

# THE TOWANDA TIMES

OUR 94<sup>TH</sup> YEAR



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"May the Force be with you"

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## IT WAS A SWEET SUMMER IN 2016!

When we reflect on the Summer of 2016, it's amazing to remember all the incredible things we did, accomplished and experienced. It is hard to believe it was only seven short weeks ago that all of the campers returned to their summer home. We have packed so much into this short time, that we each walk away with a lifetime of memories that will pull us back and keep us connected.

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 separate 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, which is why 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 2017.



### My Great Summer

by Ethan Shamash, Jets B1

I am having a great summer at Camp Towanda! I have a lot of great counselors. Some of them are "tiny" Dave, Tony and Brandon. I also have a lot of friends. There are a lot of great activities at Towanda. The best is Gaga because you get to go for the ball a lot. Another activity is General Swim. This is great because it gets hot and there is lots of places to swim and fun things in the water. You can swim in the pool or in the Lake. In the lake there is a giant slide, hot tub, magic matt and another slide made of metal. They are all awesome. I like to swim a lot. I love Camp Towanda and can't wait for next year!

### Camp is Awesome!

by Matthew Caplan, Jets B1

My favorite part of camp is the afternoon activity Gold Rush. We play it while the older kids are away on trips. There are a bunch of colored rocks and we have to find them and bring them to the bank without getting soaked by the bandits. The sheriffs try to help but sometime we have to buy new bags before we can turn in our rocks. There are a lot of great general activities too. I like Gaga because its a challenge to avoid the ball. I also like ghost because you have to try to catch the ball and get the other team out. But, you're never really out because you become a ghost. Finally my other favorite is lacrosse. My favorite part of lacrosse (sometimes we call it LAX) is that you need strategy to win. Camp is awesome!



# GIRLS SING

by Samantha Goldberg & Shelby Buckstein, Juniors G78



We have been practicing for 2 weeks straight. Our hard work is going to pay off tonight! Personally, this is our favorite night of camp. As we walk in we see bright and beautiful posters representing each age group's sing theme. Even the boys are holding posters cheering for their girls group. The moment we've all been waiting for, we start! The first group to perform was the Twinkle Twinkle Debs and Dillies, followed by the International Monster Mash. After that was the Senior Slumber Party and then making a special stop from their travels was the Juniors and Tweens. Another special moment was when the Dorm's secret was finally revealed. The Dorm Cheer Squad! Introducing each group was the LITs. It was a close event but in the end the Dorm Cheer Squad won!



# FROM THE TOWANDA STAGE

We are continually amazed by the performances that happen on the Towanda Stage! Charlene and the Drama team are incredible! *Lion King* was above and beyond anything we could of expected! The scenery was mesmerizing and the costumes were incredible! The entire animal kingdom was out in full force! There were zebras and gazelles, hyenas and lions, of course! Everyone, from Simba, both young and old, to Scar and Timon and Pumba, and the entire chorus did an incredible job! We can't wait to see what graces the Towanda stage in 2017!



## Aladdin



All of Camp Towanda gathered in eager anticipation to see the staff presented their version of Aladdin! The girls where thrilled about the independent-minded princess and boys kept laughing about policeman chasing Aladdin, while the central messages of following your heart and standing up for what you believe made the play. With very minimal rehearsals, the acting and singing was utterly fantastic! The play also featured special twists incorporating Towanda lingo throughout which made it very special! When the kids saw the costumes and the set combined, they couldn't help but feel excited. Everybody was happy. We all knew how lucky we are to be here. Congrats to all the staff involved!



# LEGO LUNATICS

An amazing inaugural year to our LEGO Master Camp! We had an AWESOME time developing our STEAM skills while building windmills and powered cars and of course had some fun with some free building experiments! And to cap off a great season the LEGO Lunatics had an exclusive tour of the mansion, including the original LEGO Room! Can't wait to see you Master Builders next year to partake in all new LEGO activities!



# Inspection Perfections Updates!

*by Dillon Daiagi, Cadets B6*

Bunk 6 is still running for inspection perfection! We have been working hard all summer to stay at the top of the leader board with perfect 10s!

Sean Silverman is the best sweeper around. Ben Perry can make the best hospital corners in camp. With a little help from the counselors we will win the last inspection perfection of 2016 and then even more next year!

# Now & Then

You've lived with them for 7 weeks but can you figure out what these counselors looked like as kids!? Match the counselor pic with their baby pic! Answers below!



TJ Rose



Riley Vanderveen



Chloe Whitlow



Jackie Cheesman



Abigail Wihl



*Baby Pics from Left to Right to Right.....Jackie Cheesman, Inters...Abigail Wihl, Inters....Riley Vanderveen, Nationals...TJ Rose, Nationals...Chloe Whitlow, Juniors*

# BREAKOUT!

by Adam Davis

*A long time ago.....(if you think 5 days is a long time)...*

*in a galaxy far far away...(if by far away you mean this galaxy)....*

Wow! This year's Dutch auction was on main soccer instead of girls camp. It was a little suspicious yet I was totally not ready for what was about to unfold. Obi-Wan Kenobi and Darth Vader walked into the middle of the soccer field. They were looking for BB8, a droid from the new movie. Jonathan Pelton was in a BB8 costume. Sound effects played over the speakers as he ran into the middle of the circle. Obi-Wan and Darth Vader began fighting with light sabers. Then, the lights went out and laser beams streaked across the sky! The laser show was awesome! They lite up the sky with different colors and moved to the music. Then the banners came out. This was it! Finally it made sense! Olympics 2016! The Red Sith v the Blue Jedi! I was so happy Olympics was finally here!



## Generals

Stephen Elwell	Ashleigh Colella
DJ Rutherford	Jayde Grossman
Greg Schwartz	Amberly Vazquez

## Camper Captains

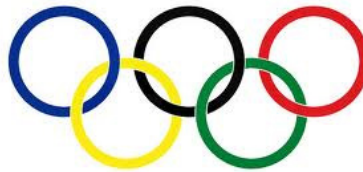
Brian Golden	Emma Bolog
Andrew Rowan	Serena Golden
Sammy Schneider	Jayne Levine

## Lieutenants

Eric Reichenberg	Cassidy Kurzer
Robert Reichenberg	Sydney Levy

## Sergeants

Jonny Shaffran



## Generals

Jerry Friedman	Kelsey Clarke
Garrett Jochneau	Nicki Gold
Kyle Maynes	Lindsay Ilgner

## Camper Captains

Jonah Grossman	Bryce Brandfon
Mason Gruber	Liza Goldstone
Dillon Weinberg	Sam Keller

## Lieutenants

Dylan Friedman	Jordan Hammer
Sam Geanacopoulos	Valerie Maier

## Sergeants

Jillian Horowitz



# OLYMPICS 2016

by Brody Shuffler

Both teams worked very hard. Everyone cheered their team on while their teammates played games and everyone dressed in their colors from head to toe! The Red team tried to win sing and make a come back. They did win sing in the end but since they lost Apache and Rope Burning, in the end the Blue Jedi won Olympics! Good job both teams!

**FULL OLYMPIC RECAP COMING SOON!**

# TOWANDA TWINS

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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| 1. Alec Dubin & Ethan Schneider       | 11. Adam Grossman & Ethan Shamash     | 21. Eden Gabbai & Lexi Bernstein      |
| 2. Bailey & Alexa Laskey              | 12. Rebecca Charney & Gabby Amorosino | 22. Sam Shulman & Luke Berliner       |
| 3. Georgie Sack & Aleza Lasky         | 13. Hunter Posnack & Trevor Kaufman   | 23. Shae Gang & Mia Kripke            |
| 4. Ari Rosenber & Ruby Ellison        | 14. Seth Teitelman & Jacob Bockstein  | 24. Mollie Weisberger & Logan Dorfman |
| 5. Tesse McRae & Bailey Laskey        | 15. Jorge Valdes & Jake Restivo       | 25. Sammy Johnson & Morgan Thompson   |
| 6. Brody Morningstar & Derek Telchin  | 16. Jake Weinstein & Samson Gelfand   | 26. Evan Seinwald & Sam Hirsch        |
| 7. Dylan Schwartz & Avery Gourvitz    | 17. Jarrett Margolis & Grant Ettinger | 27. Kylie Torine & Sari Richards      |
| 8. Alice Trope & Ella Hecht           | 18. Jared Weisler & Josh Babyatsky    | 28. Shay Huberman & Adam Davis        |
| 9. Ella Rosen & Emily Fox             | 19. Ben & Josh Rothbaum               | 29. Owen Blaine & Sky Christman       |
| 10. Ethan Pomerants & Nemo Nemerofsky | 20. Ashleigh Colella & Kelsey Clarke  | 30. Skylar Maklan & Marly Telchin     |



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# EVEN MORE TOWANDA TWINS...



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## Towanda Twins Answers! *from Left to Right*

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# TOWANDA

## SPORTSCENTER

### COACH LEE REPORTS

They say time flies when you're having fun. They are so right. And it was great fun. Just as we were saying last year that it would be hard to raise the bar further in 2016, we raised it by... a lot!! The enthusiasm from kids, coaches, opponents and all involved was phenomenal. And the net result, which shattered all previous records in Towanda history...26 (yes, that is twenty-six) championships, of which 14 were for Wayne County, 5 were for our own Towanda invitational, and 7 for invitational won on the road.

#### *OUR CODE STANDS STRONG*

...the priorities remain, to have a fun and safe time, to learn new skills, to work effectively both as an individual and within a team, to have excellent judgement and sportsmanship, and then to play hard and compete. Sounds like life, doesn't it? But as well as all this, it clicked again this year and reached new heights for many reasons, too many to write here and it would take up 10 pages. One big one is that we wanted skills to be put to use, and to have our teams playing in a style that is attractive and exciting to watch. They did to a large extent and they knew the concept. They also knew that win or lose we treat them the same and love them the same...!!

#### *SOCCER INVINCIBLE, GRIT AND YOUNG STARS*

Five Wayne County finals brought three championships. The "invincible" inter girls scored 31 goals in 3 games and conceded zero, on the way to a three-peat. The grit that the dorm/L.I.T team showed in overcoming Blue Ridge in a semi final that had the lead changing hands five times before coming out on top 5-4 was incredible, before a 7-1 final win v. NJY. The debs and dillies had a similar semi final thriller at Bryn Mawr before winning their final. Our girls teams swept all before them at the Bryn Mawr Soccerama invitational. The boys may not have won so much, but the nationals came close, leading 3-0 early in the final before a very good Trails End team woke up and won 7-4, giving our boys a very useful experience. The cadets lost a game in their Towanda invitational, but came back and won the tournament. Towanda Soccer truly rocked and had an amazing time.



#### *HOOPS DOMINATION*

...here the girls absolutely dominated. This stemmed from excellent defense which they worked on during their instruction. The inter girls did a basketball three-peat on top of their soccer one, again with rock solid zone defense, beating Tyler Hill in the final. The debs/dillies and juniors similarly outplayed their opponents, and the seniors made light work of Seneca Lake, always a tough opponent in basketball. The boys also enjoyed their games a lot but were just a little short and unlucky on occasion, especially the cadets as they lost in the last seconds 13-12 in the final against Tyler Hill. Overall, however, basketball was a joy to watch.



#### *BASEBALL CONSOLIDATES*

...many dramatic and memorable victories here. The inter boys won two games on their way to the final in the last inning, coming from behind in games against NJY and Tyler Hill that lasted more than 3 hours. The hitting was wonderful, as was the fielding and the amount of stolen bases we achieved!! Softball enthusiasm was as high as ever and both on and off the field, those groups were very nice close-knit units, typified by the junior girls who reached the Wayne County final. Baseball/softball continues to build.



#### *LACROSSE DELIVERS AGAIN*

...the coaching staff of 2015 once again set the tone and provided all our campers with top instruction before leading them to the field of competition. Watching the national/senior boys team sweep aside Trails End, Equinunk and Indian Head was good. Watching them and all our teams play attractive lacrosse with attacking flair was even better.



#### *FLAG FOOTBALL TRIUMPH AND THE BIRTH OF POWDER PUFF*

...all our teams enjoyed learning more about the game, but above all they loved taking part in all the invitational they were invited to. Our middies brought home a BIG trophy from the Trails End Football Classic, where they were the only team there not to give up a single point, winning a semifinal by a single touchdown. The girls had just as good a time, unfortunately having both of their tournaments rained out. However, powder puff is ready to take off from its launch pad in 2017.

*Keep Reading for more Sports Center.....*



**SWIM, TEAM STEPS UP**

...both the boys and girls did very well at the Indian Head and Bryn Mawr meets respectively. Both made it to the top three overall, another big improvement, with our medley relay teams again being especially strong.

**ALL IN ALL**

...what an amazing season!! It's such a pleasure to enjoy our sports so much and watch ten work so well together and achieve such great results. A big "thank you" has to go to our coaches and instructors for all the behind the scenes work they do, as well as the dedication they show to our campers. But, of course, it is the kids who have responded and grown in every way from all this, and they truly deserve congratulations on their play and sportsmanship. Here's to 2017 being another fantastic summer both on and off the field. Best wishes to all our Towanda families for a happy, healthy and productive winter. Til Towanda Sports Center reopens on June 24, 2017, this is Coach Lee signing off!!



## Dorm Alma Mater 2016

*Each year the Dorm Girls share their Alma Mater with all of camp. The song represents their experience growing both as individuals and as a group. It's a very special event they share with all of camp at the end of Girls' Sing and again at Olympic Sing.*

*This year's Alma was sung to Chasing Cars by Snow Patrol.*

Time Slips by  
Way too fast  
Can we rewind

Our biggest fear  
Is that we can't stay here  
The times that we have shared  
Wouldn't trade it for the world



The Love that we share  
Nothing can compare  
Knowing you has changed me  
Dorm Twenty Sixteen



Let's spend time  
Remembering  
All we've done

## New Camper Fall Foliage BBQ

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

**Saturday September 24, 2016**

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

## STAFF:

Let us know if you are returning for 2017!!!  
If you want a copy of 2016 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!

## NY/NJ AREA REUNION

10:30am - 1:00pm

Lucky Strike at Palisades Mall  
Saturday November 19, 2016



More details in the next Towanda Times!

## NEW CAMPER GROUP "SCOOP"

For all new for 2016 campers  
and their parents!  
Sunday Jan. 8, 2017  
1:00 PM Sharp 'til 3 PM  
at the Fort Lee DoubleTree on Rt 4 East.  
Details will be mailed.  
Please RSVP!



## FLORIDA BEACH PARTY

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.

**MONDAY DECEMBER 26, 2016**



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