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"The dress for today is..."

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## A HIGH FIVE FOR 2005!!!

The spirit and intensity of compassion and love we have here at camp is so hard to convey an accurate description...but when one stops to think about all we do, experience and have during the summer, it can conjure up great memories of joy...like the floating ghost rule (dust bowl), lots of ice pops (it was so hot we needed them), Cheering in the dining room during Olympics, Sidewalk art, Michelle Lapidos' wardrobe (where does she keep all that stuff?), Lawn games of bocci, Croquet, and lawn bowling, the Juniors playing glow in the dark night ghost, Casper the new pup stealing and running away with everyone's baseball caps, crazy creeks, kids arms (just joking), baseball gloves, and water bottles while Taxi just was on his back sleeping, Cory Randell and Doug "Cut the grass" Thibault leading the entire camp in singing LEAN ON ME, the chicken dance and the Israeli's spreading the Beaver Dance (right wing, left wing, etc).

How about the mammoth bone discovery and the National boys digging up incredible fossils (see better quality photo online) and how about that humidity? What about that green plastic guy near the white rock holding up that "slow" sign.

Camp is the only place where a cold slice of pizza at 11pm is great; or even a piece of bread, slice of cheese...it all becomes heaven. A gift of McDonald's or a Krispy Kreme donut....even a half bag of chips.

Couldn't you go for a nice game of GHOST right now? That's how I feel !!! It's been 2 ½ months since everyone left camp and although I have been at camp for most of that time, it is just not the same! The Summer of 2005 was awesome....the weather was amazing (if you like sunshine), the activities and special events were ecstatic and the friends were the best. The memories are incredible....

The opening staff show and campfire, the Towanda open, Steve Max, the dorm and club canoe trips, unique entertainment, the magic of Matt, Campapalooza, the chocolate chip cookie dip in chocolate, Earth, Wind & Fire in Concert, The Senior-Dorm-Club presentation of "HAIR", The paper airplane Guinness record, the luau and of course fireworks set to the 1812 Overture, The Senior Canoe trips, the 5 year club trip to get drenched and watch the Scranton Red Barrons, The Winter Birthday party, McDonald's the scavenger hunt, banana splits, electionality (Congratulations to our presidents, Hayley Trichon (Tweens) and David Goldblum (LIT)), the water carnival, the Inters doing services at the Honesdale Temple, hip hop clinic and disco, the Middies Tweens Juniors starring in OLIVER, The Nationals Canoe Trips, the all star game with Bob's hot dogs and Tony's popcorn on the big lawn screen. Who can forget ice cream day!!!! Lunch was waffles and ice cream followed by Dippin' Dots for dessert and then popsicles after Girls Sing!!!! Trip day to Hershey and the Binghamton Mets, the awesome camper talent show, horseracing, the Juniors go bowling, the Venzie Pizza party with the soft but oversized t-shirts (food-water-towanda), Horseracing, campfires, airbands, visiting artists Leigh and Barry, The Club-Dorm Adventure, Brad the Hypnotist, the National excursion, the The Jets-Cadets-Debs-Dills and that great

Wizardry" in MARY POPPINS, Dorney Park, SERVICES, Nathaniel the nature guy, how about those umbrellas we gave out on visiting day? And Sibling sleepover, the staff show, the Harlem Wizards, the inters tubing trip, casino night, BYOC movie, Cooperstown, Backwards Day, the swim meet, Goldrush, Counselor Hunt, Trips to CamelBeach and Mountain Creek, Seniors-Club-Dorm to Montreal and the LITs to Niagara Falls and Toronto, The Inters and nationals star in Grease and the staff show of CHICAGO; the Fabulous Misster Towanda (this year's winner was from G-9 (number nine) with Terry McSpirey), Dutch Auction, The Wayne County Fair (oops, it rained that day), Fort Night, Bunk Feast, Lazy Day, the Bunk plaques, Towanda Idol (yeah Carly Glen's Landslide!), OLYMPICS (see article), the logo awards, the final banquet, the burning of the numbers and wow!

Of course there was baseball, basketball, skiing, tennis, soccer, golf, GA-GA, hockey, nature, arts & crafts, drama, bikes, archery, outdoor adventure, overnights and so much more.....

The weather was fantastic, the activities, the tournaments (we won a lot), the inter camp games, the spirit, the special events, the announcements, the music, the smell, the sounds, the sights, the people...that is what I think of when I think of the Summer of 2005...it was a great summer....but mostly it was great to be there with you...the staff, the campers, the friends and the wonderful memories that will help us get through the winter till next summer... when camp will be even better when you bring your hockey sticks in Oh-Six!!



Mitch



# What We Hear From The Mansion Porch!!!



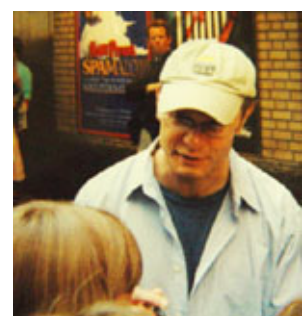
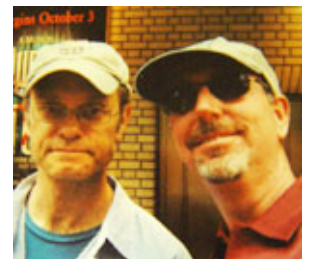
Mazel Tov to all of our bar/bas mitzvah campers (it is a treat seeing many of you at these events, especially after we all get over the shock of seeing each other dressed up with no sunscreen!)...David Lieberman is planning a trip to see Gavin McManus and Snafu...Morissa Falk is moving to Syracuse...Stacy swofford is a mom but doesn't forget her campers from '97 and '98 and sends a shout out to Joanna Novick, Hallie Lemelman, Jamie Sokal, Marissa Wachler, Steph Resweber and all the other girls...Melinda Cooperman is in San Frasisco working with and helping the homeless...Lisa Pelton reports that Gracie Pelton is walking...Dave Rose, father of Alana and Alex Rose was waqlking down Briadway and did a double take when he passed David Hyde Pierce wearing his Camp Towanda Cap as was Dave (see picture)...Bobby helman was spotted wearing a guest Judgie shirt...Michele Lapidos was at Hilary Meyers Bas Mitzvah.... Speaking of Michele and Jessica Lapidos, Mitch and Stephanie saw their parents as well as Lori Flaks Brandon (Alissa and matt's Mom)at the Paul McCartney Concert at Madison Square Garden....Alissa is a Tufts....We wish the best To Jillian Fromkin who was at Tulane and is temporarily relocated as well as Nurse Anthony who was airlifted to Arkansas and is currently rebuilding with his wife, Brandie, their life in New Orleans... Shout outs to Steve-O (Also Tulane) and Chris Dennis for weathering September in Baton Rouge...check out the pottery at [www.alyssaettinger.com](http://www.alyssaettinger.com) ...Chris Avery successfully ran a summer camp in the UK and now understands camping from the other side!...Mitch & Steph saw Bari Rosenberg at a fundraiser in NYC to help underprivileged kids attend summer camp...Alan Leipsner has welcomed his 2nd child, David (Club 2020)...also on the new camper front, Fabrizio and Jodi Evans are expectingtheir first baby any minute...as are Tony & Janelle Victory...Ali Rubin met up with Alana Rose at USC...Terry KLINE, OUR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, MADE IT TO THE LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES (AND SENT A PENNANT TO HANG IN THE CANTEEN)...ADAM RAND SENDS GREETINGS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE... Ilana Rothbein is at Syracuse and works on her [www.choresforcharity.com](http://www.choresforcharity.com) ...Monica Donelle worked at a Day Camp last summer...Toby Army missed camp in 2005, wants to come back-G'Day !!!...MJ Hugen got married....The Dulmans and the Springers met up in Sedona (see picture)...Jason Schatz is loving Lehigh and sends his regards to all his camp friends...due to space limitations in this issue, we will have more MANSION PORCH gossip in the next issue, including some late Spring/summer news from our alumni... send in your cards and letters!



Do you have a favorite sweater, sweatshirt, jacket or shirt you would like to have embroidered with the camp logo?? If so, just mail your items to the winter office and we will take care of that at NO CHARGE. Please send us any logo items by December 1st.

Remember, if you or any member of your family sends us a clear photo of the logo being worn in a remote location (on vacation, skiing, at your school sign, in a far off state or country, etc)... a special present will be rewarded!!

Check out these fine examples:  
The Cohen's at the Super Bowl; Dave Rose & David Hyde Pierce and The Dulman's run into The Springer's in Sedona!



## LOST & FOUND

If you have someone else's camp belongings, please bring them to the REUNION.  
There will be an exchange table. Be sure to check it out!!!  
Speaking of which, if you lost a watch or ring this summer and can describe it...we have it!!!

# YOU SAY IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!!!

Apologies for the tardiness in the printing of this issue; however we still wanted to wish a belated Happy Birthday to many of our current campers and staff and also good wishes for the upcoming Happy Birthdays.... In the words of THE BIRTHDAY SQUAD, "You say its your birthday..."

**AUGUST:** 13: Adam Martin 14: Brian Carlin, Jason Wolpov, Heather Meisner, Phil Nicotera 15: Alison Schwartz, Nic Frith 16: Luke Broughton 17: Tyler Bolog; 18: Melissa Kaplan; 19: Melissa Oyer, Monica Mulder; 20: Melissa Ilgner, Marc Cormier 21: Hayley Trichon; 22: William Bernstein, James Dolgin, Nurse Anthony 24: Griffin Weber, Emily Powel 25: Amanda Altmark, Caroline Harris; 26: Tracie Krasne, Ian Krasne, Jessica List, Samantha List, Josh Miller, Jordy Moskowitz, Nikki Rose, Joanna Weiser; 28: Sydney Frank, Taylor Frank, David Needleman, Ilana Nemerow, Sally Cox, Adam Harris; 29: Zachary Brown, Alex Harellick, Jodi Rapchik, Brittany Rose, David Siegel, Ester Giner; 30: Charley Bensky, Gil Doron, Ian Hunt; 21: Alana Hassan **SEPTEMBER:** 4: Jamie Brenner, Matthew Hochman, Jackie Smith; 5: Aaron Kargman, Andrew Hewitt; 6: Alex Bishop, James Beswick; 7: Aaron Fishbein, Mateusz Ludwisiak; Hunter Sabety, Adam Shelly; 10: Dylan Moskowitz, Spencer Mossack, Angela Anderson; 11: Jake Brett, Rebecca Meyers, Hallie Seiden, Charlie Niesenbaum; 12: Adam Sheinman, Cari Winkler; 13: Bari Abrams, Alex Merberg, Terry McSorely; Tomas Vlk; 15: Chris Dennis, Hani Cohen; Maria Fazzino; 16: Gary O'Dwyer, Rachel Albergo, 17: Griffin Lanel, Alex Wolff; 18: Heidi Bedrossian; Jon Wise; 21: Jana Bohmova; 22: Jesse-Rose Goret, Stephanie Johnson; 24: Sarah Gomez, Sam Perel, Eric Lense; 26: Allison "Sr" Friedman, Alex Kornfel, Shelby Merberg; 28: Robbie April, Michael Buzin, Jacey Mossack, Donna Yellen, Gemma Lambell; 29: Adam Luftig, Haley Rosenfeld, Stacy Veloric; 30: Russell Dulman, Gari Hochman, Jeanette MacLean, Lynn Brodsky **OCTOBER:** 2: Alex Werner; 3: Tim Betts; 4: Josh Katz, Amanda Kravitz; 5: Jackie Ferszt, Andrew Plasker; 6: Griffin Unger; 7: Alyssa Heller, Sandra Miller, Hillary Myers; 8: Chris Cox; 8: Blake Danzig, Zachary Kessler, Suzanne Meadow; 9: Alissa Gruber, Zachary Gross; 10: Crystal Smith, Diane Hight; 11: Lucy Aaron, Rachel Chinman, Jacklyn Frank, Alex Vinci; 12: Bryan Babat, Emily Josephson, Rachel Smith, Matt Kunkel, Veronique Brideau; 13: Karen Gormley, Jason Tancer; 16: Max Sussman, Denise Broffman; 17: Andrei Anita, Arinn April Ryan; 18: Alex Rosen, Shelby Wyetzner, Bartosz Buda, Melinda Cooperman; 19: Samuel Davidovich; 20: Trevor Glazier; 21: Seth Brody, Hilary Golberg, Emily Hebst, Brandon Reiter, Pilar Romero Ariel Garfinkel (and Stephanie & Mitch's Anniversary); 23: Brynn Werner, Corey Werner, Cieran Dadds, Michelle Lapidos; 24: Jared Gaynes, Jeanette MacPherson; 25: Hannah Lyons, Rachel Yasgur; 26: Carly Leipzig, Michael Schott; 27: Alec Feigenbaum, Brooke Hornstein, Josh Riback, Dean Zimberg, Tyler Price; 28: Jiri Eischmann; 29: Marisa Postal, Ariel Rokito, Shelby Rokito, Stephanie Carter; 30: Jacob Aaron, Brett Abish, Sybil Campbell; 31: David Feuerstein, Adam Rapchik, Dean Ipaviz, Ion Ilmoftte, Jennie Tolson. **NOVEMBER:** 2: Erica Levy, Rebecca Sheinman; 3: Jennie Russnow; 4: Steve Creamer; 5: Todd Steiner, David Navarro; 6: Amy Henson, Jesse Mautner, David Mueller, Kim Sheiner; 8: Samantha Brown, Melissa Buzin, Jamie Gutkin; 9: Josh Fleishman, Alexa Lehr, Heather Lehr, Lindsay Gerlach; Dustin Roccaforte, Dani D'Orsi; 12: Spencer Rosen, Wioleta Lisowska; 13: Sydney Meister, Spencer Zelin; 14: Gerri O'Callaghan; 15: Matthew List, Shawn Donald; 16: Matthew Diamond, Nikki Goldberg, Richard Carter; 17: Reed Blee, Sergii Onyshchenko, Lauren Cohen, Dana Friedman, Eric Sacks; 20: Jacey Nacareela, Gregory Schwartz, Cristian Palaci; Christina Oleksiuk; Iwona Pralat, Shachar Melamed; 25: Annie Rishty, Luis Fraile; 26: Emily Sacks; 28: Ilana Springer, Tamika Forsyth; 29: Brittany Gault

## DRAMA DEPARTMENT NEWS

Drama Dani, our very talented, animated, musical, energetic, enthusiastic and creative Drama Director has announced the plays for the 2006 Season:

Debs-Dillies-Jets-Cadets: **THE JUNGLE BOOK**  
 Middies-Tweens-Funiors: **ONCE ON THIS ISLAND**  
 Inters-Nationals: **SEUSSICAL**  
 Seniors-Dorm-Club: **FIDDLER ON THE ROOF**  
 Staff: **YOU'RE A GOOD MAN CHARLIE BROWN**

## Community Service

The Leaders-In-Training (LITs) recently completed a great community service project in Central Park in New York City. Many of our LITs volunteered to assist in the *Foundation Fighting Blindness' Walk For Sight*. The weather was crisp and beautiful, the crowd was exciting and they helped raise over \$45,000. The main mission of the FFB is to drive research that provides treatment and prevention of retinal degenerative diseases. Congratulations to our LITs who really picked up the ball and ran with it! The LITs were involved with raising over \$10,000 for *Morry's Camp*, \$1300 for *Leave Out Violence (LOVE)* by selling the CT bracelets and also were involved with *Camp Koby*.



## TENNIS IN SPAIN



Robert Edwards, our Tennis Director has created a new program exclusively for some of our campers. He is introducing a tennis training program in Palma Majorca Spain. The program will be offered April 8-16, 2006. If you are interested, please contact [mitch@camptowanda.com](mailto:mitch@camptowanda.com).

# WE'RE MIGHTY GLAD YOU'RE HERE!!!

*We want to welcome to our Camp Towanda Family the following new campers (as of press time) that are enrolled for the Summer of 2006. We have taken the liberty of supplying a temporary nickname, as we are certain a new and more creative one will "appear" once you settle in at camp. We are excited and can't wait till you get to camp....WELCOME!*

Phoebe "PHA" Aaron (sister of Jack Lucy), Gabrielle "Brams" Abramowitz, Robbie "Springtime" April, Matthew "Matt B" Bahar, Josh "JB" Beron (Mitch was his Dad's counselor), Reed "Reed Blee" Blee (brother of Brett), Max "EMBE" Boruchov, Amanda "Ahhh, Brite" Breit (sister of Zach), Adam "A-B" Brett, Greg "GeeBee" Brown (brother of Jen), Lauren "Elsee" Capelli, Zach Chaikin (cousin of Adam Silverman), Adam "Ace" Cohen (brother of Olivia), Sam "David" Davidovich, Brian "Best Friend" Diamond (brother of Matt), Matt "Me" & Jacob "Jee" Epstein, Matthew "Lil' Feigy" Feigenbaum (brother of Alec & Shelby), Stefanie "Fried" & Allison "Jr" Friedman, Allison "Sr" Friedman (brother of Adam), Jerry "Garcia" Friedman, Jared "Triple" Gaynes, Harrison "Goldy" Goldstein, Sarah "Go-Go" Gomez (2nd generation, Mom is Jane Gollob), Zachary "Zeg" Gross, Jack "Jay-G" Grossman (cousin of Josh Grossman), Alissa "Raisinets" Gruber, Jacob "Govner" Gubner, Jonathan "NY" Heller (brother of Nathan), Alyssa "AHH" Heller (brother of Jonathan "NJ"), Brooke "Gotta Go to B&H" Hornstein (Barrie & Rachel Holtz' cousin), Corey Hotchkiss (returning after an absence), Jillian "JJ" & Leah "ELJay" Jaffe, Emily "The Edge" Josephson, Ian "Ink" Kantor (brother of Alana), Aaron "ark" Kargman (brother of Tori & Danit), Logan "Korn" Kornfeld (brother of Alexandra), Justin "Just" Lafazan (brother of Josh), Griffin "The Griff" Lanel (brother of Adam), Carly "Jonesy" Lapidus, Daniel "Lil Led" Ledner (brother of Eric), Hillary "Hill" Lehrhoff, Joey "Joe Cool" Levine, Erica "El" Levy, Jacqueline "Jam" Maier, Jenna "Jem" Marcus (sister of Zachary), Peri "Scoops" Margolies (sister of Gaby), Jason "Marshie" & Alex "A-Marsh" Marshall, Jake "Mills" Miller (brother of Josh), Benjamin "Moe" Moelis, Morgan "M2" Monsour (cousin of The Peskins), Jules "Again!" Moskowitz (sister of Dylan & Jordy), Sam "Purell" Perel, Noah "Yes-a" Platte, Sari "Meter" Postal (sister of Marissa), Kim "Kimmie" Rose (sister of Brittany), Spencer "Sprose" Rosen (brother of Alex), Dan "Dr" Rosenthal (brother of Jacob), Gavin "Gav" & Trevor "Trev" Rudolph (brothers of Dylan), Jenna "Betty" Sabety (cousins of Hunter & Samantha), Ben "Sackster" Sackler (brother of Olivia), Emily "Em" Sacks (sister of Eric & Kevin and 2nd generation, dad is Andrew), Jordyn "13:2" & Nicole "1:3" Salm, Ethan "E-T" Schwartz (brother of Danny and 2nd generation, Dad is Ron), Gregory "Gees" Schwartz, Carly "Cars" Schwartz (sister Alison), Jack "not related either" Schwartz, Nicole "Seid" Seiden (sister of Brett and 3rd generation, Robert and Buddy), Brittany "Sites" Seitzman, Noah "No-man" Seligson, Adam "Sheriff" Sharaf, Dayna "Days" Siegel (sister of Chase & Ryan), Shaun "Spiels" Spielberger, Sydney "Es2" Steiner (sister of Todd), Jeremy "S-Man" Steinman, Matthew "Mattttttt" Tancer (brother of Jason), Andrew "Pepper" Tepper (brother of Samantha), Emma "Riso" Trokel, Cory "The Wein" & Jamie "The Traub" Weintraub (brothers of Jillian), Daniel "Dan Man" Wielkotz, Jonathan "Beans" Wiener (brother of Lauren), Sydney "Whoa" Wolin, and last but not least.....Dean "Martin" Zimberg (brother of Max). Welcome to your new summer home!!!

## COMING IN NEXT ISSUE:

CULINARY WEEKEND INFO

PELTON'S SERMON

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2006

REUNION RECAP



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## NOTE TO PARENTS

We will be spoon feeding all information to you, so don't worry... However, if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us, anytime.



# BLUE POLICE

VS

# RED FIREFIGHTERS

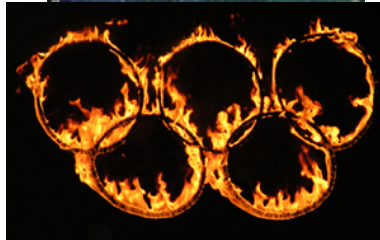
Intro by Mitch

Recap by Rilea Van Alstyne

*The Olympic Fever is always hot at camp...there seems to always be talk, hypothetical reasoning, date deciphering and general guesses. This past summer, it seemed to start with the Dinosaur Bone discovery during the off season that held up the construction of the new indoor hockey arena (now a/k/a "The Gully Bone Arena"). When that proved to be real and not a hoax (further proved by the National Boys digging for days out at the Farm to uncover bone fragments and large teeth), focused changed to other abnormal occurrences.*

*Such as lights going off after Services, the Club's Red Paparazzi Versus the Blue Idols or the subtle playing of Pink Floyd's "Is Anybody Out There" at very tense times. There was also that time during Dutch auction when the Red Firetruck ran through the center of the game and outsmarted everyone. The intensity was incredible at the end of the Inter-National presentation of GREASE when the lights went off in the Field House and the fake Generals entered the pitch black room with the red and blue glow cubes hovering around them.*

*Psych out, fakeout and when will it happen...that is the talk...then everyone went to sleep....ONLY to be woken very early in the morning by loud sirens as the Honesdale Fire and Police Departments came racing onto campus into the center of Girls and Boys camp (even the counselors woke up!).....finally parking near the white rock, everyone appeared (most in pajamas) startled but wide awake, the sirens wailing, flashing lights popping, air horns blowing and the announcements of the BLUE POLICE VS the RED FIREFIGHTERS and then presentation by the Head Judge Bob Miller of the Generals, Camper Captains and Lieutenants began the five days of exciting, spirited and fun OLYMPIAD.*



## DAY 1

As the sleepy, yet very excited campers soon discovered what team they were on and immediately reported to their team's first meeting. Once the team meetings finished the campers raced back to their bunks to get dressed in their team color and get ready for the very first Olympics line-up. Parading out in front of the flag pole the teams walked (in some cases danced) to breakfast with their Olympic banners, pride and spirit! Keeping with tradition, the campers were asked to sit at tables with their team members. This way Inters were mixed with the Club and Dillies to get to know one another and bond with all of their new team mates. The extreme general excitement for the break-out of Olympics was soon replaced and added on with the introduction of Olympic activities and games. So, with full bellies, painted faces, and team colored clothing the campers set out to play thrilling games of Ghost, baseball, basketball, soccer, and Newcomb against their opposing teams. Concluding this amazing, awaited evening was the traditional lighting of the Olympics rings by Mitch at the base of the grassy knoll. After enjoying and being in awe of the lighting ceremony the campers were sent to bed to rest from the busy, great day they had and to rest up for the up-coming Olympic days that were in store for them!

## DAY 2

After a very eventful and exciting day before, the second day of Olympics 2005 raised the bar and introduced another activity-full day that included a swim meet, a track meet, numerous games of Capture the Flag, and an assortment of basketball games. After the cumulative scores from the day before were announced at breakfast (the Red Fire Fighters were leading) both the teams stepped up their

cheering and energy to compete in the events of the day. In the morning Girls camp raced, tossed, and passed batons at their track meet with enthusiasm, spirit, and dedication to their team. Boys camp was a bit luckier than the girls on day two. Rather than sprinting in the early morning/afternoon scorching heat, all of Boys camp gathered down at the Waterfront to compete in a swim meet. When the boys weren't busy cheering on their team mates, doing the back stroke, or kayaking they were playfully being hosed down by Z, who brought down the Camp's own firetruck. Both the track and swim

meet show cased the campers athletic talents, their sense of team work, sportmanship, and their over all love of Olympics. Once the major activities were done for the day all of the campers ate their dinner in silence and with the same age and gender blended tables from the previous day. Once again the silence was broken when a spokesman from the Red and Blue teams came to the Judgie's tables to make team announcements and presentations. Of course the team presentations riled their

respective teams and resulted in the Dining Room being erupted into cheers, songs, signs, and no sign of silence! The events that the team generals and camper captains had the campers excited for that evening were all of Boys camp playing Capture the Flag, playing a few rounds of basketball, and all of Girls camp taking to the main basketball court to compete in the well-known and fun Long Jump. One by one the girls jumped their hearts out for their team while the Boys darted, swerved, and stole flags from the other

team on the main soccer field and at the field hockey area. Both teams demonstrated great sportmanship, love of their teams, and 'I can' attitudes. After the festivities were done for the night all of the campers returned to their camps and bunks for a well needed good night's rest. After all, Olympics day 3 had a lot in store for the campers and was going to raise the Olympic spirit to an all time high with the traditional, emotional Rope Burning.

## DAY 3:

Track meets, swim meets, and Rope Burning! Olympics day three was hot, wild, fun, and amazing! Living it up in the colder weather (day two was scorching on and off the playing fields) the Red Firefighters and Blue Police competed in several thrilling events-such as the reversal of day two activities so that the girls were swimming like fish at their swim meet and the boys running in the track meet--that erupted into an intense, spirited evening with the Rope Burning competition. The Red and Blue team did absolutely fabulously collecting wood, fetching, building, and cheering on the fire builders! In the close event the Red Firefighters proved that they do, in fact, know fire better than the Police! The Blue team burnt the 6 foot tall rope first at 9 minutes 53 seconds closely followed by the Red team with 10 minutes and 1 second. During the make it or break it burning of the 8 foot high rope the Red team finished at 16 minutes and 59 seconds with the Blue team trailing closely behind at 17 minutes and 7 seconds! The overall end scores were Red 40.9 and Blue 24.1, which has kept the Red team as the leader of Olympics to date. To celebrate their win all of the Red team squeezed into the Rec Hall to cheer and applaud all of the campers and staff who participated and aided in the Rope Burning event.

## DAY 4:

Day four of the Olympics involved all of the campers and had them racing around all corners of campus for the Apache Relay race! During the very close race, the two teams were neck-in-neck the entire time and had everyone in suspense and excitement. The all camp event had a series of 200 plus activities that had the campers threading needles, climbing the rock wall, swamping a canoe, sailing, racing with little glasses of water for

*Days 4 & 5 Continued on Page 6*

Fire Brigade, sack racing, and popping a balloon without using their hands! It was a very fun, fast, and silly few hours to finish the Apache Relay, which concluded down at the waterfront. Ultimately, after finishing first and with their deductions and penalties calculated it was announced that the Red Firefighters had won the Apache Relay by less than one hundred points. Although the Red team finished the relay first, the Blue team had a very strong finish that received enormous cheers from their fellow teammates and the Red team. The evening activity on day four was more relaxed, as everyone had been worn out from the amazing day, and had the campers playing a handful of sports-such as Ghost in the dark and basketball.

#### DAY 5:

With Olympic scores so close both the Red Fire Fighters and the Blue Police put more than their all into all of the activities of day five. In the morning the teams played Newcomb, softball, Ghost, and hockey. In the afternoon things began to heat up a bit more and the spirit of Olympics and the campers teams became prominent and thrilling when all of camp took to their separate meeting areas to practice for the evenings huge final event, Olympic Sing! That night the teams were brought to the Field House, which had been done up with amazing scenery and special effects for the evening, to perform and be judged for their Olympic Sings-which included march, cheer, the presentation of a relevant team plaque, scenery, and introduction. Both of the teams did an excellent job and had everyone floored and impressed! Before the Sing winner and the overall Olympic winner were announced the Dorm girls went to the center of the Field House and formed a circle while holding hands and sang a beautiful, touching song that highlighted the importance of friendship, love, working as a team, and the role that Towanda has played in their intertwined lives. Once the song was completed the entire Field House was in tears of joy and truly in the team spirit. At the end of the evening it was announced that the Blue Police had won Olympic Sing and the Red Fire Fighters had won the entirety of Olympics (the Red team won by less than one hundred points)! It should be known that both teams did amazingly throughout the entirety of Olympics and should (and are) incredibly proud of themselves, their team, and the events that they hole-heartedly competed in! The activities and events of day five provided a wonderful conclusion to the 5 day fun-spree of Olympics. Hopefully we can have Olympics next year, but probably not!

## INTER CAMP SPORTS REPORT

*Terry Kline, Our Athletic Director submitted this recap of a terrific season...*

"In Baseball the 5th Grade Boys take the Wayne County Championship behind the pitching of ace starter Alec Feigenbaum, who had (16) strikeouts to his credit in the last game.

"The 7th Grade Boys Baseball Team takes 2nd place in the Wayne County Championships. They fought hard to get to the finals, winning two (2) two of their games in the bottom of the sixth inning while trailing in the score. One game was won on a massive Grand-Slam by Jordan Krawitz. Even in the final game the team fought hard all the way through the bottom of the sixth inning, losing by only one (1) run.

"The 6th Grade Boys Baseball Team finished in 2nd place in the Wayne County Championships. They had a good run getting into the finals, and gave it their best effort.

"The Girls 6th Grade Softball Team won the Wayne County Championships this summer, with good performances in all four of their games.

"Fishing was big hit this summer with more than 75 campers fishing down at the lake and more than 200 fish caught total. The lower camp boys learned a lot about fishing and are taking many new fishing skills home with them. Awards went to Jacob Aaron & Jake Sheinman

## THE FALL BBQ

Despite the 9 inches of rain that fell right up to the arrival of the new campers, our motto still lives, "It Never Rains and There Are No Hills!". At 9 AM on Saturday October 15th, the gray and damp skies opened up to a pure blue sky for another great day at camp.

Although we needed to relocate the softball game and cancel the T-Slide (ummm, the brakes don't work then they are wet!), there was some tennis, basketball, volleyball and touch football going on. In addition, Bob The Boys Head Counselor was on the Grill while Linda the Girls Head Counselor, Rusty The Debs Group Leader, Denise The Camp Mom, Ellen The Program Director, Terry the Athletic Director, Chris The Friday Nite Flix guy, Steve Creamer the Outdoor Adventure Director, Jay Sak the Property Manager, Donna and Dusty the Office Managers as well as Freddie, Jessica Batt, Heather Meisner, Matt and Andy Miller gave tours, mingled, parked cars, cleaned and overall had fun with all the new campers!

A big thanks to our Dorm Girls 2006 that were able to sleepover the night before (despite THAT rain storm).... there were actually "girls on boys camp" as the girls toughed it out in B-2! The Dorm Girls provided a special welcome, guidance and awesome lunch serving to all of our new campers and their families.

To those that were not able to attend, don't fret....we look forward to seeing you possibly at the Boca Beach Party in Florida on December 26th and/or the New Camper Group Soup in Fort Lee, New Jersey on Sunday January 8, 2006.

It was very exciting to see many of our new campers and their families! **WELCOME TO THE CAMP TOWANDA FAMILY!**



for the biggest fish caught this summer. The award for the most fish caught went to Adam Freidman for catching 17 fish, and the most improved fisherman award went to Russell Grotto.

"In Basketball the Boys 6th Grade Team took 1st place in the Wayne County Championships, and the Girls 7th Grade Team took 2nd Place in the Wayne County Championships.

"In the Wayne County Soccer Championships, Camp Towanda's 5th Grade Boys, 6th Grade Boys, and 5th Grade Girls all took 1st place clenching the Championships.

"In the Camp Towanda Baseball Tournament for 6th Boys, Camp Towanda took the (1st) Championship with six teams participating from other camps.

"The 8th/9th Grade Boys Roller Hockey Team skate their way into a 2nd Place finish in the Wayne County Championships with good performances by all players.

# REUNION INFORMATION

## NEW CAMPER GROUP SOUP

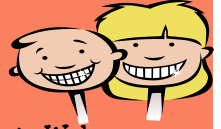


For all new for 2006 campers and their parents  
Sunday Jan. 8, 2006 - 1:00pm Sharp to 3pm  
at the Fort Lee Hilton.

Details will be mailed soon. Please RSVP!  
Credit goes to New Camper Peri Margolies, who has  
suggested calling this Group Scoop!

## SPORTSWORLD REUNION

Saturday November 19, 2005  
10:30 A.M. to 1:00 at Sportsworld,  
200 Rt. 17N Paramus, NJ (201) 262-1717  
Current Campers, Staff, Alumni and Parents Welcome.



Meet upstairs above miniature golf. SEE video highlights of 2005, the ultimate in Friday Nite Flix! EAT pizza! DRINK soda! PLAY games! ENJOY seeing your great camp friends! WEAR Sunscreen!

The 2005 Video Highlight DVD will be distributed. We encourage parents to stay and assist in chaperoning. Campers will be given tokens and wristbands to help with our security team (the perimeter patrol), but we need the assistance of parents.

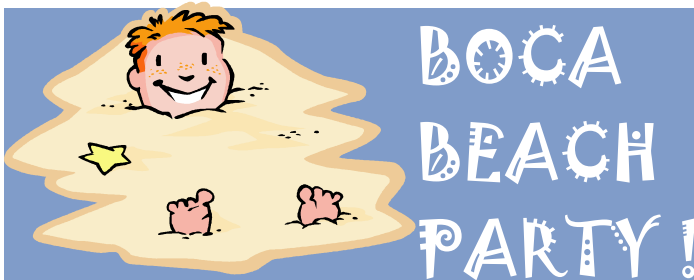
**DIRECTIONS:** (15 minutes from George Washington Bridge): From EAST - GWB to Rt 4 WEST to Rt 17 NORTH. 1/2 mile North to SPORTSWORLD on right, just past Paramus Auto Mall Chevrolet. From WEST - Rt 80 EAST to Rt 17 NORTH. Approx 7 miles to SPORTSWORLD on right, just past Paramus Auto Mall Chevrolet. From SOUTH - GSP NORTH to EXIT 161 onto Rt 4 EAST to Rt 17 NORTH to SPORTSWORLD on right, just past Paramus Auto Mall Chevrolet. From NORTH - NY THRUWAY to GSP SOUTH to EXIT 163 to Rt 17 SOUTH. EXIT CENTURY RD. for U-TURN to Rt 17 NORTH. 1/4 NORTH to SPORTSWORLD on right, just past Paramus Auto Mall Chevrolet.

### HELP WANTED!!!

If you are a staff member and will be at the Sportsworld Reunion in November, we are looking to recruit a few staff to join our PERIMETER PATROL security team. The assignment comes complete with a very cool t-shirt. Please contact Mitch right away for details.

### 2005 VIDEO DVD HIGHLIGHTS

A reminder that the 2005 Friday Nite Flix Highlights will be distributed at the Sportsworld Reunion. If you can't make it, we will send a copy the following week. Staff that won't be at the reunion, please send us an email with the correct address to mail your DVD.



## BOCA BEACH PARTY!

MONDAY December. 26, 2005  
11:30 AM to 3:00 P.M.

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

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, lotion, camera & towel! We'll supply plenty of soda, fun and maybe sun!! Rain or Shine we will be there. Please keep your parking receipt and send it to our winter office so we can reimburse you for 50% of the entrance/parking fees...it is expensive but we like that we have the private use of the beach (and it keeps out the riff-raff!). We tried to pay in advance for you, but the park rangers will not allow us to do that.

SAVE YOUR PARKING RECEIPT FOR REIMBURSEMENT!

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

## MEET & SKI, AT ELK MOUNTAIN

Sunday Jan. 15, 2006  
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 and ski with  
our O&A Staff, Jay Sak & Steve Creamer and  
our Friday Nite Flix Director, Chris Loehrer  
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 2006 WINTER SLEEPOVERS (at The Mansion!!!)

Girls Weekend - Saturday January 21, 2006

Boys Weekend - Saturday January 28, 2006

Snow, sledding, toboggan, ice fishing,  
s'mores and campfire in the middle of  
frozen Sunset Lake, sleeping  
in sleeping bags in front  
of the Mansion Fireplace...  
details already sent,  
please RSVP!



**REUNION INFO INSIDE!**

Winter Address  
4 York Court  
New City, NY 10956-1148



## 2006 DATES TO REMEMBER

New Jersey Reunion		November 19, 2005
Boca Beach Party <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		December 26, 2005
New Camper Group Soup	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	January 8, 2006
Meet & Ski At Elk Mtn <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	January 15, 2006
Senior Girls Sleepover <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	January 21, 2006
Senior Boys Sleepover <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	January 28, 2006
Flying Camper Arrival <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	June 23, 2006
First Day Of Camp <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	June 24, 2006
Visiting Day & Sibling Sleepover		July 22, 2006
Last Day of Camp <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	August 11, 2006
Culinary Weekend <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	August 25-27, 2006
Labor Day Family Weekend		September 1-4, 2006

