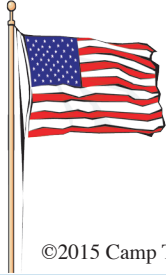


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"Welcome to Camp!"

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Dear Parents,

WELCOME TO YOUR CAMPER'S SUMMER HOME!



We are very excited to welcome you back to your child's summer home!

It was a bit of a wet start but that hasn't slowed the summer excitement down one bit! The campers have been enjoying all of the activities, having a great time at the waterfront, participating in inter camp games, and sharing their Towanda pride everywhere they go! Everyday they remind us why Towanda is the best place to spend your summer and make friends that will last a lifetime.



Believe it or not, the best is yet to come! Tonight we have our Staff Talent Show (followed by the ever crazy Sibling Sleepover) and tomorrow we welcome back alumni to share and reflect on their Towanda Days at our Annual Alumni Day BBQ! The coming weeks include even more exciting events and activities including Casino Night (you can BET it'll be fun!), Gold Rush, Yad Sdrawkcab (that's Backwards Day...Get it?!) and Lower Camp's performance of Annie! On top of that, we also have our trips to Toronto/Niagara Falls and Boston/Martha's Vineyard coming up! And if all that wasn't enough, we might, just might, have Olympics!

Enjoy your day, walk around camp, share in your campers' experience and most of all, don't forget your...sunscreen! Have a great day here at Camp Towanda!



Warm Regards,

Mitch & Stephanie
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MID SUMMER RECAP!

by Andrew Rowan, Senior Boys

Yo Yo Potato, Camp Towanda! We are halfway through the summer of 2015 and I'm here to fill you in on all the fun we've been having. Day One started a bit soggy but high fives, hugs, and smiles still were everywhere. The great Staff Welcome Show brightened our spirits that evening as well. Also in week one, we had some great activities including Open Mic Night, Unique Entertainment, Magic Matt and the ever so messy Towanda Open.

Week Two started with a bang because of the first Talent Show of the summer. Everybody who performed did a great job! Our July 4th weekend included co-ed activities, breaking the Chinese finger trap world record, as well as a great Luau and fireworks show. Then we were all "mesmerized" by Brad the Hypnotist as he came and put a great show on starring all of the counselors. The rain finally cleared up for the Water Carnival and both upper and lower camp had a great fun day at the waterfront. Also, the first annual Treasure Hunt had the groups running around campus in excitement looking for clues. The Five Year Club had a great time at the baseball game. *Minions* and *Inside Out* both got great reviews after being watched on trip day.



Week Three began with the sunshine and an exciting Horse Racing event. Stephanie crushed her competition. Then, all of our actors in Upper Camp impressed us with their presentation of *Back to the 80's*. We had a very rainy All Star Game. We watched it inside but Bob's famous hotdogs were still a huge hit! There was lots of campaigning leading up to Electionality. It started with a speech by Hacker K. Schrute. Camp voted ChaCha Rela as our 2015 Presidents. To finish out the week, there were trips to water parks and Hershey Park, as well as the Seniors, Club, Dorm and LITs, who went to Bethel Woods to see Neil Young.

This past week, Week 4, had many fun highlights such as Girls' Sing and a messy Truth or Consequence. We also had the delicious Venezuelan Pizza Party. All the fun activities as well as our daily schedule has made the first half of the summer of 2015 one of the best yet! We can't wait to see what the second half of the summer holds!

First Day of Camp

by Dylan Freedman, Debs G2

I got on the bus on June 27th 2015 and was very excited! I sat next to my big sister Jordan Zgodny and it was great. When I got to camp I was really excited to see everyone. The counselors were holding signs and I found out my bunk was G2. It was a little cold and rainy when we arrived but that didn't stop me from being very happy! I got to my bunk and found my bed. A lot of my friends are in my bunk, like Brooke, Jenna, Mikayla, Chloe, Emily, Ella, Addison, Caroline and Avery. I knew Avery before because our dads know each other. Some of my friends are in another bunk and that's ok too! We stayed in the bunk for part of the day because of the rain but that meant we could



hang out and talk about all the great things that would happen this summer. For dinner we had spaghetti and meatballs. The evening activity was a Welcome Show by the staff from each area on camp, like the Waterfront and O&A. It was great! Then we went back to the bunk and went to sleep. It was the best first day of camp!

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!



This year 4th of July celebrations spanned an entire weekend! July 3rd featured all of Camp attempting to break a Guinness World Record, the 4th included co-ed activities and head to toe red, white and blue, and the 5th concluded with Towanda's annual fireworks extravaganza!

It was a great weekend!

GUINNESS WORLD RECORD

by Alexis James, Debs G1/2

One day everybody in Camp Towanda went over to the soccer field to try to break the record for most people attached in a friendship circle by Chinese Finger Traps. You have to stand beside your friends and each put a finger into either end of the paper trap and then you are stuck! There is a trick and it will come out, but if you ever use a metal finger trap you will be stuck forever [editor's note: the historical accuracy of metal finger traps based solely on legend]. After we all got trapped together, we did the wave and the drone recorded it for the Guinness World Record! Guess what! We broke the record! Good job Camp Towanda!



The 5th of July Fireworks

by Julianna M. Ricotta, Debs G1/2

On one very special night the whole camp came to the waterfront for a show they would not forget! At the waterfront we saw a fireworks show. It was amazing! The music and the fireworks went together which was very cool! There were pink, blue, green, yellow, orange and red fireworks. It was over 16 minutes in total! At the beginning of the show we got red, white and blue rocket popsicles and they were delicious!

It was a great show!



Everyone knows you wear your heart on your sleeve but who knew you wear your pride in your hair!?

Check out David Maschler and Jacob Schneider who both proved Towanda pride cuts deep!

They showed up like this!

We swear!



FROM THE TOWANDA STAGE

Nostalgia was high as Upper Camp took to the Amphitheater stage to take Towanda *Back to the 80's*. Neon was rampant as the sun set and the stage glowed for the first play of 2015. We rocked out to classic hits like *Footloose*, *Girls Just Want to Have Fun*, *Kids in America* and *Video Killed the Radio Star*. The whole cast had us on our feet singing along! Drama Charlene and the whole drama crew did a great job!

We can't wait for the sun to come out tomorrow for Lower Camp's presentation of *Annie* and all of camp will be spick and span for when *Cinderella* takes the stage later in the summer!



Water Carnival

by Avery Fox, Debs G2



I went to the Water Carnival with my age group. There was a Fire'n'Ice slide, Arctic obstacle course, Treasure slide, Walk on Water, and the great big slide that we always have! We also went on boat rides. There was fruit to eat and popcorn and ice pops! Even though there was lots of exciting slides and things we don't always have, my favorite is still the great big slide in the lake that is always at camp. On one side it is kind of like a climbing wall but instead of rocks, there are loops to put your feet in to help you get to the top. The watermelon was also delicious! The whole day was so so so so so so much fun!

It was the best time of my life!



Brad the Hypnotist

by Hallie Goldstein, Dillies G4

On July 6th, 2015 Brad the Hypnotists came to amp Towanda. I didn't think I was a big hypnotist fan but I was cracking up! First he did this Ice Cream trick. He made all the counselors close their eyes and dream about the BEST ice cream ever! He said the ice cream man was driving down the street so they started screaming. Brad gave them imaginary ice cream. One of the counselors started eating it before he was suppose to! Brad told the counselors the ice cream was dripping. When it got down to their shoes the counselors licked their shoes! It was funny! He also did a TV trick. The counselors were watching a movie. It started funny and then Brad told them it was a commercial so they switched channels. Then it was a scary movie. That was also really funny. Now I'm a big fan of Brad the Hypnotist!



ELECTIONALITY

This year's campaign trail led from the dinning hall, where cheers and support for candidates was nearly deafening during meals, to the Fieldhouse for the annual Camp Towanda Electionality convention. Candidates presented thorough plans for the future of Towanda including unlimited canteen and chicken patties, endless days off for counselors and

late, or early, reveillies for everyone! The ballot count was extremely close but in the end only one set of candidates can take the office and this year it was Evan Naccarella and Charlotte Posnack! Congrats to all candidates!



CAMPAPOLOOZA!

Campapoolooza was amazing! Fikus rocked the amphitheater for the 2nd year in a row with a mix of classics and original tunes! The sunshine lasted through out the whole show and everyone had a fantstic time!



●●●Just the Bullet Points●●●

by Alec Dubin & Ross Tuchman, Cadets B15

- The Tree House is open! Its a great spot when it rains. The bridge is very cool and sometimes wobbly.
- Everyone is having an awesome time here at camp!
- Cadets have been winning a lot of games!
- There was a psych out so maybe Olympics is soon!

Options for a Good Cause!

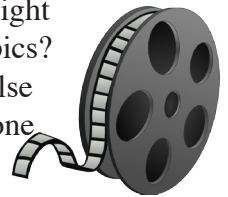
by Ryan Cohen, Cadets B15

This Towanda Times I am going to talk all about options. Sometimes during activities there are options. One is called Track. You run laps around the soccer field. Every lap you run raises a dollar for Morry's Camp. The L.I.T.'s (aka Leaders In Training) are in charge. This activity is very fun to do with your friends and for a good cause!

Saturday Night Flix?

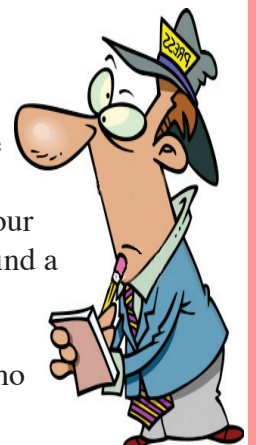
by Zach Halperin, Middies B5

What is this mysterious SATURDAY Night Flix!? Is it something to do with Olympics? Wait, if there even is Olympics. What else can be going on? Skyler crashed his drone but its better now!



MEDIA

Did you get your article in this issue of the Towanda Times? Did you get your official Press Pass? We need your help! Listen for announcements or find a member of the media staff to let us know if you want to be a Towanda Reporter! Special thanks to those who wrote articles for this issue!



TOWANDA

SPORTSCENTER

COACH LEE REPORTS

Hello Everyone!! The time has come for all of us to enjoy Visiting Day as we take a break from the huge amount of activities on the sports front. Every age group, boys and girls, has been very busy having fun and the camaraderie, competition and team spirit have been incredible. All the kids, as well as the coaches, have also learned a thing or two along the way!

We've had some amazing games – too many to mention! Here are just a few updates...

The Cadets soccer team has won through to the Wayne County Final after a great comeback to defeat Equinunk in shoot-outs! The Tweens Basketball team is also in the Wayne County final. This team has a habit of scoring half its points in the last 3 minutes!! But it seems to be working!

Although we've made it to over a dozen Wayne County finals – and won one already, way to go Club/LIT Volleyball! – we are equally proud of ALL our teams, win or lose!

And, we'll keep enjoying our sports, as always!! Meanwhile, heres to a wonderful Visiting Day where we can kick back all together and catch up on whats been happing at camp!

This is Coach Lee with Towanda Sports Center! Da da da, Da da da!



Interviews with the Players

Adam Grossman, Noah Arum and Jaden Leon interviewed Findley McRae about the championship Cadets soccer game.

How do you feel about scoring the game winning goal in the Wayne County Soccer Final?

It wasn't all me. Weissman and Lorenzo also score, I just happened to score the last goal. It was a team effort.

How much pressure was on you when you were about to kick the penalty shot?

I had confidence in myself and after I scored our team was unbeatable.

This Just In..

by Chase Klein, Jordan Sudnow, Ryan Simon, Ethan Schneider and Luke Dorman

We have Cooper Crisp and JJ Gary here and they came in third place in Flag Football tournament. Mr. Crisp and Mr. Gary where the MVPs of the games and the team coaches were Jason Wolpov and Greg Schwartz.

Now for a LAX update from Henry Ellison. He tells us that he played in a Wayne County game against THC and crushed them 18 to 3. Henry scored 3 of the 18 goals. Ben Berk was also on the team and played amazing defense.





GIRLS' SING



Girls' Sing 2015 did not disappoint! The Debs and Dillies were Divalicious! Tweens and Juniors From the Future rocked us with what's to come and the InterNational Rodeo was a little bit country! Seniors Save CT shared their super powers with us, capped socks and all! At first we thought the Dorm was Alone, but then it was a bit of a Horror Story. Finally it was revealed that really the Dorm was a Circus! Boys Camp was a great audience and shared their spirit and support with tons of great signs! After everyone's' great performances, there was ice cream and the Dorm did a great job sharing their Alma Mater. Everyone did an amazing job and the finals score were very tight! Winning by only a handful of points, Dorm the Circus brought the victory to their big top! Congrats to everyone!



Adam Davis from Boys 12 ¾ reports that it was a night filled with suspense, fun and laughter and would like to congratulate the Dorm on their victory!



Conversations with Cadets

by Alex Berk, Cadets B1

I'm Alex Berk interviewing Alex Haslam, who is a counselor from Utah. He says camp is fun! The kids in Boys B1 can be a little crazy but that just means its always exciting! He thinks that besides the 4 alligators in the lake, camp is a very safe place. There are 41 Cadets, which means the canteen line is long! The one word he uses to describe camp is Bodacious! He thinks camp is great and the summer of 2015 is great too!

STEVE MAX!!!

Is there anything better than Steve Max!? Once again Steve Max was welcomed to Camp Towanda's Amphitheater by waves of applause and he did not disappoint! Simon Says put your hands up if you had fun! Congrats to this year's Simon Says champion Jenny Winkler!

