ☐ Magdalena Urbanska
 August 9 - Marc Canarick
 August 10 - Jamie Etkind, Dorota Luszczak

50 Things to Remember about Summer 2007!

1. Arriving at camp for summer 2007!
2. Magician Jason Bishop and his lovely assistant!
3. Rained out 5 year club trip!
4. Porch breakfasts!
5. West Side Story, Oklahoma!, Annie, High School Musical!
6. Overnight camp outs and canoe trips!
7. The Zip Line, climbing wall and high ropes!
8. Spitting watermelon seeds!
9. The hypnotizing Tango!
10. Girls' Sing!
11. Electionality!
12. Dippin' Dots!
13. Hershey Park, Camel Beach, Dorney park!
14. Campfires!
15. Upper camp talent show!
16. Lower camp talent show!
17. Square dancing with Cliff Bordeur!
18. National Excursion!
19. Visiting Day!
20. Bob, Linda and the Peltons!
21. The food!
22. Late reveille!
23. Court Jesters!
24. Eating too much candy!
25. Senior, Dorm, Club and LIT trips!
26. Maxx Rapaport winning MISSter Towanda!
27. All those male counselors in dresses!
28. Putting ice cream all over your face instead of eating it!
29. Fruit call!
30. Airbands!
31. Cooling off with general swim!
32. Baseball games and Breakout!
33. Olympics!
34. A red general cheering for blue!
35. A blue general cheering for red!
36. Olympics!
37. A tied Apache relay!
38. Olympics!
39. Silent dinners!
40. Olympics!
41. Wayne County Fair!
42. Coach B!
43. Friday Night Flix!
44. Pizza Parties!
45. Peanut Butter and Jelly!
46. Mitch and Stephanie!
47. Last year as a camper for Dorm and Club!
48. All star game!
49. All of the Counselors and campers!
50. EVERYTHING!





A Tribute to the

Dorm and Club of 2007

Camp Towanda is not a one stop experience. Years after year, you'll see the same familiar faces as campers move from being Jets and Debs, to Inters and Nationals, and beyond. However, for the Dorm and Club of 2007, this summer marks the last stop on their journey as Camp Towanda campers. Over the years, the girls of the Dorm have spent their summers together, sharing the good times and the bad. The Club boys have grown up from scared, immature boys, to occasionally mature, but always entertaining young men. Some of them may return as waiters, or even counselors. Some of them may someday return to camp on visiting day as their children spent summers here, but never again will summers be spent as campers. As you, the member of the Dorm and Club 2007, walk away from your last summer, cherish your memories of camp, stand strong as the confident people you've all become, and most of all cherish each other. Good luck in life, and we'll miss you!

Love, Camp Towanda

Dorm 2007 Alma Mater
Sang to 'On Your Porch' by The Format



When we camp to camp,
Never thought it'd end so soon
30 different girls- unite as one
We'll hold on tight, to all the memories
We've made here
Before you know, our time is gone
And as the tears start to fall
I turn to you, and let you know
That I love you
Towanda gave
A chance for friends to be sisters
You've left an imprint on my life
And here we stand
Wishing this could last forever
Fearing we'll have to say goodbye
We live 10 months for 2
Can never sum up what we all been
Through
Too much to lose
Been through it all
And it's so hard to believe how much
You've changed me so
These past few years
Leaving is so hard
Dorm of '07 will be here forever in all of
Our hearts
So hold on tight



The following is a excerpt from a sermon written
by Max Gold

I remember my first day at Camp Towanda like it was yesterday. There were butterflies racing in my stomach. I had not a clue in the world what was about to come. I walked off my bus that day an extremely shy and timid kid, unknowingly entering into a very important part of my life. Not only did Towanda change my personality but it very much altered my value system. This camp is based on togetherness and making it to the Club with my 24 brothers gives me a sense of companionship. The fact that our club is so close forces me to realize how important friendship truly is.

My advice is to make the best out of every situation and to live your life at Camp Towanda to the fullest because your time here passes in the blink of an eye.

