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"SUMMER OF 2016 REVVING UP"

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WE ARE FAMILY

Colby Garfinkle was a Dorm Girl last summer, she eloquently reflects on her years growing up at Camp Towanda and what it means to her.

If you were to look up the word family in the dictionary, it would tell you that family means any group of persons closely related by blood, as parents, children, uncles, aunts, and cousins. Personally, I beg to differ.

One of the main things Camp Towanda has taught me is that family is not confined simply to those related by blood. In my dictionary, family is defined by people who provide endless support, know me better than I know myself and know unconditional love. My camp family fits this criteria better than anyone else.

Going from a crying, timid and homesick Dillie Girl in 2009 to an independent, outgoing and confident Dorm Girl in 2015 was not easy, but I wasn't alone. Being a dependent little girl made my transition into camp more difficult than others. Having my biological brother and sister at camp my first summer eased some of my nerves and help me shift from a homebody to a camper. The following summer, I was uneasy to return due to my siblings not coming with me; my nerves from the previous summer came rushing back. To my surprise, I got right back into the camp vibes

which I can now thank my 24 Dorm sisters and 27 Club brothers. Looking back on my years at Towanda, I realized that it didn't matter what fears I had because not only were they no longer strangers to me, but they became new members of my family. Those fears quickly vanished and I realized I had no reason to worry because I knew all my sisters would provide a great backbone for me to thrive not only at camp but at home as well. Something as simple as my best friends cheering me on at a game of Ghost, endless dance parties on the porch, being on duty in the younger kids bunks, sharing stories, reminiscing on memories, or nightly reflections have had a huge impact on my life. Although in a larger perspective they may seem like small moments, all in all they shaped me into the young woman I am today. Each and every Dorm and Club member of 2015 who has helped me along this incomparable ride I want to thank you!

I also want to thank Mitch and Stephanie for making every summer live up to its full potential; along with

Bob, The Boys' Head Counselor. Amy, the Girls Head Counselor's spirit each and every morning starts off the day off on the right foot. Thank you to my counselors who have exceeded every expectation of what camp is about and making my journey the most memorable. Seven years ago I was scared to leave my home family and can now confidently say I am scared of leaving my Camp Towanda family. Just like family, we laugh together. Just like family, we cry together. Just like family, we make forever lasting memories. There are various meanings of the term family and camp has redefined it for me.

Colby



What We Hear From The Mansion Porch!!!



Alan Leipsner ran into his Club brother (1990) at a recent Heat game (see pix)...Jonathan Ettinger (Former Owner/Director Sam's grandson) is going to become a Dad and is a Senior Officer at the Children's Aid Society where



he came across a generous donation in honor of Camp Towanda from Dean Mitchell ('13,'14)...See pix of recent Dorm Girl meetup in NYC of Barbara Smolek (Dorm 1968), Andi Gershon Ingraham (Dorm 1968), Betsy Kane-Hartnett (Dorm 1968), Cathy Lewis Dreilinger (Dorm 1966) and Dorene Hyman (Dorm 1967)...Wendy Levine-Slater recently was watching Jeopardy and got the question right in the category "butter me up"; Answer was "which rock group sings the epic song "In a gadda da vida"?; for those of you who have stayed the full Visiting Day over the last 27 years, you would know the answer, too!!!!...Monique



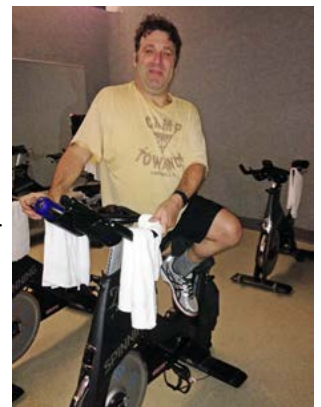
Bendett Schwartz happened to hear the same song on the radio....Wendy also reports that her son Sam (Club 2010) is in Barcelona for the semester with Club Brothers Matt Hochman & Maxwell Nemerov (The bonds are for life!)... Mitch ran into Illana Rothbein's Dad at the Tenaflly, NJ Diner....Congratulations to Elise Bolno on her wedding... Ali "Medium Spuz" Spiesman ran into Amanda Tarter on the customs line in Mexico...Michael Pelton sent in this story about a Kit-Kat situation overseas ([Click Here](#))...Mitch & Stephanie walking down Atlantic Avenue in Delray one January evening when Greg Ritter (Club 1973) shouts out...Congratulations to Jill Gittleman who just finished performing in West Side Story in Sarasota and is currently auditioning in NYC for more stage time!... Charles Pincus (1968-1975) extends his good wishes to those from his camp era...Congratulations to Hank Azaria for his current role in the off-Broadway production of Dry Powder with Claire Danes and his Honorary Board position to SCOPE....Lynn Brodsky ran into Max Saines' mom at Sundance Film Festival...This video clip has nothing on the Camp Towanda App game ([Click Here](#))...Uriel Aguilar, KMP from Mexico (2011-2012) was proud to share the Pepsi Commercials filmed over Senior Sleepover Weekends...Lee "Fabrizio" Evans (counselor from the 90s) is now 20 years older than when he started at Towanda (and met his wife Jodi Hodge) reflects from Australia that Camp Towanda taught him



how to run a business, how to keep clients happy and how to maintain quality (See picture of he Fabrizios with son, Jac; future counselor)....Kit-Kat fever is everywhere, around the globe; we love getting your pictures and international samples; check out this GOLDEN photo from Japan!...Congratulations to Julie Eichner; going to Syracuse...Congrats to Jacqui Hopmeyer on her



engagement...Rob Lowenthal (see pix) on his recent Climate Aware bike run sporting his retro T ([Click Here](#)) ... Nurse Alaine Sparks is expecting another baby this summer (a few more and she'll have her own bunk)!...Liz Queller was a finalist for the Women in the Arts & Media Awards.....By the way, just in case you have been cutting out before the end of Visiting Day, the Jeopardy Answer is "Iron Butterfly"!



Coming In Next Issue:

Staff of 2016
Weather Forecast
Olympic Hints



Stay Tuned!

**Brand new Friday Nite Flix
channel coming soon!**

FLORIDA BEACH PARTY

The Florida Beach Party was a huge success! Rain early in the day threatened the fun, but the clouds parted and the sun was shining. A huge crowd gathered for games, sand castle building, lunch and spent the afternoon sharing camp stories with friends! Thanks to everyone who signed in (and those who didn't!) and we can't wait for another great beach day in 2016!



FLORIDA BEACH Party 2015

Mitchell, M?	Nikki Fox
Krista Medina	Elana Kane
Brandon Ziter	Brody Kline
Stephanie Rinker	Sophia
Renee Family (Liana, Amy, Justin, Dylan)	Alex Jones
Huberman Family	Spencer
Jared Bell	Michelle Regenbaum
Max MacLean Family	Rachel Labaree
Jon Damasco	Jayla Gessman
Yenny Grent	Chelsea Shamesh
Shelby Buckstein	Jamie Hammes
Ali Buckstein	Jack Diemar
Izzy Greenberg	Gwen W. Furenkrenz
Rachel Berkman	Bloom Alyssa Dalin
Dani LePinn	Harrison Kane
Emma Lipsner	Elana Kane
Devyn Crenel	Emma Plotnik
Halle Goldstein	Maria Telchin
Skinny Freed	Brooke Telchin
Bella Freed	Derek Telchin
Jesse Starr	Julie Rosenthal
Damaris Goldberg	Daniel Rosenthal
Jana Goldberg	Samuina Fox
Harrison Goldstein	Sam Hirsch
Eve Goldstein	Ryan Hirsch
Jacob Pion	
Davis Marshall	

Kyla Finkle
 Jessie Horowitz
 Jillian Horowitz
 Amy Miller Horowitz
 Emily Fox
 Adam Grossman
 Paige Gessman
 Noah Corcia
 Adam Corcia
 Sabrina Zakin
 Dylan Kevich
 Jake Saperstein
 Alexah Straker :)
 Jamie Strauss
 Jessie Ostron
 Ethan Balsamo
 Steven Finner (Nomi Miller)
 Lani Davis (Adam Miller)
 Brady Morningstar
 Dylan Morningstar
 Harrison Kane
 Dillon Dorigi
 Ethan Balsamo
 Max Balsamo
 Karen Sher
 Dylan Freedman

Hannah Seley :)
 Liza Goldstone
 MAX TAUBER
 Ander Uller Thompson
 Sean Silverman
 Clay & Marina Cooperder
 J.R. Villar
 EDANA THOMPSON
 Ari Grossman
 Josh Romero
 Brandon Cooper
 Jordan Cooper
 Sam Spelman
 Cooper Gallinson
 Lily Waldshon !!



SWEET 16

This winter has felt kind of like summer, relatively speaking! We had an off winter of basically no snow at camp; warm and balmy days (sprinkled with some very heavy duty sub-zero days) have allowed Mike The Plumber and crew to get a lot done!

Some things to look forward to include: the amazing new stone BBQ pit at the lake where we plan on great sunset dinners, luaus, visiting day snacks and more. Also at the waterfront we have expanded the beach and built a stone sitting wall around the sand. There's a new boat ramp and the pool deck will be re-finished with a "softcoat" (spongy like surface) and a very exciting spray fountain built into the deck (definitely lots of fun). We have also added more solar panels to keep the pool tepid! Refinished bathrooms in several bunks and the yurt! New additions in the kitchen. The chicken coop has been rebuilt, along with a new paddock for the goats (aka sheep)! The chickens are producing eggs nicely as we expect the noisy guinea hens to have some babies and hope to welcome a peacock. Stephanie's garden, sculptures and art work are all coming along nicely and culinary classes will be more delicious than ever! One might think there is nothing going on with camp in the deepest part of the winter; BUT not at Towanda! So much camp action!



The Florida Beach Party was amazing; almost 300 showed up, wore sunscreen, ate lunch and just hung out; what a nice excuse to go the beach! Group Scoop was exciting as The Dorm & Club welcomed many of our new campers. The Chat Room was crazy as usual with many conversations going on at the same time; just good off-season camp fun. Stephanie's cozy book club was interesting, informative and a great group of parents.

The Senior Sleepovers were looking like it was going to be a disaster because of NO SNOW and then PEPSI decided to do a CAMP HALFTIME (for the Super Bowl) campaign based on the fictitious Camp Firewood (from that crazy movie, Wet Hot American Summer) that was filmed at Towanda. Well, YOUR SENIORS OF 2016 stepped up and produced their own viral versions ([Click Here Our Video](#) and [Click Here for the original](#)); so much fun to make; we even caught the attention of the Pepsi Marketing Department and who knows where it will go from here? Yeah, Seniors (and Erica Media)!!!

The countdown is on, the summer is closing in (almost at the 100 day mark) and The Beatles are now on iTunes and Spotify...! Its going to be a great year, a SWEET year and oh can't wait till we are altogether, back on the hallowed soil of Camp Towanda...get ready for so many great times, fun, friendships, activity and more-- this SWEET SUMMER OF 2016! It is going to be SICK!!!

Mitch

PS; If you missed The Book Club, you can listen in on our Podcasts [Here!](#)
If you want the Group Scoop video, email media@camptowanda.com



SENIORS SLEEPOVERS REVIEWS



CLICK HERE TO WATCH
CAMP TOWANDA'S OWN
CAMP HALFTIME
SHOW!



The Senior Sleepovers are a special part of our camp family experience! This year's sleepovers were less than typical! Camp was not a winter wonderland when the girls arrived, though a few flakes fell during an evening game of Ghost! Instead of sledding, the Senior Girls were inspired by Pepsi's Camp Halftime show, which was filmed on the Camp Firewood set, to create their own version of the tv spot! It was tons of fun to make and very successful online!

The next weekend, the boys completed episode two! Under threat of snowstorms, the Senior boys arrived Saturday they arrived Friday night for an unprecedented two night sleepover!

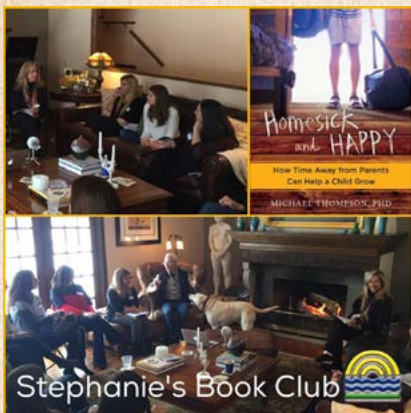
Still, camp recieved almost no snow while the New York area accumulated record amounts! It was a great weekend for both the boys and the girls! Special thanks to those dads who came up to help!

"WE WELCOME YOU TO CAMP TOWANDA, WE ARE MIGHTY GLAD YOU'RE HERE..."

Talk about kicking off the new year with a party! The standing room only crowd in Fort Lee, New Jersey started off a little nervous (which is natural), but by the end of the day; the rookie class of 2016 was psyched and ready to speed up the countdown to camp! This years' DORM and CLUB provided the hospitality and comfort to the 1st year campers; while many staff and alumni assisted in this terrific ice breaker to the new summer!



Adam "Adco" & Noah "NoCo" Corcia (2nd Generation: Mom is Rachel Satovsky), Alex "Shill" Schiller (brother is Zachary), Alexa "Lassy" & Bailey "Blass" Lasky, Alexander "Scarf" Scharf, Alice "Trooper" Tropp, Aline "AA" Alberts, Alyssa "A-Day" Dalin, Amanda "Davey" Davis (sister is Haley), Amanda "Kit-Kat Fan" Forman (2nd Generation: Mom is Communications Director Lauren Eckstein Forman; brother is Ryan), Ari "Bucky" Buckstein (sister is Shelby), , Ben "B-K" Kahne (sister is Ally), Ben "Lubes" Lubetsky, Ben "BP" Perry, Ben "B-Baum" & Josh "J-Baum" Rothbaum (brother is Jack), Beth "Chicago" Rosenow (sister is Ava), Brandon "Acorn" Weisler (2nd Generation: Dad is Josh (Squash), brother is Jared), Brody "Bro" Shuffler (brother is Madden), Chloe "Gorvey" Gourvitz (sister is Avery), Danielle "Washy" Wishnow (sister is Samantha), Darin "In" Person (sisters are Sera and Riley), Dylan "D-D-B" Distelburger, Dylan "D-Why" Yevich, Dylan "Dizzy" Zaslow (brother is Ithan), Eden "Komishock Komishock, Ella "Hecky" Hecht (2nd/3rd Generation: Mom is Penny Kramer, grandma - Diane Haas; sister is Bailey), Ellie "EL" & Samson "SD" Deutsch (2nd Generation: Dad is Kevin Deutsch, Mom is Tanya Rhynold), Ethan "Pom-Pom" & Jordan "Pom-o" Pomerantz, Ethan "Resty" Restivo (brother is Jake), Ethan "Shammer" Shamash (2nd/3rd Generation: Mom is Erika Fisher and grandma Jane Danzig (she's Jane Fisher now), Gabrielle "Sino" Amorosino (brother is Alex), Georgia "Peach" Sack, Haley "Sisco" Hirsch (brothers are Sam and Ryan), Hunter "Pose" Posnack (sister is "Cha-Cha" Charlotte), Ian "Fella" & Sophia "Madam" Feller, Isabel "Greenie" Greenberg, Jack "Jackie D" Diemar, Jacy "J-Dine" Hoenig, Jaiden "J-Kay" Klein, Jake "Saps" Saperstein, Jenna "J-T" Tencer, Jesse "Gels" Gelman (brother is Maxwell), Jonah "Hermy" Herman (sister is Zoe), Jonathan "Raff" Raffa (sister is Dylan), Josh "Fox" Fox, Justin "Luff" Luftig, Karlyn "Vye" Levi (brother is Judson), Kayla "Eee" Levy, Leah "Artist" Rudes (brother is Ryan), Logan "Dorf" Dorfman (brother is Luke), Maddy "Lewy" Lewis, Madeline "M-Kay" Kaizer, Mason "Wells" Wellington, Matthew "Fetts" Fetterman (sister is Emma), Matthew "Cats" Katz, Max "Max-T" Tauber, Mia "M-Jay" Jacobson, Mia "Krip" Kripke (2nd Generation: Father is Scott), Mollie "Smiles" Weisberger (brother is Jacob), Nate "Kush" Kushlefsky, Oleksandr "Alex" Kondratiuk, Owen "Obie" Barnes (sister is Ella), Remi "Arty" Tetefsky, Ryan "Cobb" Korn (sister is Morgan), Sabrina "Zaks" Zakin, Shoshana "Es-Are" Ross (2nd Generation: Mom is Tracy Epstein), Sophia "Bands" Brandstaedter (sister is Sarah), Sophia "S2" Silver, Sydney "Brams" Abramson, Trevor "Kauf" Kaufman (sisters are Avery and Sasha) and Tye "T-Glaze" Glazer (2nd Generation: Grandmother is Clare Finkel)!!!!



Stephanie Reiter's Book Club!

This year's book club was once again a great day for Stephanie and Mitch to meet casually with parents in our new winter home. We discussed the natural apprehensions, concerns and stresses related to getting to the successful summer. The time flew, Stephanie made a delicious lunch and we all hugged at the end. So camp! For those unable to attend, the entire conversation is available as a podcast! If parents haven't read *Homesick & Happy*, we highly encourage, recommend and want you to read it!



[Click here for podcast!](#)

PARENT CHECKLIST

- ☐ Online Medical form & emergency contact information accurate and updated
- ☐ Update your t-shirt size and photo in CampMinder today!
- ☐ Contact CampMeds if meds at camp are necessary
- ☐ Order uniform from EVERYTHING CAMPER
- ☐ Send items to be embroidered with CT logo to winter office by April 1 (no charge)
- ☐ Visiting Day Hotel/Dinner reservations
- ☐ Seniors/Dorm/Club/LITs need their Passports
- ☐ Practice saying good-bye many times in advance!
- ☐ April 16th VisionWalk in NYC's CENTRAL PARK
- ☐ *Get Psyched!*

STAFF CHECKLIST

- ☐ Travel Survey
- ☐ Online Medical Form and all health forms
- ☐ Tax forms
- ☐ Email a picture of yourself to our office
- ☐ Name Tags on everything!
- ☐ Send items to be embroidered with CT logo to winter office by April 1 (no charge)
- ☐ Contacted CampMeds if meds at camp are necessary
- ☐ May 3rd Staff Chat Room
- ☐ *Get Psyched!*

CAMPER CHECKLIST

- ☐ Tell your parents they will be okay
- ☐ Practice saying goodbye
- ☐ Do your homework now
- ☐ *Get Psyched!*





VisionWalk

Community Service Reunion

PLEASE RSVP!

A great excuse for a Spring Reunion; the annual VisionWalk brings the best of everyone into New York City's Central Park! Campers, parents, staff, alumni and friends are encouraged and welcome to attend. Our LITs and CITs have worked and continue to work towards awareness and fundraising; they sold plenty of Team Towanda '16 t-shirts !



Join The W.O.C. and many others on **SATURDAY APRIL 16**
at **The Central Park Bandshell 9AM-NOON.**
[Click HERE for directions and details!](#)

TWO RSVP THINGS TO DO:

Sign in at our **FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE:** [CLICK HERE!](#)
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1736392963259931/>

And [Click Here](#) to join **"TEAM TOWANDA"**



SCOPE Dinner

Tuesday, April 5th 6:30pm – 10:00pm
Conrad Hotel NYC

Call for volunteers!

Attention Club/Dorm/LIT/CIT's!

Great resume builder and a way to earn community service hours.

However, parents if you are interested in coming to the event please email mitch@camptowanda.com for more info.



BIGS & LITTLES

First year campers will hear from their camp BIG Brother or BIG Sister by Mid-April. All Bigs will be contacted by the end of March.





March Madness Bracket Challenge

[Click Here!](#)

You may need the following information to join:

Pool ID#: 43344 Password: towanda16

Who will dethrone last year's champions,
Marni and Evan Schwarz!?

LEAD

LEAD ONLINE WORKBOOK

2016 TEEN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Sunday April 17th 9am-3:30pm

Bank Street College, NYC

Another great experience for our Club/Dorm/LIT/CIT's to further
develop professional career building that not only will help them
be great counselors, but succeed in college and beyond!

Please RSVP to jared@camptowanda.com by March 14th.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND 2016

September 2-5, 2016

BRING FAMILY & FRIENDS OR COME ALONE!
THE BEST WAY TO END YOUR SUMMER!

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Build your bunk & save!

10% discount if existing Camp Family or Alumni!

Includes classic camp activities, yoga + fitness classes, beer tastings,
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Limited Space Available!

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• Exclusive Cheese, Milk & Pickle T-Shirts & Tank Tops

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jared@camptowanda.com



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TO PURCHASE
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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.*



The Camp Towanda W.O.C. had a great week
learning and preparing for the summer at the ACA
Tri-State Camp Conference in Atlantic City!

CLIP & SAVE

2016 CAMP DATES

NYC VisionWalk

Flying Campers Arrival

First Day of Camp

S'More Tours

Visiting Day & Sibling Sleepover

Alumni BBQ

Last Day of Camp

Family & Friends Labor Day Weekend

Fall Foliage BBQ

Spring TBA 2016

June 24, 2016

June 25, 2016

July 9, 16 & 31, 2016

July 23, 2016

July 24, 2016

August 12, 2016

September 2-5, 2016

September 24, 2016

