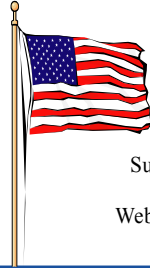


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## CAMP DOES THIS

2005 CAMPER SERMONS

*Risa Rabinowitz completed her 6th year last summer as a Camper Captain and Dorm Girl. As an outstanding athlete, she demonstrated team spirit, team support and always a healthy sportsmanship attitude. She presented this sermon last summer (2005) to the entire camp.*

I was only nine years old when I first stepped into Camp Towanda. I'll admit that the first few days were not as incredible as expected. I'll also admit that after the first few days my life was changed drastically, forever. My first Tween summer was spent getting to know a few girls and forming a relationship kept up by one or two phone calls throughout the winter. The summers between my first and sixth were somewhat different. I feel like people only get one chance in life to make friends that they can easily call sisters with no hesitation. I was lucky enough to have that chance. Two months of my year are spent constantly with 28 of the most amazing girls that I have ever had the chance to meet.

It is safe to say that camp is nothing like home. At home, there is always an escape from problems in your life. If you are having trouble at home, you can just go to school or to a friend's house. If you are having problems at school or with friends you can escape to the privacy and comfort of your own room. Problems at camp stare you in the face until solved. You are around people every second, of every hour, of every day so problem solving skills are well developed at camp. Camp forces you to search for the solution in any type of issue. You learn to talk calmly about what is on your mind, have a higher tolerance for people, and respect others' privacy. Camp will always be an escape from the real world for me.

People speak of camp as a life changing experience. It is understandable that this doesn't really make sense until you reach your last summer as a camper, your Dorm or Club summer. Those sitting in the front rows, the Jets and Debs, are probably sitting thinking; it will be forever until I reach that back row. Please take my word for it, time goes by quickly, way too quickly. If you don't stop and look around at how many people love you and care about you, the summer will simply pass you by. 29 girls have been brought together by four, thin, wooden walls. The experience with them has been amazing and it is not over even after I get back on that bus home to the real world. Taryn, Nina, Jackie, Gottlieb, Fox, Sami, Levine, Caroline, Berson, Dara, Ryman, Sonia, Carmen, Heimler, Dana, Walsky, Becca, Britt, Veloric, Gutterman, Aly, Jennie, Bogz, Morgan, Shelbs, Brennan, Rach, and Spi. We've been through it all together and the thought of leaving you girls in just a couple of weeks tears me apart. We have been by each other's sides since day one and I am completely confident when I call you girls my true sisters. Dorm 2005 will be forever engraved in my heart and my mind, and my camp experience with my 28 sisters will always be cherished. Shabbat Shalom.

Risa

*Paul Springer will be returning this coming summer for his 8th summer as a Leader-In-Training (LIT). As a Camper Captain and Club Boy, he presented this sermon last summer (2005) to the entire camp.*

I started my first summer at camp 7 years ago as a Cadet. I had mixed feelings about going at first but as soon as I stepped off the bus I knew that camp was for me. Everyone embraced me and I felt right at home. There were great people, great activities, and well maybe not such great food. I continued coming back year after year and with each year that passed, camp became more exciting. Some people, when at camp, become home sick, but for me it was more of being sick of home. I anticipated coming back from 300 days away until just one. Whether it was scoring the winning goal in soccer or taking a trip to Boston camp was becoming a part of me. My bonds with the people around me became stronger and stronger. Now that it is my last summer as a camper my groupmates have become my 30 brothers. My brothers give me advice and help me in many ways, even during the winter. They have always been there for me just as I try to be there for them. We have spent many summers together and it will be very difficult to say goodbye, not only to them, but to my summer home as well. However, somewhere in the back of my head I know that it is not goodbye for good. It may not be as obvious to others as it is to me, but people like these, the Club of 2005, are the main ingredients that make up camp. Without my Towanda family camp just would not be the same. I can't even begin to imagine a life without Camp Towanda and I am thankful that I have the privilege to return year after year. I find it ironic how most people can't wait to be the oldest campers, but then it hits you that your life as a Towanda camper is nearing its conclusion. In my time spent here I can advise that you cherish every moment, because before you know it you, the campers of Towanda will be standing in my place. Thank You. Shabbat Shalom!

Paul

# What We Hear From The Mansion Porch!!!



Congratulations to Tony, Janelle and Megan Victory on the birth of Mason Marie...Our Israeli friends Izzy, Shachar, Nimi & Kobe say Shalom to all...Nimi ran into the Torroba Family in Argentina...Andrea Dickinson met up to celebrate the holidays with Jarrod Troutbeck, Nathan Sawyer and Angela Anderson in Halifax...Jake Moerson is in Vet School...Mitch & Stephanie saw Dino Quinn at his Dad's art exhibit in Manhattan...Chris Avery is hoping to stop by this summer for a visit...Alli Heimler (Jessica's sister) is skating competitively internationally...Marcos Mindez from Costa Rica got married...Amy Wexler (Genna & Steven Melino's Mom, wife of Rob WEX Wexler) reports that Hank Azaria had a New Year's party and David Hyde Pierce was carrying his Camp Towanda back pack with him! Janeane Garofolo, another honorary alum, was at the party, too...Jake Wieseneck is a reporter for Scholastic Magazines...Rachael Cohen is going to NYU...Madison Bey is going to Syracuse...Fabrizio, Baby Fabrizio Jac and Jodi Hodge Fabrizio Evans were on the Australian beach and hung out with Lisa Danne, Mark Woody Woods, Brad Nyquist, Kathy Backholer, Geri O'Callaghan and Tom Colcott ...Bobby Helman reports that he spotted a Towanda bumper sticker in Carmel, NY (someone gets a pizza!)... Alex Harellick swam three miles across the Hudson River, raising \$2,500 for M.S....reports of camp families meeting on cruise ships, ski slopes, traffic lights and the shores of Puerto Rico keep coming in... don't forget to send us your photos of your Towanda Logo in "weird" places.



Send us your stuff to have the camp logo embroidered on. No charge, just send us your clothing items by March 1st.

## ATTENTION STAFF

### STAFF CHAT ROOMS

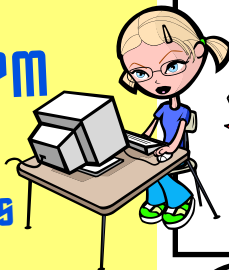
Wednesday May 3, 2006

on AOL Instant Messenger

Staff 4:00 PM & 10:00 PM

EDT (NY TIME).

Contact the office for details



### Contracts have been sent;

If you did not receive yours, please contact the office at...

[desk@camptowanda.com](mailto:desk@camptowanda.com).

## ATTENTION PARENTS

### CHECK LIST



Everyone should have received the CLOZ catalog mailing.



Parents should have completed the ON LINE OPTIONS CHECKLIST for each camper.



Campers should complete the on line CAMPER SURVEY.

COMING SOON:

Health Form, Baggage Shipping Info and Parent Guide.

# 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!*

**Max "Max-B" Bortniker (brother of Samantha), Jared "JB" Buksbaum, Melissa "Buzz" Buzin (sister of Meredith and Michael), Jonathan "NY" Heller(brother of Nathan), Alex "Herb" Herbst (brother of Emily), Matthew "MP" Perel (Sam's Brother), Lindsay "EL" rokito (sister of Ariel & Shelby), Ben Slater (2nd generation Dad is Dr Dan and brother of Jacob), Jake "JS" and Mackenzie "Mack" Stein, Reed "The Wall" Wallach (brother of Blair), Bari "New" Yorke, and Elysa "E-Z-B" Zebersky.**

## YOU SAY IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!!!

MARCH: 1: Amanda Gottlieb, Jonathan Wiener, 2: Corey Fein, Charles Greenwald, 3: Gaby Margolies, Jacqueline Maier, 5: Rachel Tannen, Zach London, 6: Gaby Lee, Stephanie Fishbein, 7: Samantha Leibowitz, Adam Lowell, Samantha Falchook, 8: Jayde Grossman, Jenn Brown, Andrew Newman, Devon Kessler, Sam Bortniker, Anca Andone 9: Morgan Monsour 10: Jake Morgenstern, Brett Spivack 11: Ilyssa Pastolove, Emma Trokel, Matt Bernstein, Jared Greenberg 12: Chloe Hirsch, Adam Kravietz 13: Ilana Karp 14: Remy Aronson, Lauren Capelli 15: Charlie Wyetzner, Grace Lang, 17: Dane Rucker, Nate Fishman 18: Josh Lowell, Blake Axelrod 19: Bari Yorke, 20: Jacob Epstein, Ewa Wiktorczyk 21: Alex Rolnik, Kayla & Shayna Isaacs, Greg Lubin, 22: Matt Bahar, Noah Platte, 23: Lance Hotchkiss, Amanda Gershowitz, Denis "Biggums" Lovius, Jarrod Troutbeck 24: Daniel Wielkottz, Brett Goldberg, 25: Jill Gittleman, Coach Lon Siegel 26: Shaun Spielberger, Jordan Lee, Christopher Gardner 31: Jason Unger, APRIL: 1: Eric Shapiro, Lindsay Kwan 2: Matt Labarre, Jordan Rosenfeld 3: Jordan Krawitz, Alex Kain, Alex Neff 4: Sydney Glenn, Shelby Feigenbaum, Jenna Kravitz, 5: Julianne Rucker 6: Jenni Winkler, 7: Tyler Dean, Jeremy Steinman, Martina Novotna 8: Harrison Goldstein, Matt Blades 10: Jeffrey Ebert 12: Gabby Abramowitz, Malgorzata Bogucka 13: Parker Weber, Carly Schwartz 14: Olivia Cohen, Justin Cohen, Alex Geller, Dusty Fox 15: Joey Levine, Jana Krulova 17: Andrew Tepper 18: Simone Krame 19: Carly Glenn, Ali Dulman, Nathalie Moyano, Rachel Labarre 20: Carl Gold, Chef Jonesy, Kevin Gobien 21: Rebecca Gamberg 23: Jessica Luftig, Jack Schwartz 24: Peri Margolies 25: Brandon Rosenblum 26: Kimi Rose, Darren Schweibel, Samantha Denberg, Ramon Sicart, Amanda Lenok 27: Hannah Levy, Sydney Sachs 28: Austin Karp, Mike Little 29: Brian Cantor, Ryan Goldberg 30: Samantha Kirsch, Jake Miller, Jared Reiter, Stefanie Lugassy.



# WINTER EVENT RECAPS

## BOCA BEACH PARTY!



The sun was shining, the new location was convenient and the crowd was great! Many campers and their families, staff, alumni and friends hung out on the beach for the Annual Boca Beach Party in December. Those that signed in at the 2005 Boca Reunion:

Michael & Meredith Buzin, Joey Herman, Jenna & Amanda Kravitz, Lucas & Michelle Feigenbaum, Jesse Wolff, Drew Halpern, Max Mautner, Adam Krause, Darren & Doug Schweibel, Dara Bernstein, Amanda Ryman, Max & Dean Zimberg, Jayde & Avi Grossman, Carl Gold, Sam & Melissa Kaplan, Carly Werner, Carly Lapidus, Guy & Cecilia Bean, Ashley Walsky, Rachel Heimler, Ari, Jessie-Rose & Joey Goret, Jessica & Sammy Frankel, Dani & Alana Pines, Seth Misshula, Andy Miller, Matt Kunkel, Nurse Anthony, Ross & Alex Gellar, Lauren & Jonathan Weiner, Lauren "Kraz" Krasnoff, Brett NJ & Corey NJ Singer, Andrew & Lauren Seid, Jessica & Adam Luftig, Coach Lonny, Lindsey & David Siegel, Tyler, Brett & Chandler Bolog, Brandon, Jared, Mitch & Stephanie Reiter, Austin & Ilana Karp, Jess Batt, Justin Sheinis, Brad Sobel, Jake & Alex Neff, Nurse Helga & Charles Melmed, Samantha & Spencer Kirsch, Olivia & Ben Sackler, Halle Feuerman, Dana Friedman, Russell & Ali Dulman, Megan, Melanie, & Alexandria Weinraub, Jillian, Jamie & Corey Weintraub, Phoebe Dinner



## NEW CAMPER GROUP SOUP



The "freshman" class of 2006 showed up in strength eager to hear about getting ready for camp and what to expect on the first day. These kids are ready for camp to start and join our awesome camp family.



# SENIORS 2006 WINTER SLEEPOVERS

Two awesome events! The bonding and camaraderie shared by this years' Seniors was shining, as we were together, having fun, getting along, eating Mitch's Spaghetti and garlic bread, along with some interestingly made eggs for breakfast. Despite the lack of snow for the girls (we got to play the first ever January Mud Ghost Game and make MUD ANGELS), it was a fantastic time. There was blue skies and freezing rain.

The boys' weekend had 8 inches of snow, warm temperatures and a good snow game of football. Both weekends featured great Field House Basketball games, s'mores and late night Olympic Chats (aaahhhhhh!!!).

The Senior Sleepover is a special tradition when Mitch & Stephanie welcome the incoming seniors into their home for a special weekend of being together in the middle of the winter! Both groups were polite, respectful and made us proud as we look forward to their future leadership at camp.

## S'MORES



MUDDY  
GHOST



Sleepin'



# MEET & SKI, AT ELK MOUNTAIN

Okay, the drive was horrendous in a combination ice and snow storm and then the wind chill factor reached -47 degrees Fahrenheit.

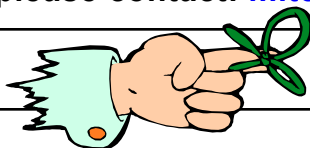
The Reiters didn't even show up, but Steve Creamer, our O&A (Outdoor Adventure)

Director, made it to the base lodge. However, the wind was blowing so hard that he was unable to see James Dolgin and his family, the hearty skiers that braved the elements!



# ATT: ALUMNI

Next year, The Summer of 2007, we'll be celebrating the 85th Year of camp. We are looking for volunteers to help organize an official celebration. If you are interested, please contact: [mitch@camptowanda.com](mailto:mitch@camptowanda.com).



# sportsworld Note

After 15 years of the November Reunion taking place at Sportsworld in Paramus, NJ. (We were their first party when their doors opened.), they have closed. We have booked a new location called SPACE ODYSSEY, located conveniently off of RT 4 in Englewood, NJ. We will have exclusive use of this entire facility. Save the date: Saturday November 18, 2006.

## NEXT ISSUE:

- STAFF AFFECTION
- WEATHER FORECAST
- OLYMPIC BREAKOUT HINTS



# Come, Join us! After Camp... At Camp...

Prepare now for two great family oriented weekends after camp...at camp!

Check out more  
info on line...just  
click on the link at  
the  
"E-Board."



**The Culinary Weekend**  
(August 25-27)

**&**  
**The Family Labor Day**  
**Weekend (September 1-4)**



Minette Gold Herman (2nd generation Mom of Joey Herman) offers, "Looking forward to more KICKS in 06!"

-Let's eat some Trail MIX  
in 2006

**TOWANDA**  
**TRAIL MIX**  
**2006**

## Nutrition Facts

Serving Size 1  
Servings Per Summer 49

### Creativity

Activities	65%
Friendships	150%
Trust	85%
Spirit	150%
Cholesterol	0%
Humor	57%
Well Being	100%

### INGREDIENTS

Sunscreen	84 spt
Kit-Kats	75%
Staff	200%
H <sub>2</sub> O	98%

**PROTEIN** 15g

**TOTAL EXPERIENCE** 2006



**-GET YOUR CAMP  
FIX in 2006**

-We will watch a lot of  
Friday Nite FLIX in 2006

-There could be some interesting  
TRICKS at camp in 2006



## CHAT ROOM

It was cyber-ific! At one time, we needed to expand into three rooms, each with 37 people typing away at the same time. From there, smaller chat rooms broke off, there were even some web cam chats going on. It was like a virtual Free Play! We'll do it again next year.

In the mean time, returning and new staff will have the opportunity once again on May 3. Details emailed upon request! See related article in this issue.

# WINTER OFFICE REPORT

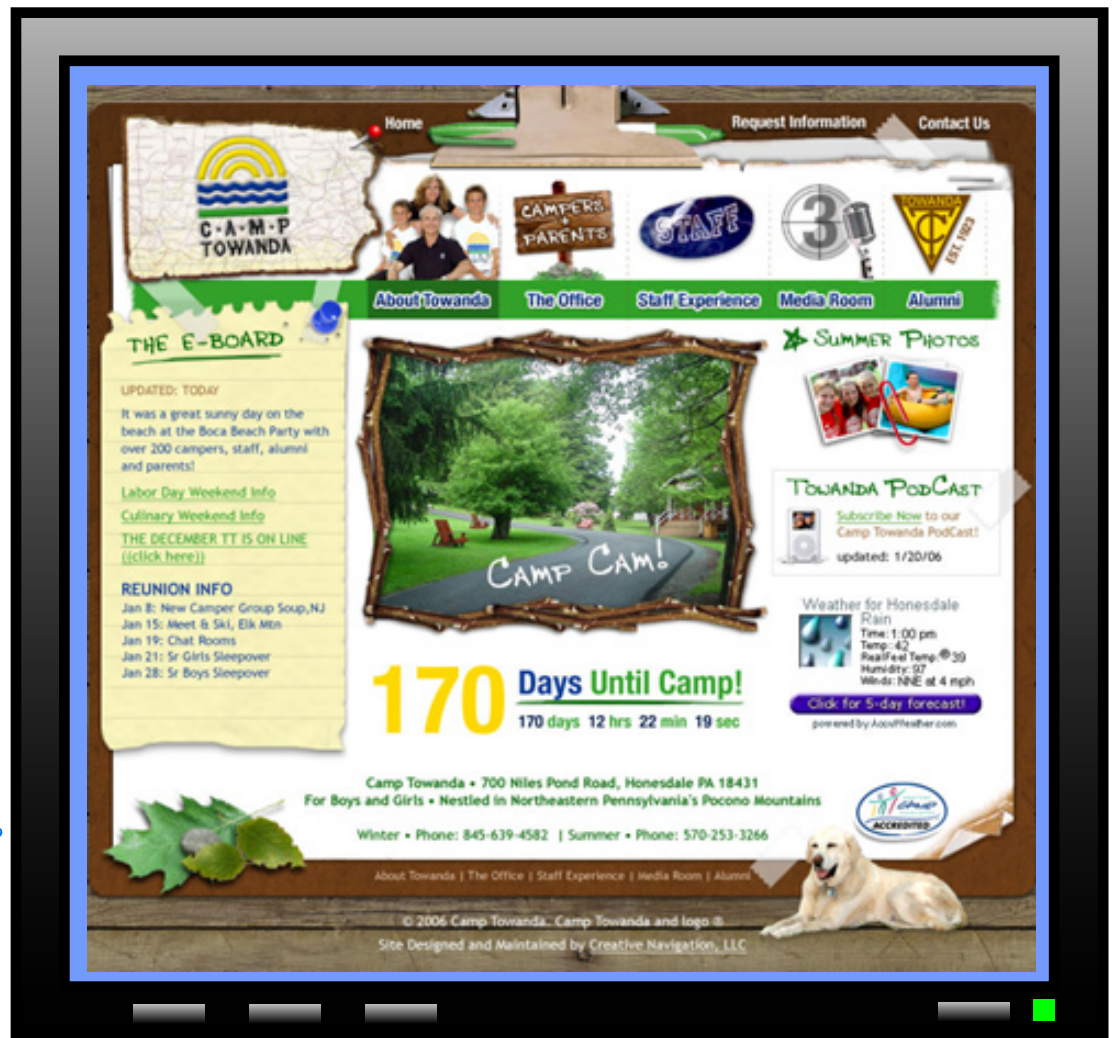
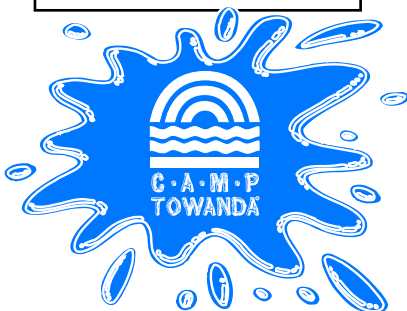
It's the middle of the winter and we are getting extremely psyched for the upcoming summer, just about 4 ½ months away. The program is taking shape featuring all your favorite sports PLUS expanded nature, Indian Lore, amazing Drama, arts and crafts, intercamp sport events, tournaments, evening activities and special events (such as this year's Guinness Record Breaking Event which will be an all camp humongous sidewalk art production.). The STAFF is coming together (many great returnees from last year, past years, as well as former campers becoming counselors). In the next issue of The TT, we'll announce staff.

***BUT FIRST, you need to finish school (do a good job; you know---study hard, do your personal best thoroughout), rest up and don't forget your sunscreen!!***

## COMING SOON...

Our website is being totally redesigned, reconfigured, re-evaluated and re-tooled! We think you'll love it! We expect it to be up, running and live ON-LINE by April 1st. Don't worry, we'll send you an email when it is ready.

Camp  
is Life,  
the rest  
is just  
details.



I say "CAMP" you say "TOWANDA!"

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## 2006 DATES TO REMEMBER

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First Day Of Camp	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	June 24, 2006	
Visiting Day & Sibling Sleepover				July 22, 2006	
Camper Departure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	August 11, 2006	
Culinary Weekend	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	August 25-27, 2006	
Labor Day Family Weekend				September 1-4, 2006	
New Camper Fall Foliage BBQ				October 14, 2006	
NJ Reunion				November 18, 2006	
Florida Reunion				December 26, 2006	

