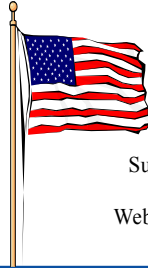


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"Welcome to Camp!"

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Dear Parents,

We are very excited that you are at camp today!! It should come as no surprise that we have been having an incredibly awesome summer! The weather has been great (phew) and we are expecting a beautiful day today, just what we ordered!



Your campers have been going to activities, playing incredibly in inter camp games, enjoying very entertaining evening activities, special events and just overall loving camp!



The best is yet to come....This evening is the Staff Entertainment Show (and that ever crazy Sibling Sleepover); tomorrow the Court Jesters Basketball Team takes on our staff; Monday is Casino Night (You can BET that is fun with Towandough!) and later this week we have Backwards Day, The Counselor Hunt and Goldrush. Then Seniors are off to Montreal, the Dorm/Club will be in Boston, the LITs will be at Niagara Falls and the Inters will be visiting the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown!



And "maybe" coming soon....perhaps, even Olympics?!?!?  
Enjoy your day, walk around camp, feel proud and don't forget your sunscreen!!!!



Have a great day here at Camp Towanda,  
your child's summer home.

Warm Regards,

*Mitch & Stephanie*

Mitch and Stephanie

## IN THIS ISSUE

Camp highlights so far, Today's Schedule,  
and everything you need to know about  
Visiting Day 2007!

# Girls' Sing!



Girls' Sing is one of the most important nights at camp for Girls Camp. Endless hours of writing, painting scenery and rehearsing go into the event. This year's Sing was incredible! The girls brought their best and everyone did an amazing job. The themes were truly creative from the Debuties and Dillinquents to the Seniors on the Vegas Strip. The boys couldn't help but be impressed with the cheers and marches. It was an exceptionally close race but the Inters and Nationals came out on top with their video game theme!



The camp was then brought to tears by the touching words presented by the Dorm girls about their experience throughout the years at Camp Towanda. Congratulations to everyone involved!!

## dippin' dots!

No one can refuse Dippin' Dots, especially not the kids at Camp Towanda! There were smiles all around as campers cooled off with one of the many flavors of the futuristic ice cream. One of the only times camp gets quiet is when everyone's mouth is filled with delicious ice cream!!



## More Towanda talent!

*play on,  
Jason Unger,  
play on!*



Near the beginning of camp, everyone got to experience the talents of Lower Camp. This time it was Upper Camp's turn to show off their skills! The amphitheater was packed with cheering campers as musicians played the piano, the trumpet, the guitar and even sang at the same time! Other talented campers juggled, rapped and even burped the alphabet! The hosts did an excellent job of entertaining the crowd in between acts as well! No one can doubt if Towanda's got talent, because we've all seen the proof!

**Don't forget to check out  
+the new infirmary!+**

## The Hypnotist



Listen very carefully! You are now hypnotized! The counselors couldn't help but get swept away by Brad the Hypnotist when he came to Camp Towanda! The crowd laughed endlessly as hypnotized counselors cried, screamed, laughed and even did the tango! They may not remember it all but we definitely will!



## Oklahoma!

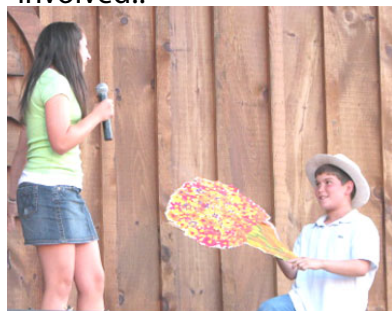
Oh, what a beautiful morning!! The mid-dies, tweens and juniors entertained camp with their production of Oklahoma!. Curly and Laurie, played by Jared Gaynes and Lauren Capelli, discovered they loved each other as the crowd danced and sang about the farmer and the cowman. Ado Annie and Will Parker, played by Annie Rishty and Tyler Bolog also found love, despite the peddler man, Ali Hakim, played by Darren Schweibler, coming to town. There was love songs and hilarious moments and plenty of singing and dancing! Cheers, to everyone involved!!

## DRAMA! DRAMA! DRAMA!



## Annie

It's a hard knock life, but not if you spend your summer at Camp Towanda! The Jets, Cadets, Dillies and Debs wowed the audience with their rendition of Annie. When Annie, played by Kimi Rose, gets away from Miss Hannigan's (Emily Sacks) orphanage and goes in search of her family with the help of Mr. Warbucks (Ben Sackler), there is no telling what kind of trouble she'll get into, especially with all those orphans around! Everyone did an excellent job and the audience couldn't help but sing along to crowd favorites like 'Tomorrow' and of course 'Hard Knock Life'!



## And the votes are in...



It was a heated political atmosphere as Electionality took over Camp! Every bunk came as a different state, but here at Camp Towanda we are creative enough to come up with our own state names like, the State of Sports, and the State of the Art! All of the candidates did an excellent job campaigning with speeches at meals and conga lines around the mess hall! Congratulations to Eric 'Shappy' Shapiro and Callie Pines, this years Camp Presidents!

## A Presidential Address



Your Presidents.

Callie Pines and Eric 'Shappy' Shapiro.

Hello, and welcome to Camp Towanda on this fine visiting day for the summer of 2007. As the newly elected presidents, we invite you to enjoy the next few hours with your children, whom you've undoubtedly been missing terribly over the last month. We look forward to enjoying the afternoon with the families of our constituents as you experience an exciting, albeit typical, day in the camp lives of your sons and daughters. We invite you to enjoy meeting the staff, eating the food and participating in the activities that have profoundly defined the amazing summer of 2007!

## SQUARE DANCING!



It was all about a little bit of country as Square Dancing with Cliff Brodeur took over camp! The field house became our very own barn and everyone dressed the part in straw hats, cowboy boots and bandanas! Everyone got into the square groove from the youngest Jets, most of whom had never danced that way before, to the oldest campers who have enjoyed it for a few years now. It wasn't all country though! There was a little bit of the YMCA and a couple of others thrown in there just for extra fun! It hasn't taken long for Square Dancing to become a camp favorite!

## Morry's Camp Swim-a-Thon!

Every year at Camp Towanda, we like to take the time to give back. The opportunity to come to camp is something we are all very privileged to experience. We are also very aware that there are a lot of children who are not able to access the same opportunities as we are. Many inner city children would never have the opportunity to go to camp and experience the care-free environment that camp provides if it weren't for a place called Morry's Camp. Morry's camp is a charity for underprivileged children and at Camp Towanda, we are proud to support Morry's dream. In order to raise money for Morry's Camp, the campers participate in an annual Swim-a-thon. Campers have been hard at work swimming laps and we are asking you as parents to support your child's effort with a suggested donation of 1\$ for every lap. Mitch and Stephanie will then match the donations dollar for dollar. Keep up the great work campers, and parents, please offer your support!



## INSPECTION PERFECTION!

Perhaps the biggest challenge at camp isn't the climbing wall, or swimming the lake, but is in fact keeping the bunks clean! Every day the bunks are inspected to see how good a job the campers are doing of keeping their belongings organized and the floors swept! At the end of the week Inspection Perfection is awarded to the highest scoring bunk and this week's winners were Girls Bunks 4 and 11, Boys Bunk 14 and the Club, believe it or not! Congratulations to all of the bunks who have been awarded Inspection perfection and keep on cleaning!



## Sno-Cones!!

AVAILABLE ON THE  
INFIRMARY LAWN  
FROM NOON - 3PM

## ATTENTION GUESTS

- Only socks and sneakers are permitted today. -NO sandals, heels, ect. IF IT GOES BETWEEN THE TOES THE ANSWER IS NO!
- NO glass, NO smoking, NO gum, NO pets.
- Spectators must stay behind fences, and out of the play area.
- Be aware that there are inherent risks while at camp, such as rocks, branches, doors, windows, ect.
- If you are here today, you take on all responsibility for your own safety.
- Our apologies for such strict policies but now we can assume that you will recognize your personal responsibility in regard to safety.

## ATTENTION! SIBLING SLEEPOVER TONIGHT!

If your child is participating in tonight's Sibling Sleepover, please make sure you come to the Check-In Desk on the Dining Hall porch at lunchtime (or inside if it's raining)!

Pick up tomorrow is between 8:45-9:00 am in the Grove (by the main entrance), where you'll be greeted with coffee and a Danish, and some very happy campers!



**PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE:  
THERE'S COFFEE  
AVAILABLE FOR YOU  
ALL DAY IN THE  
DINING HALL!**



**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE CAMP WITH  
CAMPER. THANK YOU!**

**PLEASE NO GUM  
CHEWING ON CAMP!!!**

**Absolutely NO  
SMOKING!!!!**



**Camp Towanda  
2008 Reminder!**  
Parents - if you haven't yet reserved space for next summer, please stop by the office before 3 pm today to leave your fully refundable deposit.



### MONEY IN THE BANK

If you are leaving "cash", please bring it to the BANK WINDOW at the office.  
(located opposite the infirmary)

Parents of Debs, Dillies Jets and Cadets,  
For a smoother farewell,  
please say your goodbyes  
at your child's bunk.



## POOL OPEN TO ALL VISITORS!



Please provide your own towels!  
Thank you!



## Guest Bathrooms

Located in:

- The Gazebo (next to the office)
- The Outpost (center doors)
- The Mess Hall (inside, center)
- Maintenance (look for the moon)
- The Waterfront (on girls' path)
- The Field House (in White Rock Cafe)



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**July 20:** Lenka Frolova, Lisa Montanaro,  
Javier Pariente, Olivia Sackley  
**July 21:** Susan Hecht, Adam Krause,  
Shawn Riedinger, Emily Russell,  
Carly Werner  
**July 22:** Julia Bernstein, Meredith Buzin  
**July 23:** Mikey Austin, Fallon Roher  
**July 24:** Carlos Frasquier, Maggie Robinson,  
Max Meyer  
**July 25:** Nicole Salm  
**July 26:** Jen Pestell, Courtney Ferszt, "Z"  
**July 27:** Olivia Marcus, Adam Sharaf,  
Michael Bramley  
**July 28:** Marlena Kubica  
**July 30:** Justyna Kotlarczyk, Samantha Sheeley,  
Jordyn Salm,  
**July 31:** Janique Melanson, Jazzy Bensky,  
Amanda Goldwasser

# VISITING DAY SCHEDULE 2007!!

Our Limo Drivers, Cathy and John, will drive those in need around.  
Access is limited to specific age groups and those with limited mobility.

<b>10:00</b>	Presidents Eric Shapiro and Callie Pines lead the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony (Charge of the Light Brigade)	<b>2:05</b>	Oklahoma! highlights
		<b>2:20</b>	Debs an Dillies Sing highlights
		<b>2:30</b>	Annie highlights
<b>10:10</b>	Meet counselors at bunks	<b>2:00</b>	Parent/camper knockout tournament Main basketball court
<b>10:45</b>	Flagpole welcome and photo opportunity with Mitch and Stephanie	<b>2:00</b>	Parent/cam[er] knock out tournament on Main Basketball court
<b>11:00 - 12:00</b>	Lower Camp Buffet Lunch. Basketball knockout on Main Court. Pick up games at Volleyball, Softball and Soccer (at the respective fields).	<b>2:00 - 3:00</b>	Roller hockey available at both rinks.
		<b>2:15</b>	Jets/Cadets Ghost
<b>11:30</b>	2nd and 3rd generation photo at the Apple Tree by the flagpole	<b>3:30</b>	Annoying music starts ( <i>In-a-gadda-da-vida</i> ) Say your goodbyes
<b>12:00</b>	Upper Camp Buffet Lunch Middies Ghost	<b>3:55</b>	Retreat of the Light Brigade
<b>1:00</b>	<b>Junior Boys vs. Junior Girls</b> Ghost. Knockout on main basketball court. Pick up games at Volleyball, Softball and Soccer (at the respective fields)	<b>4:00</b>	Sibling sleepover begins
		<b>4:30</b>	General Swim
<b>1:30</b>	Dorm Sing highlights	<b>6:00</b>	Dinner
<b>1:35</b>	Senior Sing highlights	<b>7:00</b>	Free Play
<b>1:45</b>	West Side Story highlights	<b>8:00</b>	Staff Show
<b>1:55</b>	Nats and Inters Sing highlights		
<b>2:00</b>	Juniors and Tweens highlights		

Show/Sing highlights will be shown in the Amphitheater!

## Other Activities Open Today

**Basketball In The Fieldhouse**  
Open to all, all day long!

**Batting Cages**  
Open to all. 11:00 to 12:00,  
and 1:00 to 2:00.

**Zip Line**  
Open to kids.  
10:30 to 12:00, and 12:30 to 3:00.

## Tennis

Open all day. Please sign up at The Board. Limited to 30 minutes court time!

## Pool And Lake

Open to all, but visitors must provide their own towels. All parents may swim in the pool, go in boats or use beach area. Sorry, No Lake swimming for non-campers.

**Sibling Sleepover Pickup is  
tomorrow from 8:45-9:00AM  
in the Grove area**