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SPECIAL EDITION

The Towanda Times

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Special Events Issue!

Check out this special edition of *The Towanda Times* for all your reunion info! Can't wait to see you and many of the *Camp Towanda* Family at the NY/NJ reunion at Lucky Strike, the Florida Beach Party in December, on the slopes of Elk Mountain in January and so much more! Keep reading for all your reunion details!

Also, **We've Moved**! Details in this special issue of *The Towanda Times*!

NEXT ISSUE:

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-What's New!
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-What we hear from the Mansion Porch!
-Summer Reflections

FALL BBQ REVIEW

The Fall BBQ has become the unofficial kick-off of the next summer! In fact, it almost felt like summer! Once again, this year's Fall BBQ for New Campers and Their Families was GREAT! The burning campfire, the newly seeded lawns, the projects in process, the charcoal grill and the huge crowd of new campers and their families along with THE DORM GIRLS of 2016, all added up to create a warm welcome for many of our new campers!

The New Camper Fall BBQ was happy, fun, relaxing, comforting and awesome! It was fantastic to see everyone, get to know each other a little better, and feel good that *Camp Towanda* is now their new summer home!

Thanks to all of our counselors, campers, maintenance crew and alumni that were able to be part of making this a great day! Next stop: Welcome of new campers (with nicknames in the next *Towanda Times*) and then we are off to Group Scoop in January!

Parent Reality Night

Mitch and Stephanie will host this evening with Bob Ditter, our consulting child behavioral specialist and staff trainer.

At The DoubleTree in Fort Lee (same location as Group Scoop)

Wednesday February 3, 2016
7:30 -8:45 PM

This is an extraordinary opportunity to speak with Bob Ditter. He is the nationally renown, recognized and revered camp industry child behavioral and staff training consultant. *Camp Towanda* is one of a handful of camps that Bob works extremely close with. Although aimed primarily to our first year parents, we welcome all *Camp Towanda* parents to this special evening.

Please RSVP by January 25, 2016 to
matt@camptowanda.com

**If you are unable to attend The Book Club or Parent Reality Night, we will record and distribute as a podcast.*

CAMP CONTINENT

Check out this amazing *Camp Towanda* themed school project by Dylan Schwartz! Camp has become its own continent! Have you create a camp theme'd project!? Send it our way and we'll include it in the next TT!

The project was to create your own continent and learn a ton of geography terms while doing so. Here is a map of Camp Continent, with the following highlights:

White Rock Mountain
Archipelago of Bunks
Olympics Ocean
Zip line Canal
Dorm Delta
Taps Tributary
Breakout Bay
Girls HC Island
Sticker trading Sea
Counselor Canyon
Lazy Day Lake
Canteen Cape
American Pie Plateau

WHAT'S APP?

If you haven't downloaded our app, now is the time! Get your birthday message! Play *Mitch's Backwards Shot Challenge* in Free Play! And stay up to date with all things Towanda!
Send us your backwards shot high score for a chance to win!

WANT TO FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM?

As you may know our @camptowanda Instagram account is "private" (for Towandaers only). We only accept accounts that we recognize. If we haven't accepted your request to follow, please send an email to *jared@camptowanda.com* with your Instagram username.

HMMM...THAT'S PINTERESTING!

Are you following us on Pinterest? Get camp inspiration, recipes from The Farm, Great Parenting articles and book recommendations (including Mitch & Stephanie's HuffPost blog), ideas how to be more Social Media Smart and more!

DJ MITCH REITER

Do you miss the sounds of camp? Follow Mitch Reiter on Spotify! Friday Nite Flix mixes, During the Day Tunes, Burning of the Numbers songs and more. It should help you get thru the next 8 months! All CT music mixes are also coming to our app in November (but you need to have Spotify). Spotify is now free to download on your mobile device.

HUFF POST M&S BLOG

Did you know Mitch and Stephanie are HuffPost Bloggers!? Check it out!

SHOW YOUR TOWANDA PRIDE!

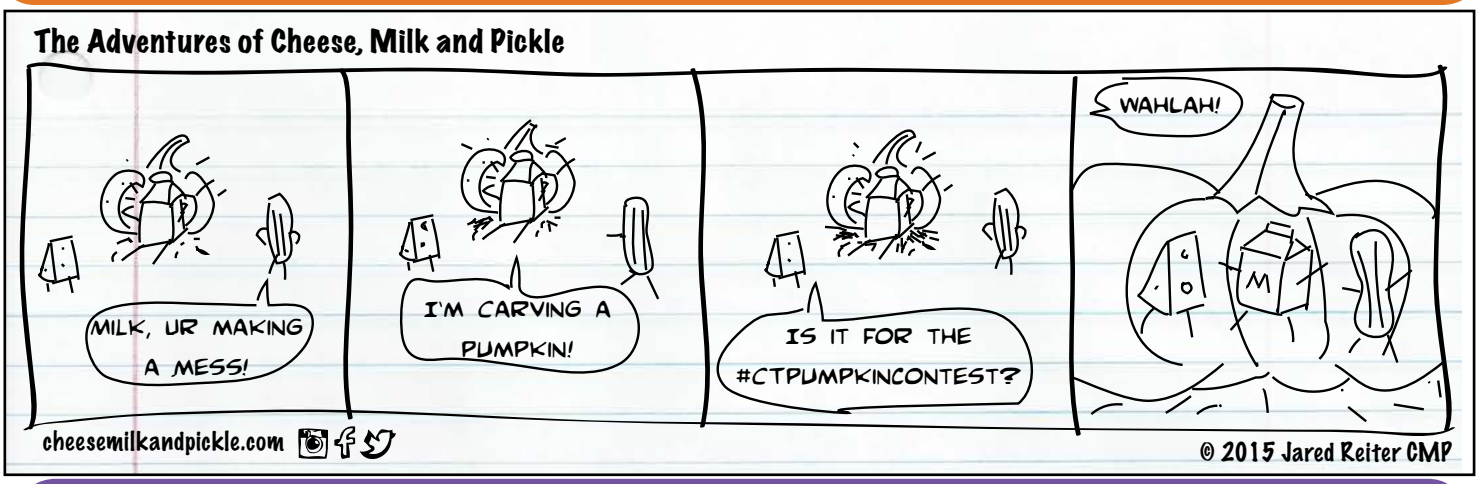
Wear your Camp t-shirt to school, work, play, everywhere!

Carvings by Jared!

Get your name, logo, house number or anything you want burned into wood just like the signs around camp! Or have it chiseled into a fieldstone from the stonewalls of Towanda! Makes for a great personalized gift! Great to hang on your door or put in your yard! Hand made by Jared. For prices and details email Jared@camptowanda.com

#CTpumpkin2015

Congratulations to everyone who participated in *Camp Towanda*'s annual pumpkin carving contest! We had some great entries! Shout out to Kyle Maynes, our reigning counselor champion who submitted his carving of the 1949 CT Scout Patch! (see pumpkin left). Big congratulations to Morgan and Ryan Korn who carved their way to the top of the camper category with their Ghost pumpkin (see pumpkin right)! Congratulations!



Mitch & Stephanie RUN INs!

We look forward to seeing you in the off-season! At an airport, stadium, food shopping, restaurants, in the City, at special events, stop lights, the beach, or even just walking Casper! If you see Mitch & Stephanie, please say hi, take a pic, introduce yourself (we aren't that good under pressure without name tags and/or your camper NOT standing next to you!), and we just might have a Kit-Kat to give you!

We've Moved!

The *Camp Towanda* winter office has moved!

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You can now reach us year round at 570-253-3266

FLORIDA BEACH PARTY

Everyone's welcome to join the fun: campers (old & new), staff, parents, alumni, friends, prospective campers and their families. If you'll be heading south for the holidays, we'd love to see you!!
Bring lotion, camera & towel! Rain or Shine, we will be there.

Saturday Dec. 26, 2015 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM

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

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

Lunch provided! Sandwiches, chips, drinks! RSVP by December 15 to *matt@camptowanda.com*

Parents are encouraged to stay!

NY AREA REUNION

Saturday November 21, 2015

Lucky Strike Lanes

10:30 AM – 1:00 PM
at Palisades Center Mall
4662 Palisades Center Drive
West Nyack, NY 10994
845-358-1602

Come SEE the BEST OF Friday Nite Flix 2015! Lunch Provided! BOWL!
ENJOY seeing your great camp friends! WEAR Sunscreen!
The 2015 Video Highlight DVD with bonus tracks and other gifts will be distributed.
Those that can't make it, we'll mail your DVD after Thanksgiving.

Lucky Strike Lanes is located on the fourth floor of the Palisades Center Mall. If you enter on the side of the mall that faces the NYS Thruway the closest entrance is located between Staples and Modell's. Go in the glass doors, go straight across until you reach the elevator and take it to the 4th floor, exit to your left and Lucky Strike Lanes is straight ahead.

If you arrive through the entrance facing Route 59 the closest entrance is near the Cheesecake Factory. Go straight to the elevators, up to the 4th floor, make a left and we are straight ahead. We are also easily accessible from the underground parking areas – follow signs for Center Court.

From the South (New York, New Jersey): take the Palisades Interstate Parkway North to Exit 9E, follow the NYS Thruway (87 South/287 East) to Exit 12- West Nyack-Palisades Center Drive.

From New Jersey: take the Garden State Parkway North (all the way to the end) to the NYS Thruway South (87 South/287East) to Exit 12 West Nyack-Palisades Center Drive.

From Connecticut/Westchester: take the Tappan Zee Bridge (87 North/287 West) to the NYS Thruway Exit 12 West Nyack-Palisades Center Drive.

From Upstate New York: take the NYS Thruway South (87 South/ 287 East) to Exit 12 West Nyack- Palisades Center Drive.

From Putnam County: take the Bear Mountain Bridge to the traffic circle to the Palisades Interstate Parkway South to Exit 9E, then take the NYS Thruway South (87 south/287 East) to Exit 12- West Nyack- Palisades Center Drive.

From Long Island: take any highway to the Cross Island Parkway. Cross the Throgs Neck Bridge, then bear right to Interstate 95 (Bruckner Expressway). Follow 95 through the toll plaza ($1.00 toll). Take Route 287 West, to the Tappan Zee Bridge, Cross the Tappan Zee Bridge and get off at Exit 12, at light make a left and follow to parking lot.

REUNION FOOD DRIVE

Join us in helping those in need this holiday season by bringing canned food and non-perishables to the November Reunion!

FOOD BANK OF THE Hudson Valley

CALL FOR EMBROIDERY

Send us your shirt, top, jacket and we will embroider the camp logo on it at no charge! Send to NEW winter address by March 1, 2016

SPECIAL T-SHIRTS!

- VisionWalk Team Towanda 2016 T-Shirts
- Exclusive Cheese, Milk & Pickle T-Shirts & Tank Tops

$25.00 each; contact: jared@camptowanda.com

CHAT ROOM

January 20, 2016

New Campers, Returning Campers & Staff
Instructions coming soon!

SENIORS 2016 WINTER SLEEPOVERS

(at The Mansion!!!)

Girls Weekend - Saturday January 16, 2016

Boys Weekend - Saturday January 23, 2016

Snow, sledding, frozen Ghost, toboggan, ice fishing and campfire in the middle of frozen Sunset Lake, sleeping bags in front of the Mansion Fireplace and a lot s'more!
Registration details will be e-mailed shortly;

Seniors will need to RSVP!

ANNUAL ALUMNI BBQ

SUNDAY July 24, 2016

(The day after Visiting Day)
11:00am - 3:00pm

→We will be opening time capsules from Dorm & Club 2006 and any earlier years not yet opened.←

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.

SKI TRIP

MEET & SKI AT ELK MOUNTAIN

Sunday Jan. 17, 2016 at Elk Mountain, Scranton, PA, (Martin Luther King Weekend) - not too far from camp (a good day trip, or stay close by)
Call in advance, meet, ski and take a picture with JARED (jared@camptowanda.com)! Meet at Noon outside the main lodge by the big ski map.
Get your photo taken for the Towanda Times!

NEW CAMPER GROUP "SCOOP"

for all new for 2016 campers and their parents!
Sunday Jan. 10, 2016,
1:00 PM Sharp 'til 3 PM
at the Fort Lee, NJ DoubleTree on Rt 4 East.
Details will be mailed soon!

VIDEO BONUS

In addition to the upcoming release of the 2015 Friday Nite Flix Highlight DVD, there are many bonus videos on our VIMEO and YouTube channels.

Check it out at:

Camp Towanda Theater Productions - https://vimeo.com/channels/ctmusicals

Olympic Recap & Rope Burning - https://vimeo.com/channels/ctolympics

Camp Towanda YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/user/camptowanda

Stephanie Reiter's Book Club!

Homesick and Happy by Michael Thompson

At Our New Winter Office!
January 26, 2016 More details coming soon!

STAFF:

Let us know if you are returning for 2016!!!
If you want a copy of 2015 FNF Highlights, please send us an email with the correct mailing address. We'll mail it in December. Of course, you can also pick it up at the Lucky Strike Reunion! Hope to see you there!

Birthdays are now listed on the Official Camp Towanda Facebook page and on the Camp Towanda App!

Shout outs (or should we say carve outs!) to Sydney Rowan (Dorm 18) for her great logo'd pumpkin! (right)

And, a special shout out to Shelby Buckstein (Dorm 20) who carved her very first pumpkin ever!(left)

CHECK IT OUT!

There are so many cool projects in the works for the sweet summer of 2016! The brand new BBQ is just one! More updates coming soon!

CLIP & SAVE

2016 CAMP DATES

New York Area Camper Reunion	November 21, 2015
Florida Beach Party	December 26, 2015
New Camper Group Scoop	January 10, 2016
Senior Girls Sleepover	January 16, 2016
Meet & Ski at Elk Mtn	January 17, 2016
Senior Boys Sleepover	January 23, 2016
Stephanie's Book Club	January 26, 2016
Chat Room	January 20, 2016
Parent Reality Night	February 3, 2016
NYC VisionWalk	Spring TBA 2016
Flying Campers Arrival	**June 24, 2016**
First Day of Camp	**June 25, 2016**
S'More Tours	**July 9,16 & 31, 2016**
Visiting Day & Sibling Sleepover	**July 23, 2016**
Alumni BBQ	**July 24, 2016**
Last Day of Camp	**August 12, 2016**
Family & Friends Labor Day Weekend	**September 4-7, 2016**

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