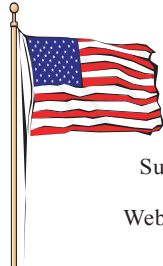


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"Gotta, Gimme Camp"

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Butterflies, Smells and Sounds

To those campers and staff that have been to camp before, think for a moment. Remember the first day you arrived at camp? Did you feel it? It was a feeling when you were coming down the camp dirt road. That nervous, anxious, excited and overwhelming feeling. Just like butterflies dancing in your stomach.

I used to think that was a feeling that only happened to me when I was a camper. As I grew to be a counselor, sports specialist and a program director, I learned that it never went away. I still joke with my old camp friends about getting our "butterflies", even after all this time.

I think it is so amazing that not only do I get those same butterflies here, as the Girls Head Counselor, but I think most everyone at Camp Towanda gets them, too. For me they dance the same way they did when I was a young camper. I think it is great that it is universal!

You might also agree that the smells from camp follow you throughout the year. Some trigger pleasant memories, some trigger funny memories. It is so cool that the smell of something during the year will make you stop and remind you of camp. For me, it is the air after a rainstorm. I can just picture the walk to line-up after it rained. That familiar scent makes me think of my closest friends from camp that I still talk to even after all these years.

Sounds! Sounds of camp are awesome, too. There isn't one thunderstorm during the year that goes by when I don't think back to how when I was a counselor we hid in a wet tent on an overnight listening to the rain and the thunder, throwing our hair barrettes out of the tent because they were metal. We were convinced lightening would find us. Years later it still makes me laugh. Today, the sound of rain on the bunk roof is another good one. How about those bugle calls? I know that everyone gets hungry when they hear Don McLean start singing!

I appreciate and am thankful for being part of the Camp Towanda family, which allows me to remember and relive my butterflies, scents and sounds of my past.... And that I can be part of your memories, connections and experiences.

Like that lunchtime music, the smell of clean cut grass or cheese sticks. It is a feeling of familiarity. For those of you will be coming to camp for the first time, you'll experience this soon and it will find you afterwards at home. You all will find yourself stopping and smiling at the great memories. Only our camp family can understand the connection and appreciate it. Kind of a surprise benefit from being part of camp!

I look forward to seeing you all soon in Honesdale!

Linda
Girl's HC

ONLY AT TOWANDA!

The game of GHOST! It is so much fun, it is scary!

It is not dodge ball, it is not ga-ga, it is not 4-square, it is GHOST... all about the angles, the lines, the 98+ rules, the coaching, and the spectators doing the universal sign for a "TREE"!

It is the experience. The Tuesday Rule (standing on one foot), the glow in the dark version, the sheeted on a slanted field version, the silent version (with clapping), the Club yanking version, the dust bowl version, the even in a downpour version, the Double DEB 2 ball version, the 7 shoelace (3 velcro) official timeouts, the "where is the line" after mid-season, the beyond the girls basketball "anyone's ball" rule (no real tackling), the stop the track meet, ghost takes precedence attitude and the useless Ghost Tower! It is the experience. It is GHOST....a whole new season starting this JUNE!!!!



QUOTE OF THE ISSUE:

"In a moment, not yet"

85 YEARS OF CAMP

What We Hear From The Mansion Porch!!!



"I'm in Brazil in a little beach town, eating dinner, and I hear someone say, 'Jessica Batt?'" It was my brother's counselor Rudy in 2000 from Utah; It was as if no time had passed since the last time I saw him. Funny how Camp Towanda makes the world a smaller place!"...The Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Red Barons are now the Yankees Triple A affiliate (5 Year Club Trip)...The family holiday cards we received were overwhelmingly emblazoned with the CT logo...Jessica Hochman was at the SCOPE fundraiser, she is the day camp director at Kidville in NYC...Bar/Bas Mitzvah Congratulations to our Inters and Nationals...Donna Yellen and family sends their hellos, so does Jacqueline Waddington... The Millers are off to Australia to visit Andy traveling and catch up with lots of our Aussies; including The Fabrizio's (see pix of Fab & Jac)...The Reiters are off to Israel for Brandon's Bar-Mitzvah with our Israeli staff and alum...Dana Spass is at Indiana Univ, rooming with Marisa Roth and sees Jake Neff, Max Rappaport, and Tori Rubin...Our maintenance crew working at camp (J, Paul & Jeremy) have toughed out -52F windchills....Duncan McLean traveling with Keith Pettigrew in Europe caught up with Dan Moses, Hani Cohen, Alex Neff and Laura Simpson(see picture)...Brooke Gomborg is working at the NY Post...Adam Berk & David Tomback have launched a new website, check it out at www.neighBORROW.com...Michelle Lapidos met up with Melinda Cooperman in Israel (see pix)...Marisa Wachtler is graduating with her Masters in Social Work from UPenn...David Lieberman is in Costa Rica...Eric Long is moving to California to become a teacher...Cory Randell is spending this semester in New Zealand...Clare Dixon has just returned to the UK after traveling throughout India, Cambodia, Vietnam and Thailand...Our wonderful Czech Republic crew sends their greetings (see pix)...Sharon Rudolph (circa 1955-1966) says hi to all her old friends....Bari Rosenberg has been in touch with Katie Rogers-Roaman, Jeremy Koplik, Shelby Bloom, Jessica Shapiro, Keri Blumenfeld, Danielle Avedon, Amanda Tarter, Amanda Liebman, Stephanie Wertkin and Libby Cobb!...David Klein says hi, too!...Angie "NCW" James has been promoting camp down under (see pix)... Laura Gilbert Kunin misses her camp days but enjoys being a grandmother!...David (77-81) & Marc (82-91) Schleier send Greetings from South Florida and miss their CLUB years!!!!... Lisa Garber is engaged!... Michelle Chase (79-81) remembers her camp days fondly, too!...keep the news coming!!



STAFF RECRUITING



As the "Z-Man" makes his way around the country and world, visiting our staff and interviewing our newcomers, it is always a great comfort and contribution when former staff show up.

Former and returning staff add to the insight and excitement when explaining Camp Towanda to potential new staff. Many staff organize their own presentations at their colleges and universities. It is one of the many attributes that sets Camp Towanda above others..... we greet and meet... We like to see live and in person who will be joining our unique camp family.

Thanks to: Aimee Smith, Laura Keay, Lindsey Kwan, Mark Cormier, Mark MacDonald, Monica Donelle, Karen Gormley, Tiffany Jewer, Ashley O'Brien, Nicole Young, Jen Chisholm, Amanda Keay, Gwen Evans, Janique "Cheeks" Melanson, Christine Roy, Andrea Dickinson, Christina Davidson, Christi Budd, Cory Seaman, Mary Beth Clark, Jeremy Steppe, Sean Trindall, Mike Little, Geri O, Chris and Jenna Gardiner, Jiri Eischmann, Jiri Kapitan, Tom Vlk (I'd like to buy a vowel Pat) and Tom Miluch and Matt Blades.

YOU SAY IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!!!

MARCH: 1:Jonny Wiener; 3:Jacqueline Maier, Gaby Margolies, Heathyr Haskins; 4:Adam Albert; 5:Rachael Tannen; 6:Stephanie Fishbein, Gaby Lee; 7:Samantha Falchhook, Samantha Leibowitz, Adam Lowell; 8: Jayde Grossman, Andrew Newman, Anca Andone; 10:Brett Spivack; 11:Matt Bernstein, Ilyssa Pastolove, Emma Trokel; 12: Chloe Hirsch, Nicole Kremin; 14:Remy Aronson, Lauren Capelli, Sydney Levy; 15:Grace Lang, Charlie Wyetzner, Samantha Simon; 17:Nate Fishman, Dane Rucker; 18:Blake Axelrod, Josh Lowell; 19:Bari Yorke, Tracy Shapiro; 20:Jake Epstein; 21:Kayla and Shayna Isaacs, Greg Lubin; 22:Matt Bahar, Noah Platte; 23:Amanda Gershowitz; Rachael Cohen, Denis "Biggums" Lovius; 25:Jill Gittleman; 26:Cody Hecht, Jordy Lee, Shaun Spielberger; 27:Keri MacNeil; 28:Rachel Feldman; 31:Jason Unger

APRIL: 1:Eric Shapiro, Jeremy Patten; 2:Matt Labarre; 3:Jordan Krawitz; 4:Shelby Feigenbaum, Sydney Glenn, Jen Kravitz; 5:Julianne Rucker; 6:Jenny Winkler; 7:Tyler Dean; Jeremy Steinman, Tanner Kirby, Martina Novotna; 8:Harry Goldstein, Ivy Levine, Shawn Sampson; 9:Samantha Orringer; 10:Jeff Ebert; 11:Dana Kisberg; 12:Gabby Abramowitz, Sydney Agona; 13: Carly Schwartz, Parker Weber; 14:Oliva Cohen, Dusty Fox, Jiri Kapitan; 15:Joey Levine; 17:Andrew Tepper; 18:Beth Lee; 19:Ali Dulman, Carly Glenn, Rachel Labarre, Karen Campbell; 20: Carl Gold, Dan Rosenthal, Kevin Gobien, Cory Seaman; 21:Logan Kornfeld; 23:Jesse Luftig, Jack Schwartz, Kobe Shwartz; 24: Peri Margolies; 25:Brandon Rosenblum; 26: Samantha Denberg, Kimi Rose, Darren Schweibel; 27: Hannah Levy, Sydney Sachs; 28:Mike Little; 29: Brian Cantor, Ryan Goldberg; 30:Avi Grossman, Samantha Kirsch, Stefanie Lugassy, Jake "NY" Miller



NEW FOR 2007

Lots of new roofs (thanks to mother nature '06); G-6 totally remodeled and expanded; The Gully Hockey Arena gets covered grandstands, team benches, penalty boxes, scorer's table and storage sheds; All new and very heavy duty Glow-In-The-Dark Air Hockey (to go along with our new Senior-Dorm-Club glow in the dark late night evening activities such as G-I-T-D volleyball, soccer, ghost, basketball, bowling, bean bag toss); the newly remodeled, expanded and heating and air-conditioned Infirmary (you just won't recognize it!); Skyview Tennis courts being resurfaced; the return of the 3rd ski boat, our Sea-Doo Bombadier; and more!

CHECKLISTS (Check It Out!!)

CLIP & SAVE!



PARENT CHECKLIST

SHOULD HAVE DONE ALREADY:

- Visiting Day Hotel +/-or Dinner Reservations
- CLOZ uniform and packing list order
- OPTIONS CHECKLIST completed online
- Confirmed and double checked personal data online
(This beats filling out a hard copy application)

COMING SOON:

- Complete/Review/Update MEDICAL FORM (formally referred to as the HEALTH FORM)
- Register MEDS AT CAMP (for vitamins and medications) with WHITE'S HEALTHCARE
- BAGGAGE INFORMATION (March)
- BIG BROTHERS & SISTERS for new campers (late Spring)
- THE PARENT GUIDE (All questions answered) (May)

STAFF CHECKLIST

- **Returned Your Contract**
- Complete the Travel Survey & all other online forms
- Send us a digital picture of yourself
- Review the online checklist

ALUMNI CHECKLIST

- Update your information in the online Alumni Directory
- **PASS THE WORD:** Tell your alumni friends to update their email address?we have a lot of old em that bounce back (probably old school addresses).

CAMPER CHECKLIST

- Do your homework.
- Get psyched for camp!

SENIORS 2007

WINTER SLEEPOVERS

The Winter Senior Sleepovers at the Mansion last month were great!

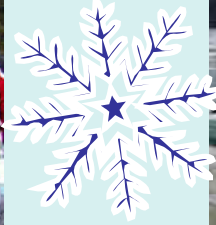
After a balmy start to the New Year (we were actually wearing t-shirts and shorts six days prior to the Girls' sleepover) and no snow to date....we weren't quite sure what to expect.

However, when the girls showed up at camp, the temperature dipped to -9F with windchills biting at -27F!!!! Crazy but true, no solid ice on the lake or snow to throw, the girls roasted s'mores in The Field House and did some great frozen grassy knoll sledding.

The following week the boys encountered seemingly warmer conditions (not by much) and were able to get in a football game on the soccer pitch, a basketball game in the Field House, some icy s'mores in the beach area of Sunset Lake and also some frozen grass sledding!

Both weekends featured the introduction of the new LIVE WHITE ROCK CAM (see article), Mitch's Famous Spaghetti and garlic bread, a late night tour of the Dorm Basement (in search of The Lady Of The White Mist and lots of sleeping bags!

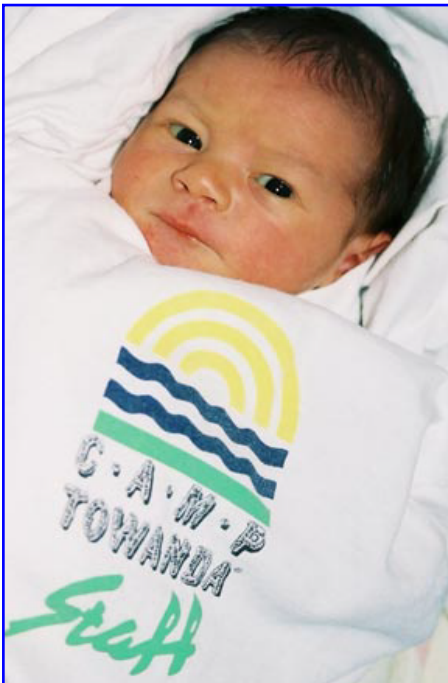
Many thanks to the Dads who helped out.....The Seniors are ready for some HEAVEN IN 2007 now that they have BONDED in 007!



Welcome to the Summer of 2007!

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 until we get to camp! We also have indicated any sibling or 2nd generation connection.

Gabby "LP" Kayton, Robert "NoRzr" Kayton, Casey "K.C." Schwartz, Samantha ""Samer" Rosenberg, Steven "S2" Stack, Lance "Stance" Steiner, Brandi "The Bran" Steiner, Caroline "CF" Flannery and Kevin "Flan" Flannery.



BABY PELTON, (CLAP-CLAP) BABY PELTON, (CLAP-CLAP) IT'S A BOY!

Andrew David Pelton was born Monday, January 22nd, 2007 at 8:37am. He weighed in at 8lbs. 8ozs and was 21.5 inches long.

Mother Lisa and baby are resting well. Big sister Gracie and Daddy Michael Pelton (clap-clap) are also excited about the newest member of the family.

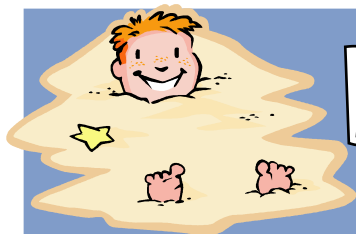
Editor's note: Michael Pelton first started at Camp Towanda in 1991, met his wife here and has risen through the ranks to his present position of Assistant Boys Head Counselor (A-HC). Congratulations to The Peltons!!

ALUMNI NOTICE

Please check the **ALUMNI** section of our website for the latest scrapbook pictures, Olympic memories, reunion info, alumni directory and more!

Next Issue:

- Staff of 2007
- Taxi's 14th year at camp
- Summer Weather Forecast



BOCA BEACH RECAP!

Keeping in the spirit of 2006 and as the last official 2006 event, The Boca Beach Party was the only overcast day of the holiday week. Rain delayed till the very end....and that is it...we are done with the rain....This must true be since there was no precipitation for the 2007 Senior Sleepovers (see that article!).

The Boca Beach Party is always fun. Weather DID NOT MATTER! A great crowd! Featuring volleyball, paddle ball, limited sunscreen, parents, alumni, staff, campers, old & new friends!! It was great to be with:

Darren & Doug Schweibel, Rachael Tannen, Eric Shapiro, Ali Sussman, Henry & Jennie Russnow, Sarah Gomez, Jesse Wolff, Drew Halpern, Adam Krause, Emily Josephson, Meredith Buzin, Aly & Jason Wolpov, Alec, Shelby & Matthew Feigenbaum, Adam Lanel, Jayde & Avi Grossman, Paul Greenfield, Olivia Acker, Brandon & Jared Reiter, Haley & Ilyssa Pastolove, Ben & Olivia Sackler, Matthew Epstein, Carl Gold, Ari & Joey Goret, Dani, Alana & Callie Pines, Corey & Brett "NJ" Singer, Chelsea & Peter Roth, Alexa Birnbaum, Michelle & Lucas Feigenbaum, Ilana Karp, Michael Buzin, Brett Abish, Lexi & Carly Werner, Jake Goldrich, Mikey & Kelsey Austin, David & Lindsay Siegel, Melissa & Lindsey Kaplan, Alex & Jake Neff, Carly Lapidus, Casey Schwartz, Madison Bey, Adam Silverman, Justin Sheinis, Max Dixon, Samantha Frankel, Simone Krame, Bari Abrams, Alex Rolnik, Dan Lemelman, Samantha Kirsch, Jaclyn Frank, Ashley Walsky, Spencer Kirsch, Andrew Bockstein, Elysa & Hannah Zebersky, Mitch & Stephanie Reiter, Mike Little, Dr. Ken Austin and others who forgot to sign in!!



LIVE FROM HONESDALE

Cool website, PodCasts, Chat Rooms and now the LIVE WHITE ROCK CAM!

You can check out camp during daylight hours for a LIVE look at The White Rock and The Board. If you time it right, you might find our Property Manager, Jay Sak, driving by in a Pioneer. Even Taxi and Casper can be spotted from time to time.

If it should snow, watch the White Rock get buried!

We anticipate doing some trial webcasts during the summer at certain times. That information and schedule will be forthcoming. Imagine The Jets and Debs doing a "flyby wave" so their parents can catch a quick glimpse! We are currently researching the possibility of webcasting certain evening activities! Oy, camp gone wild!

REFRESHING NEWS: Just click on the link on "The E-Board". The picture runs live for 10 minutes, then is only refreshed every three seconds, unless you refresh your screen! Ehhh?

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2007 DATES TO REMEMBER

Former Camper Orientation	June 2, 2007
O&A Staff Training	June 5, 2007
Waterfront, Media & Office Staff	June 9, 2007
Group Leaders, Medical & Art/Crafts Staff	June 11, 2007
Support Staff Arrival	June 13, 2007
All Staff Orientation Starts	June 16, 2007
Flying Camper Arrival	June 22, 2007
First Day Of Camp	June 23, 2007
Visiting Day & Sibling Sleepover	July 21, 2007
Last Day of Camp	August 10, 2007
Labor Day Family Weekend	August 31-Sept. 3, 2007

