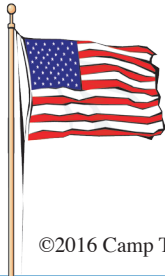


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"Welcome to Camp!"

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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!

The excitement here has been none stop! The campers have been enjoying all of the activities, having a great time at the waterfront, participating in inter-camp games, coming together as a family for evening activities and sharing their Towanda pride everywhere they go (from Dorney Park to Hershey Park to the Movies to Canoe Trips, Bowling and more)! Everyday they remind us why Towanda is the best place to spend the summer. From

the moment everyone got off the bus, friendships formed and have grown as the days go by...friendships that happen fast and last a lifetime, and it's been great to watch!

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! You can BET we'll have fun at Casino Night! Then, Gold Rush, Yad Sdrawkcab (that's Backwards Day...Get it?!), more BBQs on the new Grill at the Waterfront, and Lower Camp will perform The Lion King! On top of that, we also have our trips to Toronto/Niagara Falls and Montreal coming up! And if all that wasn't enough, we might, just might, have Olympics!

Warm Regards,

*Mitch & Stephanie*  
Mitch and Stephanie



# The Summer of Sweet '16 truly has been sweet!

Andrew Rowan, Club

Camp was filled with fun from the moment we got off the bus! Week one started off with great weather and tons of fun activities. The spectacular Staff Welcome Show, unique entertainment, and Towanda Open! The band Fikus joined us again this year for Campapalooza. Everyone had a great time listening to good tunes and getting soaked in the sun! To cap off the week, the Towanda family joined together for the first Friday Night Services of the summer, led by the Club boys of 2016.

The action continues in week two when all of camp came together to break the world record for the longest candy necklace on the soccer field! The July 4th celebrations continued down at the waterfront for a luau, a great show performed by the waterfront staff and a spectacular fireworks display. The Dorm hosted Horse Racing, the 5 Year Club went to the ballpark and on a very hot day, the waterfront was busy with endless fun at the Water Carnival!

Things only got sweeter in the third week with Upper Camp heading to Hershey Park for trip day and Lower Camp making their way to a water park. Upper Camp put on a dazzling display of Grease that left the entire camp grooving along. "It was great to be on stage singing and dancing with all of my friends", said Dillon Weinberg who played Danny Zuko in the show. The Club served Bob's famous hotdogs to all the campers during the All Star Baseball game on the infirmery lawn. And, after weeks of campaigning, Towanda finally elected Eric Reichenberg and Tessa McRae to be our 2016 Camp Presidents! Congratulations!

Everyone was all smiles in week 4 when Dip'n'Dots arrived at camp! It was definitely a crowd pleaser. And, who could forget Girls Sing. It was a great evening and an accumulation of a lot of hard work! We could tell! Campers have been busy playing in tournaments and inter camp games. Whether we win or loose we always have fun! We can't wait to see what the rest of the summer holds and just how sweet it can be at Camp for the summer of 2016!



## Life in Review

Ethan Restivo, Cadets B5

My Favorite activities are O&A and General Swim. The water is awesome! I also like Canteen a lot! I kayaked to the other side of the lake. The quality of the dirt at Yankee Stadium is pretty good. Its dusty, but in a good way. Towanda is awesome. When we went to bowling I got a strike and everyone high-fived me. We also went to a Water Park on trip day. Everyone should come to Towanda!



## That Camp Feeling...

by Sari Richards, Dillies G3

The feeling of getting to camp was amazing...as it always is! After the long plane and bus ride, getting to camp is the most exciting thing ever. All of the counselors hold up big signs and I went running as fast as I could to the Dillies sign. I hope I can go to camp every year because it is the best. I love the feeling of getting to camp!



## Waterfront BBQ

Marni Schwarz, Tweens G6

This year Camp Towanda got a new BBQ grill at the Waterfront. The boys and girls from the age group get to have dinner there sometimes. Chef Lee and Howie cook the food. There are hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, potato salad and more. The BBQ is awesome!



# HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!



July 4th celebrations at Camp Towanda can't be contained to just one day!! July 3rd featured a Luau at the Waterfront, including a great show by the Waterfront staff, and the legendary Camp Towanda Fireworks show. Everyone wore their red, white and blue for the actual 4th of July and co-edding activities filled the day. Once again Towanda took to the soccer field to break a world record!

It was 2 days of great American celebrations!

## GUINNESS WORLD RECORD



*Ethan Yedvab, Cadets B5*

A lot of very cool things happened on the Fourth of July. There was fireworks and American Pie (literally), breaking the World Record and then the British invaded and that was very exciting. Bob was talking to the whole camp and then the British emerged from behind the climbing wall. Some of them zipped down the zipline waving flags. They sprayed us with water guns, which was good because it was hot. The whole camp got sprayed. Then a gold cart drove onto the soccer field and there was a King and Queen. Silva was the King and Ruth was the Queen. They gave a speech. I don't recall all the details but in the end they negotiated the climbing wall will now be called Big Ben. It was a lot of fun!



*Dylan Schwartz, Tweens G6*

Hello all those readers out there! As a tradition, every year at Camp Towanda, we try to break a Guinness World Record! Last year we became criminals and tried to get the record for the most people locked in Chinese finger traps. Hard core, right!? This year we went extreme. Full out candy mania! We broke the record for the longest candy necklace! Everyone received 2 lifesavers. One was for eating and one was to put on a piece of string so make the necklace. When it was my turn, I put my lifesaver on the string. At the end the whole camp dabbed with the string and candy in their hand. Some people ate their lifesaver off the string. I was one of those people. Well, that's all for now Towanda! Bye!



*Julianna Ricotta, Dillies G3*

It was a bright and sunny day when all of camp was sitting in a circle on the soccer field. Mitch, Stephanie, Bob and Amy were standing in the middle of the circle. The camp was sitting in a circle because we wanted to set a Guinness world record for creating the longest candy necklace. Bob gave all the instructions. A long piece of string was strung all around the circle. Then they handed out two lifesavers to each person. One was for eating and one was to put on the string. I had so much fun! When you think about it there were actually 700 lifesavers on the candy necklace! That's awesome.



# FROM THE TOWANDA STAGE

Last Sunday, Camp Towanda presented their upper camp production of Grease. Being the first of three musicals it will be a tough act to follow! A classic that had everyone singing along (even the boys!) and doing the hand jive. The amazing sets carried us through time to a 60s diner and the costumes represented every character perfectly, especially Sandy's transformation! The dancers had all the amazing choreography down pat, a stand out being Beauty School Drop Out and everyone looked like they were having the time of their lives as they engaged the audience from the heartbreaking moments to the heart filling moments!



## Water Carnival

by Hallie Goldstein, Tweens G5 & Sophie Brandstaedter Tweens G6

On the hot and sunny day the whole camp enjoyed a fun filled Water Carnival! In the lake there were surfboards, a walking mat, and a big blow up slide. One of our favorite parts was the speedboat which was super fast and fun! We got soaked during the balloon popping challenge! We enjoyed flavored fun including popcorn, cotton candy, watermelon and ice pops! We zipped down a dolphin slide into the refreshing pool. In addition to the dolphin slide, a dinosaur obstacle course filled our imaginations with fun and excitement. We had two great treasure hunts, one on the beach and one in the pool. Lastly, the fire and ice slide was a very cool adventure!

It was a very "cool" day!



## CAMPAPOLOOZA!

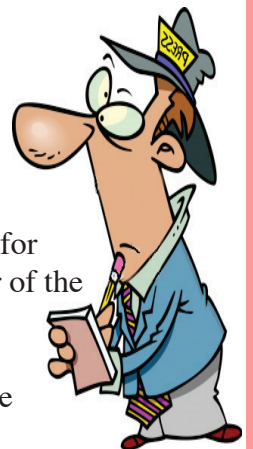
Campapoloosa was amazing! For the 3rd year in a row, Fikus rocked the amphitheater with a mix of classics and original tunes!



It was the perfect day for a concert as the sun was shining and everyone stayed cool with popsicles!

## 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!



# ELECTIONALITY

by Zach Halperin

All of the candidates did exceptionally well. They all had different platforms. Tuaty and Rebecca promised counselors more 30 hours, Silver & Silver promised to lower the cost of beverages. Nemo and Amanda Goldwasser promised to ensure hour long activities are actually an hour, like Shower Hour and Rest Hour. Reichenberg and Tessa McRae promised equality for all! Reichenberg and McRae won the election in the end because they will be the president for the people and the most people voted for them. They had a strong campaign and Reichenberg shook a lot of hands in the dinning hall. Our new Camp Towanda presidents for the Sweet Summer of 2016 are sure to do a great job!



By Ryan Korn & Tye Glazer, Jets B1

Hello Towanda! This is Ryan Korn and Tye Glazer reporting what we saw and heard at Electionality! The candidates included Tuaty & Rebecca, Nemo & G-Wass, Reichenberg & McRae, and Silver & Silver. Tuaty & Rebecca said they would build the wall higher...the rock wall that is. They also considered giving the counselors more 30hrs which got a lot of applause. Next, Silver & Silver said they would make the vending machines cheaper and bring back soda. After that Nemo and G-Wass said they would give milk and cookies every day. Finally Reichenberg and McRae said a lot so we will just say one thing they said which was Jonesy's Cookies everyday! Okay Towanda, that's it for today! Peace out!



## Lower Camp Talent Show

Sadie McRae, Dillies G1

The Lower Camp Talent Show was a blast! Lower Camp has so many great talents. First it started off with Jayden Hoening from G1/2 and Remi Teteksky from G1. They sang a song and made up the lyrics. They got the tune from the song "Call Me Maybe". Next came a lower camp boy names Ryan Rydes. He solved the whole rubix cube behind his back! He did not look at it once! I was amazed by two girls singing songs from "Annie". Their names were Jaiden Klein and Alyssa Dalin. Both live in G1. I enjoyed all of the lower camp boy pianists. One boy named Max Brickman played a very nice song that I could hear people singing along to. Brody Shuffler did a great rap from Hamilton and even dropped the mic!! I think most people got inspired to dance even more by a Deb named Charlotte Posnack. She danced beautifully to Hello by Adele and there were a lot of impressive turns. It was the last act. All of the acts were amazing and everyone did a great job. Can't wait for another Talent show!





# TOWANDA SPORTS CENTER

COACH LEE REPORTS



Hello Everyone! Time is flying and its already visiting day! It seems like yesterday that camp was ready to start and here we are halfway through. Tons of great things have been happening at the Towanda Sports Center. Many games have been played with style and commitment. Fun is being had and tons of learning. Learning new skills and trying new things is very important at Towanda but we've also been winning! Which I can't deny, feels great! Everyone is making great memories on the field.

As of print time, we have already played eleven Wayne county semi finals of which we won seven. We are still involved in thirty-one other Wayne county sports, not to mention the fun of invitational tournaments. Among our amazing games, a special mention has to be given to our inter boys baseball, who are through to the championship following two thrilling games. The first was won with a tight score of 8-7 and then 4-3 against NJY and Tyler Hill. Additionally, All our girls' age groups are pulling through with the wins in a big way! Shout out to the Junior girls basketball and Inter and Dillies girl's soccer teams. Great to coach, even better to watch!

There is so much to look forward to in the latter part of the summer. Have a great visiting day and check back for more scores and sports! This is Coach Lee with the Towanda Sports Center! Da da da...Da da da!

### *Matthew Caplan, Jets B1*

The Cadets soccer team lost at Tyler Hill but they are still trying to get to the top! Coach Lee and Terry are helping them practice so that they can get better and win! That's all the news from the Cadets for the Towanda Sports Center!



## Inspection Perfections

*by Owen Barnes, Cadets B6*

Bunk 6 is the cleanest bunk and has won 2 inspection perfections for Lower Camp Boys! The members of bunk 6 are Owen Barnes, Ben Perry, Brody Morningstar, Mason Wellington, Dillon Diagi, Andrew Pelton, Sean Silverman, Jesse Gelman, and Noah Corcia. We work hard at cleaning time and listen to the sound track of Hamilton as we work.



## Canteen Report

*by Ben Perry, Cadets B6*

There are a lot of candy options in the Canteen. Here are the ones I think deserve a 10 because they taste the best! There are some I haven't tried so they might be good too.

Canteen treats that deserve a 10.

Fudgesicles, Hershey Bar, Junior Mints, M&Ms, Skittles, Sour Patch Kids, Swedish Fish, Tropical Skittles, Twix, Twizzlers, Laffy Taffy, Sugar Babies. Kit Kats only get a 9 out of 10

