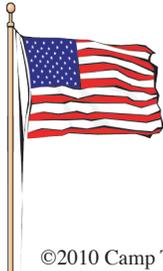


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"Camp Starts in 2010, 9, 8, 7..."

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## What is Towanda about?

*We are about Family. We are about developing LIFESKILLS. We are about learning and trying new things.  
We are about improving and developing skills. We are about feeling good about ourselves.  
We are about providing the tools to learn to get along with others.*

## Friendships Are Made Immediately Lasting Years

That's F-A-M-I-L-Y!

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt once said:  
"We cannot always build the future of our youth,  
but we can build our youth for the future."

A former camper once said: "School prepares  
you for college. Camp prepares you for life."

As the countdown continues and we get closer  
to camp, we are preparing for and anticipating  
a great experience for everyone. We have many  
former campers and returning counselors making  
up our 2010 staff (we'll list them in the next  
issue).

Soon the snow will be melting and the trees  
budding in Honesdale, Pennsylvania... Camp  
Twenty-Ten will begin!

Be it a soccer game, a dramatic show, a tennis

match, a canoe race, a nature walk, a baseball  
game, a campfire, an art project, bunk inspection or  
a good game of ghost, life at camp is the way it is  
supposed to be.

Those busses will be rolling onto the shores of  
Camp Towanda soon enough; so, study hard, do  
all your homework and before long we will all  
be together at Camp Towanda, celebrating the  
Summer of 2010!

See You Soon in June,

*Mitch & Stephanie*

### LOOKING AT COLLEGES?

We have a lot of staff at a lot of colleges. Networking at its best;  
we are happy to help arrange a tour at schools you are interested  
in. Don't hesitate to ask. Let's Go Orange! More on Page 4.

### SPAIN REUNION

Madrid April 2, 2010

Mitch, Stephanie and Robert Edwards, our Tennis Director, continue  
to celebrate Robert's 10 years at camp; this time, in his backyard. We  
invite all of our local Spanish families from over the years, as well as any  
campers and staff studying abroad that can make it. For those that might be  
in Barcelona earlier that week, please let Mitch know.

### NEXT ISSUE:

Returning staff  
Last minute checklists  
Weather forecasts

# What We Hear From The Mansion Porch!!!



The first line shout out goes to: Matt "Lil Penz" Penziner and Alexa Phillips on their engagement\* (they were the last to know)... Welcome new babies to: Lisa & Michael Pelton\* welcome Jonathan; Nurse Anthony welcomes Anthony the 3rd; and Amy Hash & Simon Bates\* welcome Liam (\*= camp romance leads to marriage)... and Sean Morgan is expecting to become a dad in a few months... Rachel Albergo, who started camp when she was just 6 in 1994, works at a PR firm in NYC that works with museums, Broadway, film and television... Whatever happened to the bones that were dug up... Scott "Ruggy" Scherick lives in California, works in TV... 2009 Olympic doubles partners Jess Luftig and Shelby Merberg ran into each other at a chinese restaurant in Vermont on New Year's Eve... Brian Josephson has qualified to compete in the NY STATE Men's gymnastics competition to be held at WEST POINT at the end of March... we need a new name for the new alley building... Cheeks Melanson wishes to give a shout out to her Inter Girls of 2010 and all of her Towanda family. She will be doing a teaching internship in Australia summer 2010 and hopes to return to Towanda in 2011... Sammi Brown reports that the Senior Girls have been going crazy singing the traditional Towanda Ashleigh Woolf song of "How I Want To Be Loved", a rainy day mess hall favorite... Alex Rose reports from Wash U in St Louis that he sees Glenn Welt and Amanda Ryman (and next year Marc Canarick)... Devon Brodsky says she'll be back in 2011 after her freshman year at Vanderbilt... Jared Reiter is spending the semester at Tel Aviv University with Dan Sander and Julie Fulop and expects to see Alon Artzi soon and many other Israeli Towanda-ers... Dana Kisberg is spending this semester in Prague and rooming with Sydney NJ Axelrod, Kayla Baken and Jamie Leipzig... AJ Axelrod is enjoying this winter at Keystone... Katie Rogers Roaman is now Katie Mixer... Tony & Janelle Victory say hi from Arizona where TV is now Assistant Principal and Athletic Director at a local high school... Dusty Fox (Poppy's mom) discovered this imitation of our logo in China (see pix)... Carly Glenn will be working in a theater program this summer... Katie Henry student teaches and refs Ghost games in her spare time... Rebecca Guterman is studying nutrition at the University of Delaware... Margo Fleischman submits this joke: Knock Knock... Who's there?... Alpaca!... Alpaca who?... Alpaca the trunk, you pack the suitcase!... Jordan Broome works at PricewaterhouseCoopers... Andi Broffman says hi and misses camp... Rusty Primeau got married to her high school sweetheart at 2:10 on 02/10/2010... Joey Levine missed the Florida reunion but sends his regards to all... Eric Shappy Shapiro was in Boston for an MIT debate in December and got to see Matt Tolchin, Jared Reiter, Greggles and several other New England Towanda-ers... Jen Serota is a professor and marketing guru in California, she recently spoke with Seth Fischer and Paulette Fox... Louise Dally and Damien have been traveling as Field Hockey coaches and umpiring... Hayley & Tylar Trichon were in Costa Rica thinking of Buster & Tracy Waters (who were in Honesdale)... Lucas Feigenbaum and many other Florida campers were viewing the FNF Hilites only to discover a mysterious black & white flashframe; perhaps you have seen it; but sorry to say it is not a fakeout, Erica Media reports that the clip is from the Dorm Girls doing the haunted house thing on the stage, recorded in night vision... keep your Towanda related news coming to us!



Jared Reiter, while off studying at college, has created in his spare time a new comic strip that makes its debut here in *The Towanda Times*. Look for many exciting adventures of *Cheese, Milk & Pickle* here and just quite possibly in the 2010 *Friday Nite Flix*!

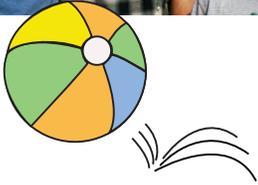
**EPISODE 1:**



# Florida Reunion Review



The Boca Beach Reunion was the best ever, really! Over 200 people showed up, hung out and enjoyed lunch on the beach. The crowd was made up of returning campers, new campers, interested campers, parents, staff, alumni and friends of camp! A great day, and the weather cooperated, once again. Although not everyone signed in, the sign-in list blew away into the sea at the end of the day!



## NOTHING IS FREE THEY SAY

They say wrong, because now Camp Towanda can provide Gluten free choices of cereal, bread and pasta upon pre-summer request.



## MOTTO HELP

Minette Herman offers these mottos for the summer:

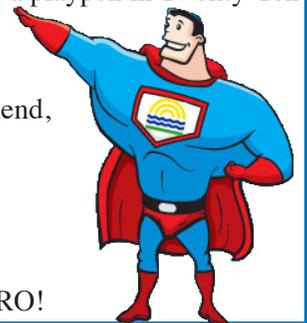
- The summer of ZEN: 2010
- Camp is a playpen in Twenty-Ten

Rusty Primeau offers:

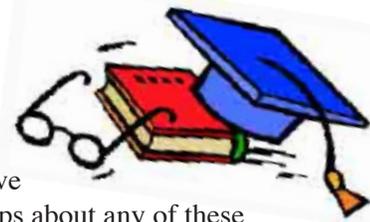
- Sign up your friend in 2 oh ten
- 2 oh ten has come to fruition, sign up a friend, I've got tuition!!!

Or how about just..

- It will be warm AGAIN in 2010.
- You'll have a GRIN in 2-oh-TIN!
- Camp Towanda is your HERO in 201-ZERO!



# COLLEGE CONNECTION



Are you starting to think about college?? Our staff comes from a diversified list of impressive schools across the country. If you are interested in more information, advice, and/or inside tips about any of these schools, just contact our office and we will send you the contact information. We bet that our staff would be happy to arrange a personal tour of their campus for you as well.

Any staff, parent or alumni that would like to add their contact information, please let us know.

Some colleges represented:

- |                             |                                |                        |                                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Adelphi University          | Lehigh University              | Towson University      | University of Pennsylvania         |
| American University         | Lock Haven University          | Trinity College        | University of Rhode Island         |
| Arizona State University    | Manhattanville College         | Tufts University       | University of Vermont              |
| Bakersfield College         | Mansfield University           | Tulane University      | University of Wisconsin            |
| Binghamton University       | Mercyhurst College             | University of Arizona  | USC-Aiken                          |
| Boston University           | Muhlenberg College             | University of Buffalo  | Valdosta State University          |
| Cornell University          | New York University            | University of Delaware | Washington University in St. Louis |
| East Carolina University    | Penn State University          | University of Indiana  | West Virginia University           |
| Eastern Illinois University | Quinnipiac University          | University of Miami    | Westfield State                    |
| Georgia State University    | San Jacinto College            | University of Michigan |                                    |
| Indiana Wesleyan University | St. Petersburg College         |                        |                                    |
| Ithaca College              | SUNY Binghamton                |                        |                                    |
| James Madison University    | SUNY Buffalo                   |                        |                                    |
| Kansas State University     | SUNY New Paltz                 |                        |                                    |
| Kenyon College              | Syracuse University            |                        |                                    |
| Knox College                | Tel-Aviv University            |                        |                                    |
| Lees-McRae College          | The Notingham Trent University |                        |                                    |

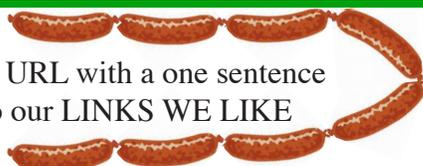
## IT'S A TIE

We have extended the deadline to order the special tie-dye t-shirt. Please send a check for \$22.00, include your t-shirt size. Do it now.



## LINKS WE LIKE

Parents, send us your website URL with a one sentence description and we'll add it to our LINKS WE LIKE networking section.



## FRIDAY NITE FLIX 2010

Always a highlight of the week, Friday Nite Flix will be back AGAIN in Oh-TEN! Erica Media and her crew will be hard at work filming and editing to make the live Friday night deadlines.

Some segments to look forward to this year include:

### Beatles Rock Band for a fab summer

Music, laughter and mayhem!

### The Adventures of Cheese, Milk & Pickle

Jared Reiter has created a new comic strip which makes its debut in this Towanda Times. Look for many more exciting adventures of Cheese, Milk & Pickle and just quite possibly live in the 2010 Friday Nite Flix!



### More Fun with Names

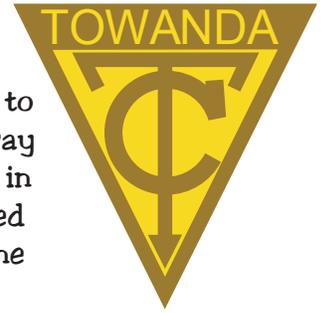
Come on, let's just team up Jake Morgenstern & Morgan Steinberg to host this segment or would it be better with Jesse Wolff and Stephanie Fox or Wiggles, Huggie and Thumper?

## 2009 HIGHLIGHTS

If you did not receive a copy of the 2009 FNF Highlights or a Croc Jibbit let us know!



# WE LOVE ALUMNI!



It is always a treat for Camp Towanda "old timers" to stop by for a visit. Many love to be Guest Judges for Olympics. Some bring their friends and families to our Labor Day Weekend celebrations. If you are an alum that would like to visit, please contact us in advance. A friendly reminder that those that are still eligible to be campers are asked not to visit while we are in session, visiting day is not an alumni visiting day and one must be age 21 for an extended stay.

## Those who visited last summer:

Emily Russell ('06-'08); Jeffrey Fenton ('70-'76); Julie Boruchov ('78-'83); Howard Seiden ('71-'79); Neil Ross ('69-'81); Charlie Niesenbaum ('97-'06); Erik Bolog ('71-'88); Adam Shelly ('95-'06); Joel Realberg ('58-'64, '66, '69); Karen Cohen; Hani Cohen ('95-'08); Ali "Spiz" Spiesman ('97-'05, '07-'08); Amanda Peyser ('94-'06); Lindsay Eisenstadt ('93-'00); Rachel Freedman ('94-'06); Alexa Birnbaum ('98-'08); Jake Neff ('96-'07); Alex Neff ('95-'08); David Seitzman ('76-'81); Joyce Davis ('77-'83); Jeff Schulman ('87-'96); Shira Weiner ('86-'95); Marc Penziner ('91-'00); Matt Penziner ('91-'04); Alexa Phillips ('92-'96, '00-'03); Ian Axelrod ('77-'83); Terry Eagle ('66-'72); Eric Lense ('97-'06); Jessica Lense ('98-'06); Morissa Falk ('94-'03); Ashley Lerche ('97-'06); Hallie Gittleman ('96-'06); Perri Gillon ('99-'03); Rachel Brenner ('00-'04, '06); Michelle Lapidus ('94-'05); Jenna Israel ('96-'01); Brian Klasner ('99-'08); and Gary Rafsky ('63-'75).

## WELCOME NEW CAMPERS!

### GROUP SCOOP REVIEW

It was great to have many of our first year campers come together for the annual *New Camper Group Scoop* orientation session. An early January afternoon of exciting camp stuff, ice cream and hanging out with the Dorm and Club of 2010! This is a special thank you to the staff that attended and the Club and Dorm; they all made for a special and warm welcome to our new campers. Now, we just can't wait until camp starts!



We want to *Welcome* the following new campers (as of press time) as the newest members of our camp family since our last issue. 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 as we imagine a new one will develop once we are altogether at camp! Welcome All to the *Summer of 2010!*:

Rhyanna "Fleetwood" Bredlau, Jessica "Owitz" & Jillian "Jiller" Horowitz (mom alum Amy Miller), Adam "Camp" Kamp, Lara "El" Logan, Sam "Mr. Clean" Messer, Logan "Boston" Ritchie (brother of Kai & son of Stormy), Allison "'A-P-S'" & Kerri "Pretzel" Stoelzel, Joseph "Mornin" & Michael "Blanco" White and Paige "Cooper" Hutner (sister of Marni Hutner and sister-in-law of Craig Cooper).

## OPTIONAL OPTIONS

One of the great optional activities is Stephanie's Fine Art Class. Besides bringing in visiting artists, Stephanie teaches the art of Plein Air Painting (that's French for plain air painting)! No, really, natural landscape technique and self-confidence combine to bring out the Renoir in anyone.

Now, combine Fine Art with Culinary Classes and you get yourself one highly sophisticated camper!

If that sounds too classy, you might prefer even more of Nathaniel with his Serious Nature Live (or as we call it, SNL). This is a hard core day out in the jungles of Towanda...very survivor-ish!



# RATE IT A 1 (OR A 7)

Last month, Casper the Camp Dog, celebrated his 5th birthday and was chatting about loving his life and family at Camp Towanda. He also recently enjoyed chasing the Seniors as they went sledding at the Senior Sleepover, too.

The fact is, he does have the life there. He started to reminisce about last summer, some things that were racing around his little pea brain were:

Team handball; that Indian drumming class and fly-fishing; Purell, lots of pudding, a giant game of duck, duck goose; Brandon Reiter's bunt homerun; chasing the zip line... or was it chewing 47 Ghost balls? The Dorm Girls' Maniac Monday; some great lakeside BBQs; 8:15 and 8:30 reveilles; running out of French toast stix (how could they?); In a moment, not....yet; how about when Casper ran onto the stage during the staff show in perfect timing chasing the Israeli staff who were acting like cats (now that was funny); and then he remembered the many great fake outs and of course the great UFO landing; he remembered that he avoided the infirmary and all those swines and that it rained during Olympics as a river flowed through the mess hall; he recalled that by July 10th the temperature hadn't even reached 75 degrees once and that we had to serve hot chocolate at the water carnival (the good news is that the summer of 2010 is expected to be hot and sunny);

But really, beyond the countless memories, even for a dog, Casper thought that there was a moment that helped define us as a family, and that was at Girls' Sing. Usually, the boys seem to not be looking as forward to the night as the girls; but then the magic happened...the prep, the plans, the presentation, the themes, and the lyrics. Then the DEBS blow us away and the DORM performs better than Broadway...and then the INTER boys surprise us with their own song then the CLUB accompanies the DORM alma mater and then we all hug..... And that is why Casper has the best FAMILY LIFE at Camp Towanda!



## MEET AND SKI AT ELK REVIEW

We don't have much luck with this event; a crazy blustery winter day prevented many from attending, but the skiing was fun anyway. Brandon Reiter represented Camp Towanda at the trail map!



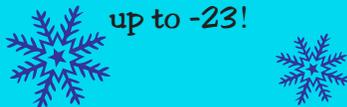
## SENIORS SLEEPOVERS REVIEW

These are truly 2 very special winter wonderland weekends; as the incoming Seniors hang out at

camp, this opportunity allows us to bond, have great fun and think ahead to the upcoming years at camp.

Sledding, s'mores, fireside chats, ice fishing, snowmobile rides on the lake, Dads helping Mitch cook, awesome garlic bread and very special hibachi style eggs are all part of the good times.

The girls' weekend was calm and beautiful while the boys' weekend dipped to 6 below zero with wind chills up to -23!



# I KNOW or iNO

Camp needs to be camp and that means leave the world behind. Start preparing your heads now for NO iPod, NO iTouch, NO device that supports video or texting or messaging or whatever. To bring music, get yourself an inexpensive MP3 player ONLY! Who loves ya?



# CHAT ROOM REVIEW

Crazy night of cyber chatting... about 40 people at a time...how do you people follow all that? Enough to make someone go tweeter...or was that twitter?



# VISIONWALK 2010

Central Park, NYC  
May 23, 2010.

The LIT sponsored VISIONWALK in New York City's Central Park is another great opportunity for us all to get together before camp starts... and for a good cause.

As part of our community service program, the LITs sold shirts last summer (*Team Towanda X*) to donate to the *Foundation Fighting Blindness*. We have experienced that combining a camp reunion and a good cause is very rewarding. Past years' events have helped raise over \$400,000.00 towards funding research.

We are proud of all who participate.

DATE: Sunday May 23, 2010

TIME: 9am Registration; 10:00 The Walk

WEAR: If you have a Team Towanda T, wear that; or your blue Towanda Trip shirt will do or a Red Aliens Tee!

DETAILS: Register and info: [www.fightblindness.org/site/TR](http://www.fightblindness.org/site/TR) Join Camp Towanda Team.



PLACE: Bandshell at Central Park, NYC

AFTER: Enjoy NYC with your friends and family

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

**February:** **1:** Caroline Lerche, Alon Arzi; **2:** Tori Kargman, Lee Gilbert, Rachel Heimler, Jonathan Heppner; **3:** Jake Silverberg, Adam Steiner, Siobhan McCormack; **4:** Adam McCarthy; **7:** Jenna Marcus; **8:** Gregory Fanning; **9:** Dan Hecht, Sari Postal; **11:** Andrea Huttova; **13:** Sarah Antes; **14:** Nicole Seiden, Dr. Staci Pollack-Berke, Lisa Pelton; **15:** Andrew Shaffran, JF Gionet, Miguel Palomares; **16:** Taylor Haber, Brian Josephson; **17:** Jason Marshall; **18:** AJ Solomon; **19:** Poppy Vallario; **21:** Tyler Furlong; **22:** Melissa Welger, Adam Silverman, Buster Waters; **23:** Paul Greenfield, Brahm Wieseneck; **24:** Ava Goldstone; **25:** Ethan Kripke, Jordan Sharaf; **26:** Rhyanna Bredlau, Cory Weintraub, Jamie Weintraub, Adan Rodriguez; **27:** Manny Unger; **28:** Jonny Shaffran



**March:** **1:** Jonny Weiner, Stephanie Simon; **2:** Harriet Weltz; **3:** Jacqueline Maier, Sean Morgan; **4:** Adam Albert, Marcia Bruder; **6:** Gaby Lee; **7:** Mallory Edelman, Ben Gellert, Adam Lowell, Sandy Kohut, Matt Schumann; **8:** Jayde Grossman; **9:** Sean Allen; **11:** Jason Carlson, Emma Trokel, Randy Silverberg; **14:** Remy Aronson, Sydney Levy; **15:** Grace Lang, Charlie Wyetzner; **16:** Kerri Stoelzel; **17:** Olivia Plotnek, Dane Rucker; **18:** Blake Axelrod, Josh Lowell; **20:** Jake Epstein, Nicole Lehrhoff; **21:** Sarah Duncan-Welty; **22:** Noah Platte; **23:** Amanda Gershowitz, Rachael Cohen; **24:** Adam Guest; **25:** Jesse Perel; **26:** Cody Hecht, Drew Schweibel, Shaun Spielberger; **28:** Rachel Feldman

**April:** **1:** Eric Shapiro; **2:** Allie Chaikin, Bradley Scott; **3:** Lara Margolis, Cami Stonesifer; **4:** Zach Khazzam, Jenna Kravitz, Brittany Seitzman; **5:** Meredith Mitchiner, Jonathan Taney; **6:** Jenny Winkler; **7:** Jeremy Steinman; **9:** Lenka Bartosova, John Champagne; **10:** Ryan Goldwasser, Jordan Zgodny; **12:** Sydney Brown; **13:** Adam Gellert, Carly Schwartz, Stacey Zander; **14:** Dusty Fox; **15:** Joey Levine; **16:** Alex Perel; **17:** Andrew Tepper; **18:** Tyler Fein, Mason Gruber, Olivia Hamwee; **19:** Rachel Labarre, Serena Seeger; **20:** Carl Gold, Daniel Rosenthal, Jonesy; **21:** Logan Kornfeld; **23:** Jessica Luftig; **24:** Peri Margolies; **26:** Kimi Rose, Darren Schweibel; **27:** Brian Carlson; **29:** Ryan Goldberg, David Golkow, Brandon Ebenhoeh; **30:** Avi Grossman, Jake Miller, Jared Reiter

**COUNT DOWN TO CAMP!**

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## 2010 DATES TO REMEMBER

Spain Reunion	April 2, 2010
NYC VisionWalk	May 23, 2010
<b>Flying Campers Arrival</b>	<b>June 25, 2010</b>
<b>First Day of Camp</b>	<b>June 26, 2010</b>
<b>Visiting Day &amp; Sibling Sleepover</b>	<b>July 24, 2010</b>
<b>Last Day of Camp</b>	<b>August 13, 2010</b>
Labor Day Family Weekend	September 3-6, 2010
Fall BBQ	October 2, 2010
NJ Reunion	November 20, 2010
Florida Reunion	December 26, 2010



**Senior Girls ice fishing  
on Sunset Lake!**

