

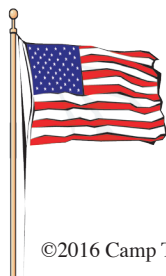
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"IT'S GOING TO BE SWEET!"

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We're Glad You're Here!

Wow! Finally, It's camp time..... You guys are now on your way up to beautiful, sunny and fun Honesdale, Pennsylvania! Sit back, relax and enjoy the ride.... We are going to have an awesome and exciting summer! We can't wait till the buses pull into camp!!!! I will be in the Visitor's Parking Lot with my special bus parking magnet!

Stephanie and I want to welcome everyone to the Sweet Summer of 2016! And, a very extra special welcome to all first year campers!!! You will only feel new for about FIVE minutes and then everything will be okay! Your bunk mates and counselors will be friendly and helpful.

When you arrive at camp, we will bring you to your bunk and get things started. In fact, tonight after dinner we have a fantastic Staff Welcome at the amphitheater!

Tomorrow starts our first full day of activities and a week of great fun. Besides our usual great activities, we have some incredible special events, including a big campfire, Unique Entertainment, a magic show, scavenger hunt, The Towanda Open and of course, the first Friday Nite Flix of the summer!

Don't worry if you are not sure where to go or what to do when you get here; your counselors will answer all of your questions and also help you every step of the way, all summer long!

All Big Brothers and Sisters, don't forget to visit your "Little" at their bunk this afternoon (and tomorrow after lunch, too).

We're looking forward to giving you all a big hello; we'll see you when you step off the bus and then at evening flagpole.

Let the fun begin at Towanda Land!

Mitch & Stephanie



TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- Bus Ride (NO KIDDIN'!)
- Find out your bunk when you arrive
- Get your bed and cubbie
- Meet your big brother or sister (if 1st year)
- Group hair check and health screening at the Infirmary
- General swim (Weather Permitting)
- Wash up for dinner
- Campus line-up
- Flagpole
- Dinner (Spaghetti)
- Free Play
(Join the Garden Club - Meet at the White Rock)
- Back to the bunk
- Staff Welcome Show
- Back to the bunks!
- Get some rest!
- Tomorrow! (Activities! Events! So much more!)

WELCOME TO CAMP 2016!



A MESSAGE FROM BOYS' CAMP

Hello! This is Bob, the Boys' Head Counselor, along with my assistant, Michael Pelton. We are getting excited and we are anxiously awaiting your arrival! Spending your summer at Towanda is a great reward for all that school work you did all winter! Relax and enjoy the ride! Pretty soon you will be at camp! We have been very busy this spring getting everything ready. The only thing missing is you! Camp is the best experience in the world. Whether you are a first year camper or returning, you're going to have a fantastic time here! Get ready to meet your counselors and the rest of the staff. Everyone is here to help you have a great time. Pretty soon you'll be turning onto the dirt road, which means we will be seeing you soon!

A MESSAGE FROM GIRLS' CAMP

Hi! I'm Amy Miller, your Girls' Head Counselor, and along with Lisa Pelton, the Assistant Head for Girls' Camp, we are very excited to share the summer with you! We have so many fun activities planned for you! You'll be arriving at camp before you know it! All of the counselors on Girls' Camp are very excited and ready! We are looking forward to seeing all your happy, smiling faces as you get off the bus! Enjoy the bus ride! The Sweet Summer of 2016 starts now!!!



TOWANDA SPORTS CENTER

Hey everyone, we're back!!! Towanda Sports Center is open and ready to rock 'n' roll - all we need is our kids to get here! During orientation there has been such amazingly positive energy among all the staff that I feel it's not only going to be another wonderful summer but the best one yet! For those of you who are new the Towanda Sports Center welcomes you to a family where every person, camper, counselor or even parent can feel a part of it all! And it does not matter what your ability is, we're all ready to play together with passion for the games, learning and having fun! So, the stage is set! The fields are lush and green and freshly lined. All of the coaches can not wait! See you all soon for a safe, fun, productive and fulfilling summer! On behalf of all the coaches, this is Towanda Sports Center signing off!

Da da da...Da da da!

-Coach Lee



CAMP WASN'T BUILT IN A DAY... IT TOOK TWO!

No one keeps Camp in shape like Mike The Plumber! Big shout out to him and his entire crew during the winter and those who arrive as early as the beginning of May! !



Activities Galore!

TENNIS

If you want to learn tennis, this is the place to be! A warm welcome to all the new and returning campers! I,



Robert, along with Dani and all the tennis staff will do our best to help sharpen your skills and serve up another amazing summer on the court!

-Sir Robert Edwards

ARTS & CRAFTS

The Arts and Crafts crew are ready for you!!!

Feeling inspired? Want to get your hands dirty? Arts and crafts is the place to be! From painting to woodworking and ceramics, there is always an outlet to let the creative juices flow! Come on over to check it out! It's all about being creative and having fun!

- Linda



WATERFRONT

Looking for a great place to beat the heat this summer? Waterfront is definitely the best place to go! Whether you like boating, swimming, waterskiing or paddle boarding, the Waterfront has got it and so much more! Our great swimming pool has had a winter face lift!

Check out that fancy new pool deck!

-Waterfront Mara



O&A

Have you ever dreamed about going down a zipline? Climbing to the top of the wall? or

of spending the night in the tree houses!? O&A is the place for you! You can experience the exciting high ropes course, get a bullseye at archery and bike our trails. You can also always come by just to hang out... with the goats, and sheep and bunnies and chickens of course! Enjoy your ride to camp! We are ready to share an adventure with you!

- O&A Karyn



Gymnastics

We are so excited to have you join us for another fantastic summer of gymnastics! The

mats have been unrolled, the beam is in place and the foam pit is full of...well....foam! So get ready to jump, flip, try new things and learn new tricks! And, of course, have fun! Can't wait to see you!



Lets get Dramatic!

So, the sweet summer of '16 is finally upon us and the stage is (literally!) set for the circus of life as *The Lion King* will take center stage soon. Lower Camp will share their singing and dancing with the entire camp! If last year's presentation of *Annie* is any indication, Lower Camp has the right stuff to put on a great show! However, before Lower Camp takes the stage, *Grease* is the word for Upper Camp. Sandy and Danny and the rest of the T-Birds and Pink Ladies of Rydell High will be rehearsing for the legendary show very soon! Once *Grease* has been the word and Simba is king, *Aladdin* will be flying in magic carpet and all for the All-Camp show!

Our staff is ready, full of energy and eagerly awaiting any camper (or counselors) who wants a chance to take the stage! Whether you are an aspiring Broadway performer or just want to have fun and increase your confidence, the Towanda Playhouse is the place to be! See you soon!





John Lennon (Mitch) , Ringo Starr (Stephanie), Paul McCartney (Jared) & George Harrison (Michael Pelton) walk across during the official opening of Camp Towanda's Abbey Road crossing located behind the Girl's bunk line between G-2 and G-3 creating an express lane to The Ghost Court!



Why do these animals look like they are about to drop the most fire album of 2016? Check out all the animals at camp this summer!



Media Team needs YOU!!!

Ever wanted to be published in the Towanda Times? Interview interesting people? Get the backstage scoop on all sorts of activities? Or just share your great jokes and ideas? Listen for announcements and come join our team!



ON DECK

The Waterfront is ready to keep you cool on those hot Towanda days! Check out the brand new deck around the pool!



Seniors/Dorm/Club/LIT/CIT Concert

MICHAEL McDONALD



The garden has been planted! Check out the progress throughout the summer at Stephanie's garden club!