Okay you young RASCALS, It’s a beautiful morning, people got to be free and we are ready for some good lovin’! How can I be sure?

Well, Finally! You can really start to feel that camp is getting closer; Finally, all the pieces are coming together (program, staff, campers, packing, lots of emails and mailings from the camp office, butterflies in the stomach, excitement in the air, etc)!

And when you get to camp, you can expect some great Classic Rock music to calm and relax you in addition to all the activities, events, programming, friends, fun and healthy challenges you will experience. YOUR CAMP Towanda FAMILY AWAITS YOU…And so does all this….

Staff Welcome Show, Opening Campfire, Tours and dessert with your Big Brother or Sister, The Towanda Open, Our Unique Entertainment Game Show, Secret Pals, The Dorm’s HorseRacing, Fruit, Pretzels and Fusion Water, Banana Splits, Steve Max’s Simon Sez, Culinary Classes, Nathaniel’s Nature Walks, Dorm, Club & Seniors’ Canoe trips, SCUBA class, 5 Year Club Trip to Binghamton Mets, group BBQs lakeside, s’mores & campfires, Porch Breakfast, Friday Night Flix, Dave Mathews Band at Bethel Woods, DIP N Dots, Magic Classes, Square Dancin’, Luau, 5th of July celebrations, Guinness Record Breaking (Leap Frog), Campa-Pa-Looza, High School Musical, Talent Show, plus regular daily group activities of all land and water sports, plus arts & crafts, outdoor adventure, options, inter-camp games, team practices, more Friday Nite Flix and awesome special events. And, of course, a few surprises…and get this…that’s only the first 10 days at camp!

So from the Debs and Jets, to The Dorm and Club; rest up, get ready, get psyched, because in just about one month we will all be together for the best, the most amazing, nurturing, feel good, rewarding, make new friends, have loads of laughs, try new things and be one giant family, kind of summer!

Get ready to enter the Summer of 2013, you can BET it will be LUCKY!

We will see you SOON in JUNE…..Let’s Rock and Roll!
There is truth to the rumor that Mitch is in negotiations for the sequel to *WET HOT AMERICAN SUMMER* to be filmed once again at Camp Towanda!; some of you may recall that although not proud of the content, it was kind of fun to host and be THE location for 2 months back in 2001 for the cast and crew (David Hyde Pierce, Amy Poehler, Paul Rudd, Bradley Cooper, Elizabeth Banks, Janeane Garofalo, Chris Meloni, Molly Shannon and many more); probably not before 2014, but we’ll keep you posted in case they need extras (OMG!!!)...and in other camp related news: Rebecca Solomon just received her Masters in Speech Pathology...Jill Gittleman with bittersweet news that she can’t return this summer because she has been accepted into a prestigious NYC dance program, but definitely plans on visiting a lot!...And Medium Spiz Ali Spiesman is working in the TV Department of the Creative Artists Agency (CAA) in NYC; although really excited, Medium Spiz will be back at camp most weekends!...Penny Levy Scheffling is a teacher in the same school as Alex & Rayna Silver...Samantha Berkule is Jomel Dela Cruz’s Aunt’s professor!!!...Meanwhile, Sam’s brother, “Perdue” Berkule, lives in Seattle and works for Amazon.com...Rachel “Not Jessica” Heimler, while volunteering for an afterschool program at the Guggenheim Museum in NYC saw Adam Kamp (one of the Top 10 Camp Names; just sayin’!)...meanwhile, Andi Broffman ran into Emily Niesenbaum on the streets of NYC...Casey Goldman, Dorm 2001, plans to visit this summer (Don’t forget our Alumni BBQ on July 21st at Camp!)... Congratulations to our very own Mark “Z” Zides, after 31 years in ECAC as a Division 1,2, & 3 Football Official, Z was awarded the “Red” Hill Award (see Pix)....Samantha Orringer, Dorm 2003, lives in Chicago, was at the Bulls/Bucks game where Steve Max did the halftime Simon Sez Show, she ran up to him for a reminiscing camp moment (Steve will be back at camp this summer)...Kelly Dean (2006) remembers her time at Towanda with great fondness, even more so as a mom of 2 little girls in New Zealand...Diego Roldán (2003-04) from Mexico recalls great times and great people, too...and Mark Chapman (1984) from UK sends his warm regards...Matt Sobel lives in Texas working for DreamSeat...Team Salty” walked to honor the memory of Richie Salt (club1968). It was a special day and a very meaningful experience. The Towanda family was well represented by: Mitch Ashley (cl 1980), Spiz (cl 1972), Judgie Neil (cl 1972), Phyllis Hyman Miller (d 1965), Gary Metzger (cl 1967), Richie Bolog (cl 1978), Emma Bolog (dorm to be), Rob Wexler (cl 1975), Dorene Hyman Schott (d 1967), Netta Rosenblatt (d 1969), Jim Metzger (cl 1969), Steven Molino (?), and Michael Groll (cl 1969). Not pictured but also present were Jenna Molino (d 2002) and David “Tush” Seitzman (cl 1980)....we are all getting set for a great summer; those of you not at camp, can follow the happenings on our BLOG, INSTAGRAM and the newly revamped and device friendly WEBSITE!
• Additional waterslide at Lake
• Catamaran #2
• Remodeled and expanded culinary kitchen (again)
• Acquired adjacent 45 acres next to golf (more bike/hiking trails to be added)
• Outdoor life size Chess area
• Expanded and improved outdoor Ping-Pong and Outdoor Foosball Area
• The New Lego Room
• Elements added to Fitness Equipment (inside and outside).
• Expanded rock walls by main and staff entrances
• The old VW Bus as a Planter!
• The LIT Book Club
• Dorm Porch remodeled
• Service entrance repaved
• 2 monster Lawn Tractors
• Additional lakeside park benches
• A vale of Pine and Birch Trees added to Amphitheater!
• No more exposed tree roots in Grove
• Phase I of anti-varmint Garbage cans
• More S’More Tour Days
• More Staff Nights Off Organized Activities
• Significant hedge trimming at flagpole & girls ‘campus (Over 2.5 feet cut!!)
• Rabbits, chickens, and pigs join our Farm Project friends, the miniature Horse (“Around”) and miniature Donkey (“Don Quixote”)
• Tie dye shirt becomes officially part of uniform
• New Storage closet for the Gymnastics Pavilion
• Bathroom remodeling at G-9, G-11 and B-12 ½.
• Awesome logo backstroke flags
• Hot Dog Cart!
• Final 4 Bracket Plaque
• KMP CULTURAL EXCHANGE INVITE PROGRAM
• Bike Path improvements
• New Trail Markers
• Platform Friendly Website
• Pool Vacuum Robot
Coming Soon: iPhone App revamped!…and more!

THE FINAL 4 Experience

When Brandon Reiter decided to go to his Dad’s alma mater to major in business, Mitch said to him, “When SYRACUSE Make It Back To The Final 4, We’ll GO”! Now, who knew it was going to be so soon thereafter, during his freshman year! But, keeping his word, these two Orangemen met in Atlanta for quite a special experience.

The spirit was very “camp-esque”. Everyone was happy, friendly, in good spirits, feeling great and hospitable! Excitement was everywhere! The best part was that we ran into many Towanda-ers; parents, staff, alumni, campers and friends of camp! Towanda had fans for 3 of the 4 teams! Despite those 3 teams all coming up a bit short, it was still fun and everyone seemed to be proud of their schools for achieving this accomplishment; after all, it is not an easy road to The Final 4!

You can rest assure that Kit-Kats will be in full stock for our annual special evening line-up at the flagpole (This is another great camp tradition, when those sporting official Syracuse gear on college theme night, get the Kit-Kat)! And congratulations to our first ever “All Camp March Madness Bracket Challenge” winner, Aidan Neidoff (2nd year, Middie). His prize, a Camp Towanda logo’d basketball signed by the Senior Staff and his name on a new plaque in The Canteen! Our thanks to Jared Reiter for putting this fun, off-season event together!
Bringing together people from all over the world is a big part of what makes life at Camp Towanda so special. We are so diversified that once you pass through our camp, even if it is just for one summer, you bring a part of Towanda with you no matter where you go.

This summer, we have people from camp from over 25 States and 17 Countries!

One can travel around the world and probably meet or know someone from Camp Towanda anywhere they go.

It happens all the time! This year’s STAFF is no different; we have travelled around the country and around the world, catching up, meeting, preparing and hiring the greatest folks to make the Camp Towanda Family 2013 THE BEST EVER!

In addition to our many seasoned returnees; which is made up of Senior Staff, Department Heads, Specialists, General Counselors, Former Campers and Support Staff, we are very excited to WELCOME a great group of first-timers….who will only be new for about 5 minutes!

These are the people who will make this summer the best:

Welcome to our first year staff

USA: ALABAMA: Elizaveta Senenkova CALIFORNIA: Morgan Kinyon, Trevor Martin, Lili Miller COLORADO: Danny Trongale

FLORIDA: Carlie Andrews, Chase Bachman, Shari Crone, Camilio Diaz, Darryl Diaz-Camilo, Marlo Dickens, Thomas Doredant, Elie Emile, Kelsey Euler, Susan Euler, Danielle Fennimore, Kelsey Giamarino, Mara Maklan, Brett Rabinovich, Agustin Rigotti, Melissa Romero, Dennis Wechter

GEORGIA: Amy Stearns, Alaine Sparks

HAWAII: Grace Duldulao-Conde

ILLINOIS: Jaclyn Eidukas

INDIANA: Caylay Bowling

KANSAS: Josh Ginther, Chad Osterman, Garrett Salem, Tyson Schroeder

MARYLAND: Lauren Driscoll

MICHIGAN: Michelle Clipfell

MISSOURI: Andrew Baker

NORTH CAROLINA: Jeffery Borthers, Sarah Moore

NEBRASKA: Hayley Pilcher

NEW JERSEY: Danielle Basirico, Jason Charney, Auriel Dickey, Brandon Doughty, Mercedes Evans, Sam Popkin, Kyle Solomon

NEW YORK: Ty Abel, Stephanie Bradshaw, Nikki Clark, Justin Contestabile, Ashley Dubai, Stephanie Heid, Polina Koumjdiev, Michel Lewis, Lizbeth Lorenzo, Rachel McClain, Shamus O’Connor, Chalsie Rivet, Jennie Robinson, Nicholas Turi

OHIO: Frank Riffe

PENNSYLVANIA: Cecilia Blue, Kristy Bryan, Rebecca Drumheller, Vanessa Eldridge, Marissa Fischer, Daniel Green, James Mayeski, Mark Onorato, Joseph Poerio, Rebecca Rind, Mallory Rodich, Mickalena Rulis, Brenda Sinkovich, Chris Tomczyck, Jeff Tomczyck

TEXAS: Hope Cuddeback, Rachel Glover, Teri Griffiths, Paula Woodruff

VIRGINIA: Daniel Morse, William Parker

WISCONSIN: Mallory Bahr, Haley Olson

AUSTRALIA: Casey Hodges, Jonathan King, Angelo Salamon, Dane Cummins, Kourtne Hicks, Simone Jones, Nicholas Buckley, Rebecca Clark, Charlotte Fisher, Kaitlyn Ross-Jackson

CANADA: Grace Hicks, Corbyn Gallagher

CZECH REPUBLIC: Petr Dvorak, Gabriela Junkova, Jiri Parduba, Sarka Filipova, Petr Blazek, Martina Janosikova, Michal Kopal, Lucie Ledererova, Josef Misak, Pavlina Pilatova, Jan Pokorny, Andrea Sustrova, Ondrej Vlach

DENMARK: Nicole Kretschmer

ENGLAND: Daniel Morse, William Parker

FRANCE: Ildiko Boros, Bence Czanik, Marcell Demeter, Szilveszter Ince, Adel Lovas, Bettina Martus, Reka Nashnoush, Marietta Strehu, Peter Szakonyi, Viven Varsas, Istvan Szabo, Cecilia Cserepes, Akos Ujfalusi, Balint Gladysz, Viktoria Major

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MEXICO: Raul Juarez

NETHERLANDS: Yoni Van’t Zand

NEW ZEALAND: Reuben Cossey

POLAND: Mateusz Ludwisiak, Martin Ismail

SPAIN: Daniel Gil

Serrano, Luis Nieto, Jorge Ramirez, Ana Toboada, Carlos Tejedor, Sergio Icardo

WE WELCOME BACK OVER 150 RETURNING STAFF!!!!

RETURNING FOR THEIR 2ND YEAR: Linda Anderson, Cat Beaudette, Sam Bell, Emma Belton, Norbert Bencsk, Julian Bernal, Peter Bodo, Vendula Cernovicka, Sean “UK” Clarke, Ash Corah, Thomas Dagnall, Jen Damasco, Mo Evans, Dr. David Gallinson, Jacob Hacker, Isaac Hall, Thomas Holland, Chloe Housden, Kinga Houszka, Marquis Ingram, Pavel Kalkus, Petra Kasparova, Antonin Kremlacek, Coach Dave Krug, Fiona Laird, Meredith Lanier, Juan Larraz, Barbora Lipenska, Daniel Marrugo, Dr. Mark Merlin, Daniel Moran, Lucia Olmedo Salcedo, Mathew Parry, Tana Pracharova, Andres Restrepo, Dr. Irene Rosen-Rowan, Terry & Howie Schrager, Barb Shields, Liz Slupinski, Tris Stafford, Josh Stapleton, Lenka Trcalkova, Pavel Tvrdy, Chef Paulette Viana and Javier Zarate!


RETURNING FOR THEIR 4TH YEAR: Dr. Jeff Abrams, Joaquin Arribas-Duro, Stephanie Filmore, Marcell Jozsa, “Cheeks” Melanson, “Tex” Mitchiner, Mike the Plumber, Tomas Rais, Alejandra Rodriguez, Regina Schwartz, Sean Smith and Julius Sokol!

JOINING THE 5 YEAR CLUB: Dr. Staci Berke-Pollack, Lynn Dula, Jay Fray, Dr. Jarrod Frydman, Lenka Kremlackova, Dr. Sharon Mass-Keller and Randy Silverberg!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR “OLD TIMER” VETERANS: 6: Tyler Dean, Tina Hechler, Daron Jones 7: Laura “CML” Goldwasser, Brittany Gault, Erica “Media” Gulliver, Alivia Ling, Adam Sharaf, Angel Vilchez

There’s More!...
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

If you have visited our website recently, you know it is up-to-date, state-of-the-art, device-friendly and very-cool! Well, it is about to get cooler! Besides summertime updates, we will be featuring “Alumni Spotlights” in our “Where are they now” CAMPAIGN! Alumni are also encouraged to join our LinkedIn Camp Towanda Network, too. So subscribe to The CT BLOG and send us the following information to media@camptowanda.com (please include a “Then” and “Now” photo of yourself)!

1. Name (include maiden):
2. Dorm / Club Year:
3. College Attended?
4. Current Career:
5. Did Towanda help prepare you for the “real world”? In what way?
6. What was your favorite camp activity?
7. What is your most memorable moment at camp?
8. Give us a line or two of your favorite camp song.
9. What words of wisdom would you share with today’s campers?
10. Fill in the blank: When I think of __________, see __________, watch __________, hear __________ or eat __________, I think of Camp Towanda!
11. If you could ADD a rule for GHOST, what would it be? Or if you are from the Pre-GHOST, if you could ADD an event to The Great Apache Relay, what would it be (or both)?

ANNUAL ALUMNI BBQ

The tradition continues.
SUNDAY July 21, 2012
11:00am - 3:00pm Lunch BBQ at Camp.
RSVP by June 15
Come Celebrate with Us!

All alumni visiting is restricted to those age 21 or older. Those who are able to contribute to Olympics with Judgie and referee credentials are invited to inquire about availability.

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Rebecca Berkman, Lauren Eckstein-Forman, Jenna Dean, Brooke Hornstein, Sam Perel, Nicole Salm
Sage Berger, Paul Greenfield, Sam Kaplan, Shirley Kille, Kevin Sacks and Melissa Welger!

JOINING THE 10 YEAR CLUB: Chandler Bolog, Brett Blee, Josh Fleishman, Margo Fleishman, Melissa Ilgner, Alex Kornfeld, Hayley Trichon and Jillian Weintraub!

AND BEYOND: Kelsey Austin, Sydney “NY” Axelrod, Eliza Davis, Karen Gormley, Rachel Holtz, Jamie Levine, Marbles
Ryan Goldberg, Brian Klasner
Amanda Levine, Steph Simon, Mollie “Lil Spiz” Spiesman
Robert Edwards, Lisa Pelton
Chef Jonsey
Mark “Z” Zides
Amy Miller, Brandon Reiter
Matt Miller, Michael Pelton
Jared Reiter, Mitch Reiter, Stephanie Reiter
Michael “Spiz” Spiesman
Bob Miller

AND INTRODUCING OUR CITs (by year): Zac Gelfand
Sam Davidovich, Jake “SR” Levy, Noah Platte, Fallon Roher, Jonny “POI” Wiener
VISIONWALK
A CURE IS IN SIGHT

Many of our campers, featuring LITs, CITs, DORM, CLUB, as well as staff, alumni, parents and friends of camp participated in the Foundation Fighting Blindness’ annual VisionWalk in Central Park, NYC.

It was a glorious early spring morning that provided the opportunity for us to get excited about camp and support a great cause.

Mitch is a National Trustee for the FFB, as well as a Board Member for SCOPE and a few other organizations, that are part of our Community Service, Philanthropic and Giving Back awareness that we demonstrate and teach our campers about.

Stephanie’s ARTicle

Besides being a Director, Mom to all, Jax Champion, consultant, advisor and the Chief Calm In The Middle Of Any Storm Consultant, Stephanie is a very talented Artist; Accomplished in painting, sculpture, water color, collage and clay!

Stephanie’s FINE ART EXPERIENCE optional art classes this summer will focus on Henri Matisse; past years’ focus included: Henri Moore, Georgia O’Keefe and Picasso.

Although her work and influence is seen all around camp, she is proud, honored and after working very hard towards this goal; several of her “plein-air” paintings are showcased this summer at The Dragonfly Gallery in Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts on Martha’s Vineyard.

In addition, 10% of the proceeds from this show will go to SCOPE (See related article). Hopefully, many vacationers will be able to stop by (at least, we know the Club/Dorm on their trip this summer will have the chance)!

Congratulations, Stephanie Reiter!

The recent Annual SCOPE BENEFIT DINNER held at NYC’s Marriot Marquis’ Grand Ballroom was another success. Once again, emceed by Mitch, the event was attended by many in the camping industry.

The SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES PROMOTE EDUCATION (hence, SCOPE!) organization provides the summer camp experience to underprivileged children while helping them do well in school.

Towanda exemplified support and volunteering from senior staff, parents, alumni, LITs & CITs.

Thank you to all that volunteered, donated, placed journal ads and/or attended.
PARENT CHECKLIST

- Check the blog and Pinterest for helpful tips from Stephanie and others.
- Join the LinkedIn “Camp Towanda Network”
- Contacted CampMeds if necessary.
- Inspect head for No Lice!
- Be familiar with CampMinder email procedures.
- Expect a phone/text/email broadcast test by June 10.
- Check The Blog and Pinterest for helpful tips from Stephanie and others.
- Practice saying good-bye.
- You will receive Baggage Shipping “Tags” by June 10.
- Read The Parent Guides.
- Confirm travel plans with Camp office.
- Online Medical form & emergency contact information accurate and updated.
- Online Medical Form and all health forms.
- Tax forms.
- Name Tags on everything!
- Contacted CampMeds if necessary.
- Read The Staff & Parent Guides.

LEGOS MANIA

Now that The Lego Room has grown from The Mansion Tower to its own life size walk in room, we expect many Lego Lunatics joining Jared Reiter with his Love O’ Lego! We Are Still Accepting Donations!

Our thanks to those that have donated their home supply of Legos so far: Sam Schneider, Gubner, JJ Gary, Matt Gutkin and of course, Jared Reiter!

The Charter members of The Lego Lunatics also include: Jordan Finkle, Jack Borochov, Jack Gerber and Judson Levi

(Apparently the bylaws state that your first name needs to begin with a “J”?!?)

Side Note: Jared is preparing an art project that needs license plates; if you have any unregistered/ expired license plates, please send or bring to camp.

STAFF CHECKLIST

- Confirm travel plans with Camp office.
- Online Medical Form and all health forms.
- Tax forms.
- Name Tags on everything!
- Contacted CampMeds if necessary.
- Read The Staff & Parent Guides.

Go To CAMPMINDER

Now! Now!
Dear Camp Towanda Campers,

I am so excited for camp to start! I will see you at flagpole line up the first night. We are going to have the greatest summer!

Your friend,

Casper “The Camp Dog”

p.s. when you see me, be sure to say “Hi Casper!”