

IT WAS A DREAM IN 2015!

As we think back on the summer of 2015, it's amazing to remember all the incredible things we did, accomplished and experienced. It may have started started with some rain, and it may have ended with some rain but no amount of rain could ever dampen our spirits and love for Towanda. It is hard to believe it was only seven short weeks ago that all of the campers returned to their summer home.

Camp Towanda is a very special place where it doesn't take long for new friends to be walking hand in hand and old friends to forget the long winter months that seperated us. Each of you probably have an enormous box filled with memories of every summer spent at Towanda. Carry that box carefully. Open it often to remind yourself of the games you've played, the people you've met and the times you've spent here. There are few places left where everyone is unplugged, speaks face to face, and the currency of life is happiness. Where smiles are free and laughter is abundant.

It may seem like the journey for Deb or Jet to Dorm or Club is a long one, but ask any Dorm girl or Club boy and they will tell you it flies by. It doesn't take long to move from sitting in the first row to sitting in the back. We encourage you to slow down, don't sweat the small stuff and take it all in. Treasure every bump in the windy dirt road as you head home, because it will also be the road that brings you back to Camp Towanda for the summer of 2016.

SUMMER RECAP

What a summer Camp Towanda! Andrew Rowan here to give you the recap on the second half of this summer (see last issue for the first half recap.)

Week 4 started with none other than visiting day! With perfect weather all day everyone enjoyed the 'friendly invasion.' Later that day we had a great staff talent show with lots of fantastic acts. The night consisted of a lot of candy including a spontaneous party in the middle of boy's camp.

We also had the All Star basketball

game. It was so close that it came down to the last second with Dion from basketball scoring the winning basket for his team. The Dorm girls impressed us once again with another fun Casino Night where everyone had a great time using 'towandough' to play games.

by Andrew Rowan, Senior B1110

The Seniors, Club and Dorm went on their trip to Boston whilst the LIT's went to Montreal. Both trips had a great time. While everyone was on their trips we kept the good times rolling here at camp. Sdrawkcab yad, Counselor Hunt, Gold Rush and camp fires were all great activities that we all enjoyed.

Lower camp presented 'Annie' which many considered the best Towanda



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by Adam Davis, Inters B123/4

Well, 2015 was really a dream (come true) except for the rain, I didn't dream that. First off, the candy party we had in our bunks the night of visiting day was insane, all of my friends came to my bunk. Even some of the Club Boys came to join the party. Bring your own candy movie was a lot of fun, we watched Big Hero 6. Yadsdrawkcab, Gold Rush and the Counselor Hunt (congrats Kyle for winning!) were all fun days that followed at camp. Things began to get interesting when the Club boys returned from their trip to Boston. They surprised everyone with things from the past and other dimensions. Then they kidnapped Mitch in another eventful fake out. Three fake outs in all happened this summer, Archers vs Marksmen, Time Travelers vs Dimension Sliders and Spies vs Detectives. The following morning after the last fake out, the whole of camp went crazy! We were woken at 6am to the sound of breakout. Camels led the way to reveal this year's Olympics 2015, Red Snake Charmers vs Blue Pharaohs. Red were crowned

this years winners but as Bob repeatedly mentioned everyone is a winner no



as Bob repeatedly mentioned everyone is a winner no matter the score. The last few days of camp are close approaching but that doesn't mean there aren't still plenty of fun times to be had. Wayne County Fair, Lazy Day, the very last FNF, the banquet and the burning of the numbers are all moments we have to look forward to before we board the bus and leave our summer home. I hope that everyone has enjoyed summer 2015. Now I want to hear your #CTSupremeMoments from this year, because who knows what's in store for us next year!





It was a great All Star basketball game this year with lots of action happening throughout, but it was the blue team that brought home the victory with a shot by Dion with just 0.5 seconds left in the game. It sure was fun to watch

with both teams cheering on their teammates. At the end of the game all of the blue team including myself ran to congratulate Dion on an amazing shot. The final score was blue 28, red 27.



CASINO NIGHT

by Alex Durh, Bunk 15



This year has been a blast! Casino night was so much fun! Thank you to the Dorm Girls for putting together an amazing event. Some people even got married! Thanks to everyone who donated candy for the casino night as it made the night even better. Stay tuned for next summer!



My first year at Camp Towanda by Isabella Lahiji, Tweens G10

This was my first year at a sleep away camp. Coming into camp I knew two people but I was still scared. I came as a 9 year old not sure what I was getting myself in for but I am leaving a very happy 10 year old after having my birthday at Camp Towanda and making many friends throughout the summer. When I first got to camp I saw a lot of people hugging and didn't really know what was going on. It was cold and pouring rain which meant we had to go to our bunks. We spent most of the day in our bunks which made me think this was what camp was going to be like. BOY WAS I WRONG! Everyday of camp brought something new and exciting. The friendships and bonds that I have made over the summer are better than I ever imagined. I also learned how Towanda Olympics works and had a lot of fun over the course of the 5 days. When 'Is There Anybody Out There' played for the first time this summer I had no idea what was going on but my friends helped me understand the rules of breakout and got me involved from the very start. Now that I have experienced camp for the first time and know what it is all about, I never want to leave.



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play yet. Drama Charlene and the rest of lower camp put on a great show for everyone to enjoy (and we did.) On returning from the trips the Club boys presented us with the first fake out, with two more to follow. The Club boys did an awesome job with this year's fake outs, including one that had the whole of camp thinking Mitch had really been kidnapped.

Then, the moment we had all been waiting for. An appropriately timed 'hump day' saw us waking up at 6am to an Egyptian remix of 'is anybody out there'. Not to mention the camel on each campus which led everyone up to a giant pyramid on the infirmary lawn where the generals, camper captains, lieutenants and sergeants were called up.

The next 5 days were followed by incredible team spirit, sportsmanship and wholesome activity. Rope Burning was so close this year with only 6 seconds between the 2 teams. After a close 5 days red came out to be victorious, but both teams should feel proud to call themselves winners after outstanding performances on both sides.

The remaining days of camp include lazy day, logo awards, the ever-popular Wayne County Fair and the final banquet. Other note-worthy moments of the summer were 'Saturday Night Flix' and the drone.

Ellie Emile wants to give a huge shout out to this years specialists for working so tremendously throughout the summer and for helping to make all of the activities fun for the kids.

As a senior boy this year living in B-1110 I found that my group became a lot closer which made this the best summer yet. I know as we all board the busses we will be reflecting on the summer of 2015 and awaiting the summer of 2016.

cookie chaos

by Morgan Korn, Ari Rosenberg, Junior G10

There are many types of cookies out there, but there is only one that makes your mouth water and you would die just to take a bite... Jonesy's Cookies. These are the last few days of camp and on cookie days you will want to be the first one in the dining hall and the only one to get a centimeter extra worth of a cookie. Remember, safety first, but also have fun. Don't interfere with the line of waiters that are rushing to bring you those cookies, but be the first one to the pile. You never know when cookie day is, don't get your hopes up that it's tomorrow, just know it an be the next day, and all of the above WILL happen.



Camp Towanda witnessed an incredible performance by Sadie McRae, Jaren Smullian and the rest of Lower Camp with their take on Annie. From start to finish the audience were up on their feet clapping and singing along. Everyone was fantastic, from those who had solos to every member of the cast and crew. The backdrops were great, the songs were awesome and everyone's costume was very cute! Talking about cute, for those who witnessed an unbelievable duo from our very own Annie and Daddy Warbucks with 'I don't need anything but you' would agree that their shared hug at the end of the performance really was the icing on the cake. A big well done to all the cast and crew involved including Camp Towanda's very own Drama Charlene. This year's



lower camp play was certainly one to remember and one of the best plays Towanda history! The entire Annie production, as well as Upper Camp's performance of Back to the 80s will be available online after the summer!



FAKE OUT

by Adam Grossman and Jaden Leon, Middies B15

There was a string of amazing fake outs this year! The first fake out was great! The teams were Red Archers vs Blue Marksmen. During flagpole Bob started talking about bows and arrows and guns. Before we knew it the song 'is anybody out there' started to play. All of a sudden people jumped out from all directions dressed up with fake guns, bows and arrows. They then called up the generals making everyone believe it might be real. Just before the camper captains were called the Club boys screamed FAKEOUT. The second fake out happened that same day which was surprising. The names for the teams were the Blue Time Travellers vs the Red Dimension Sliders. After Friday Night Flix a video appeared on the screen that was a mix of Dr Who and other movies. After the video the banners came out and the generals were called. The camper captains for the first team were called just before the Club boys once again screamed FAKEOUT! The last fake out took place after Airbands. We were just about to start singing friends when all of a sudden a car drove up and kidnapped Mitch. Everyone chased the car up to softball were the banners



were revealed. The names for the final fake out were the Red Spies and the Blue Detectives. The Club once again screamed FAKEOUT during the camper captains being called. All 3 fake outs this year were a lot of fun!







TALES OF AN OLYMPIC BREAK OUT!

by Sami Wishnow, Lily Waldshan, Olivia Richard, Juniors G00 You've probably heard of the extra ordinary breakout of twenty fifteen. This is how it happened; at approximately 5.55am the breakout song "is there anybody out there" along with Egyptian music started playing throughout the whole of camp. As we walked out of the bunk camels led us to main basketball, there was also a big pyramid on the infirmary lawn. A minute later the banners for the teams were revealed, The Blue Pharaohs vs The Red Snake Charmers. Soon after that the Generals, Camper Captains, Lieutenants and Sergeants were revealed!

Comels on the looses An Olympic Story

by Rachel Roseberg, Junior G10

"Beep, beep" sounded the goat alarm at 5.45am. Everyone woke up, put on their shoes and went outside to see a camel walking through girl's

camp! We chased the camel all the way to the infirmary lawn where we saw a giant pyramid, breakout or fake out? ... BREAKOUT! Everyone was so excited. The teams were Red Snake Charmers vs Blue Pharaohs (that explains the camels!). Everyone got dressed in their team colors and went to Olympic line up. On entering the dining hall we were assigned our Olympic tables. After breakfast everyone went to their first activity, by the time the first Olympic games had happened it was time for lunch. We had grilled cheese. It was delicious. Then we had a much needed rest hour. After rest hour we went to our remaining Olympic activities for the day, followed by a team meeting. That was the schedule for the first few days with both teams doing really well with point scoring. Red won Rope Burning and Apache Relay but Blue won volleyball and other events. Then sing came around with both teams doing an amazing job on scenery and songs. It was a close call for who would win Olympics, can you guess who? No?! Well Red Snake Charmers won . Congratulations to both teams Red and Blue on a triumphant 2015 Towanda Olympics.



Is there anybody out there? by Morgan Schachter, Junior G10

Camp was woken up on Wednesday 5th August at 5.55am to the spooky song 'Is Anybody Out There.' Everyone rushed to the porch of their bunks in shock and amazement at the sight of a camel walking through

camp! We all ran towards the camel and followed it slowly... after all it is a camel. Finally the whole camp met at main basketball, which is when I realized there were 2 camels! What happened next was surely a surprise for everyone, the generals for each team popped out from a giant pyramid on the infirmary lawn wearing Egyptian costumes. Bob and Amy announced the names of the generals followed by the camper captains, sergeants and lieutenants. The teams were Red Snake Charmers vs Blue Pharaohs. That was breakout 2015.





Generals Ashley Colella

Lucas Feigenbaum Samuel Kaplan Kyle Maynes Brandon Reiter

Caroline Lerche Mollie Spiesman Jenny Winkler

Alanna Ross

Emily Schwartz

Jamie Weintraub

Erica Weiner

Camper Captains

Sam Herbst Adam Schwartz Jake Silverberg

Lieutenants

Evan Naccarella Harrison Weber

Molly Cohen Kendall Gaynes

Sergeants

Cooper Seligson



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Generals

Lucy Aaron Stephen Elwell Ryan Goldberg Jeff Tomczyk

Chandler Bolog Nikki Gold Ari Goret Randi Morgenstern

Camper Captains

Brett Bolor Drew Furlong Noah Paige

Sydney Brown Allie Chaikin Emery Jochnau

Lieutenants

Samuel Hechy Max Saltzman **Emily Hoffman** Drew Schweibel

Skyler Brandfon

Sergeants

Daniel Rosenthal Aaron Schrager

DAY ONE As the sun rose in the Towanda skies, Day One of Olympics 2015 began with an early morning Breakout, complete with camels and a pyramid. Once the teams were divided and breakfast was served, it was straight to a day of competition. Girls competed in events including Dorm Soccer, Inter Girls Soccer and Tween Ghost. The Senior Boys took to the football field, while the Cadets played Gaga and CITs played co-ed soccer. The excitement continued during the evening with Tug-O-War. After such a full day of activities, camp quickly quited as tired olympiads snuggled in for well deserved rest.

DAY TWO All of camp was well rested going the second day of Olympic activities. The Girls hit the track in the morning racing through events including the marathon, potato shuffle, and relays. Both teams ran as fast as they could! During the afternoon, the boys jumped into the pool for the swim meet. The Olympic spirit was tangible at all events as both teams cheered on their team mates and supported their competitors. All Camp Knockout kept the courts alive during the evening.











DAY THREE During the morning of day three, the boys took their turn on track. The girls swim meet filled the afternoon. Both teams continued to compete with great sportsmanship at all events. During the evening, Rope Burning was the main event. It is an event unlike any other. The intensity of both the competitor and the fire is awe inspiring. With no rain for over a week, the wood was dry and the fires rose quickly. However, the wind picked up causing challenges for both teams. Finally, with a difference of only 6 seconds, the Red's rope burnt first.



2015 Rope Burning by Shelby Buckstein and Emma Plotnek, Tweens G10 & G00

What does rope burning mean to you? Rope Burning is exactly what it sounds like... ropes being burnt. But believe us its much more than that... Rope Burning is a happy time for everyone at Camp Towanda even if you lose. You might lose your voice but that's just part of the fun! Rope Burning for us was a thrilling time. Even though we were not in the middle of the action it was so still great fun to cheer on our teammates. Coming up to the last few seconds before the first team burnt through their last rope was intense, just 6 seconds separated the winners from the losers. Red won this year's Rope Burning but the efforts and spirits of both teams makes everyone winners in our eyes. We will never forget Rope Burning 2015. It will remain close to our hearts and we will speak about it for years to come.

UPDATE! by Ethan Schneider, Cadets B2

This just in from Towanda Times, it was a 6 second difference that determined the winner of Rope Burning 2015. It was definitely a close one to say the least. Everyone screamed their hearts out cheering for their teammates who were involved. Both teams did a great job but the Red team just beat the Blue team. Both Red and Blue can be proud with their efforts at rope burning this year.



DAY FOUR The morning of Olympic Day four was filled with team sports. The Dillies playes soccer, Cadets played softball and Inters competed in Football. In the afternoon, the excitement of the Apache Relay was felt across the entire camp. Every camper is assigned a task and each task is as important as the next. From running laps, to popping balloons, the sunken canoe race and the challenging sail, and finally the water brigade; every member of the team is integral to succeeding in the Apache Relay. It was a close race. Once again Red came out on top but Blue was not far behind.





DAY FIVE The last day of Olympics was filled with a few final activities and preparations for Olympic Sing. Both teams transformed the Fieldhouse into an Egyptian desert, complete with pyramids and palaces, statues, hieroglyphics and even a snake! But don't worry, they charmed it back into its basket! Everyone did a great job. After 5 long days of competition, the Red Snake Charmers were named the winners of both Olympic Sing and Olympisc. Congratulations to everyone! It was a great Olympics.



Olympic Scenery by Ross Tuchman, Cadets B15

Everyone walked into the Field House on what was the last night of Olympics. The last 4 days had built up to this moment and tonight we would find out who would be the winners of Towanda Olympics 2015. This years teams, the Red Snake Charmers and the Blue Pharaohs had both worked exceptionally hard in all the events that had taken place. It was now time to see both teams scenery, sing performance and plaque. The first team to appear in the field house was the red team. The scenery included a giant 3D snake, a flying carpet and a structure of the well-known Agrabah Palace from Aladdin. Market stalls also featured in front of the very impressive scenery and décor that displayed on the red side of the field house. The blue team entered the field house second walking through a giant 3D Sphinx. They also built a throne, complete with fire culdrons. It was very impressive. Both teams did a great job with scenery and with their performances at sing.

Olympic Sing by Joseph Entin, Cadets B15

On August 9th the most memorable part of Olympics happened: Sing! The red teams performances included the music of Anaconda, Wiggle, Ocean Avenue and Uptown Funk. The Blue team used the music of Go down Moses, A Whole New World, Shut Up and Dance and Walk like an Egyptian for their performance. Both teams did an amazing job with scenery this year making it a close call for who would win. The plaques that were created by each team were incredible, connected together by the numbers 2015 to make one complete plaque. Seeing the plaques this year has shown that we are a family here at Camp Towanda.







They say if you spend enough time with someone, you start to look like them! Well that definitely seems to be true at Camp! Check out all these Twins! Can you figure out who is who!? The first name in on the right, the second name is left! Can you figure out which goes where?

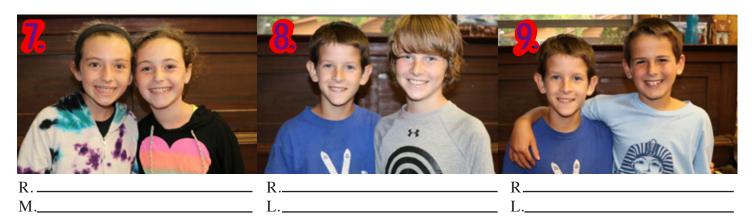
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- 7. Dylan Schwartz & Avery Gourvitz
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- 21. Henry Ellison & Grace Kisslinger
- 22. Jack Gerber & Noah Bonett

- 23.Sam Messer & Sam Geanacopoulos
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- Alex Haslam
- 26.Conor Hyland & Dave Watson
- 27.Jacob Gubner & Keifer McCallun
- 28.Lexi Bernstein & Eden Gabbai
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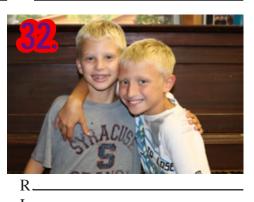




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TOWANDA SPORTSCENTER COACH LEE REPORTS

Camp started and ended with rain - the first and last two days were wet, but in between it was a phenomenal season as Towanda Sports Center raised the bar even more since 2014. It was a summer that flew by with visiting teams coming and going as well as Towanda teams traveling and hosting. We had the highest amount of camper participation in recorded Towanda History, as well as the highest amount of teams wishing to come to Towanda to play. Our teams and facilities looked the part and acted the part.

Win, lose or draw, it was a superb summer in sports. The concept remains - we love sports!! And, they are available for everyone. We focus on safety, sportsmanship, camaraderie, fun and playing well. This is what brings victory, whatever the results of the game.

We have some really nice surprises in store for next summer. You'll have to wait and see what they are!! Meanwhile, a big well done to all the campers and coaches, and the very best to all our kid, families and staff for a happy and healthy winter. Looking forward to seeing everyone again in June 2016.

This is Coach Lee with Towanda Sports Center.

A complete Towanda Sports Center wrap up will be available on the Towanda Blog! Stay Tuned!



Wayne County Champions

- Boys 10th/11th grade Volleyball
- Girls 6th grade Soccer
- Boys 4th grade Soccer
- Boys 10th/11th grade Basketball
- Boys 7th grade Basketball
- Girls 6th grade Basketball
- Girls 5th grade Basketball
- Girls 9th grade Softball
- Boys 8th/9th grade Lacrosse

Wayne County Runners-up

- Girls 9th grade Soccer
- Girls 10th/11th grade Soccer
- Boys 10th/11th grade Soccer
- Boys 8th/9th grade Volleyball
- Boys 10th/11th grade Tennis Singles
- Boys 10th/11th grade Lacrosse
- Boys 6th grade Lacrosse



Towanda Tournament Champions

- Boys 7th grade Basketball
- Girls 6th grade Softball
- Boys 7th grade Soccer

Renegade Tournament Winners

- Boys 4th grade Soccer
- Boys 4th grade Basketball
- Girls 6th grade Basketball
- Girls 5th grade Softball
- Girls 4th grade Soccer





Invitational Tournament Winners/ Runners-up

- Boys 4th grade Baseball
- Boys 10th/11th grade Lax





Dorm Alma Mater 2015

Check out a small segment of the touching Dorm Alma sung to This Year's Love by David Grey

Dorm fifteen will ever last Hand in hand its our time We've been waiting our whole live, for this I'm at home when I'm with you It feels so right Our love is true Can't imagine a life without you When the times get tough having you, is enough Lets rewind the hands of time Twenty-four sisters you'll always be mine How is it already time to say - goodbye



Towanda Twins Answers! from Right to Left

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Congratulations to all the staff who participated in this year's production of Cinderella! It was a great show and had all of camp invovled! Well done!

NY/NJ AREA REUNION 10:30am - 1:00pm

Lucky Strike at Palisades Mall Saturday November 21, 2015 More details in the next Towanda Times!





A great opportunity to enjoy the changing colors of the leaves and spend a day at camp!

Saturday September 19, 2015

10:30am - 3:00pm RSVP by September 10



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 NY/NJ Reunion! Hope to see you there!



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

SATURDAY DECEMBER 26, 2015



11:30 AM to 3:00 PM ish! Spanish River Park, Pavillion #1 Lunch provided! Sandwiches, chips, soda and water! More Details Coming Soon!