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'We bonded!'

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It's been Great in 2008!

The air was filled with anticipation as the busses pulled into Camp Towanda on Saturday, June 28, 2008. Everyone eagerly scattered to find their bunk mates and learn who their new counselors would be. There were a few tears as friends were reunited and as first time campers faced a whole new world but it didn't take long though for the tears to dry and be



replaced by roars of laughter. There are few places where friends are as eagerly and readily available as at Camp Towanda and as you find you seat on the bus, think of the people you've met and the moments you've shared.

Think about the comedians and magicians who made you laugh (whether intentionally or not), about the talents you showed and the songs



you've sung. Be proud of the accomplishments of the summer, whether big or small and remember the feeling of knowing there are literally hundreds of people around to love and support you. As the seasons change and you return to you're normal routine, let these memories carry you through. Just as fast as the summer of 2008 went by, so too will the winter and soon the summer of 2009 will be just around the corner!

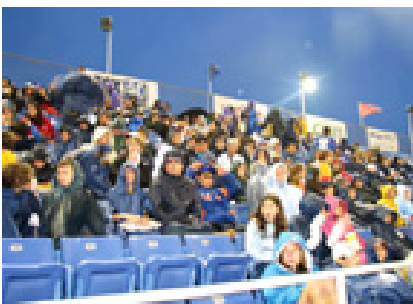


We'll see you next year!

Erica Gulliver
Head of Media 2008



Take me out to the ballgame, Again!



This year's trip to the Binghamton Mets may have included a little bit more rain then we bargained for but the baseball spirit is strong at Towanda! Through five innings, we braved the drizzle, cheering loudly for hits and catches and dancing at every opportunity! Even though no one believed breakout could happen at the same place two years in a row, everyone was still on their toes, especially when the Olympic rings flashed across the big screen. The baseball game may not have brought the beginning of Olympics with it but it sure put camp in the right frame of mind for what was to come!





INSTANT REPLAY! OLYMPICS 2008!



With so many fake outs this year, it was hard to know what was real even when Olympics did finally break out on at the flag pole on 8th day of the 8th month in this the year 2008. As the Olympics in Beijing commenced, so to did the Camp Towanda Olympics with an instant replay theme. It was a switcheroo that had us all confused. Last year's Blue Mets became this years Red and last years Yankees became this years Blue. After the initial shock, the Olympic spirit set in as both teams battled for points in a variety of activities. After a summer of many hot sunny days, clouds and rain tried to damper the games but the true Olympic spirit prevailed.



Just like last year, the games were tight with both teams taking the lead at one point or another. There were ties and many too close to call, like the Apache where the final moments had to be reviewed frame by frame in the video replay to be sure of the winner. Overall the Olympics of 2008 was an Olympics to remember, and not just because of the team names. Everyone played extremely hard. Through victory and defeat everyone demonstrated the true spirit of Olympics at Camp Towanda. You can all be very proud.

THE RED METS

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THE BLUE METS

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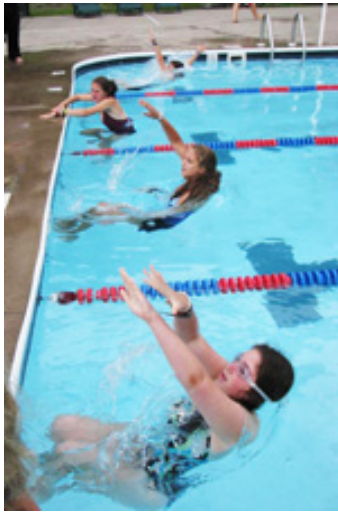
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RED METS VS BLUE YANKEES!

As the Mets and Yankees faced off for the second time at Camp Towanda, it was another tight series. Check out the play by play of the action over the five days of Olympics!



DAY ONE

Olympics have finally begun! We are now in series two of the Mets vs. the Yankees! The intensity of the games began with the first day of activities with ghost tournaments, kickball, basketball, volleyball, flag football, hockey, and even GaGa! Red and blue teams fought for the win all day and right into the evening activity of long jump! The final results of day one had the Red Mets in the lead by only a few points!



DAY TWO

With the Red Mets in the lead from the day before, the Blue Yankees were now determined to pass them in the next day's events! The girl's track meet took place in the morning, as every team member pushed their hardest to win points for their color! The Red Mets ran their way to first place, but only until the Blue Yankee boys won the swim meet that afternoon! Campers and counselors fought to put their team on top during the evening activity of Tug of War. The Blue Yankees succeeded at the end of the night, leaving yet another tight score until day three. The night ended as the Olympic Rings were lit and the entire camp watched in awe as the fire filled us all with team spirit!

DAY THREE

It was a rainy start to the third day of Olympics but the games continued once the skies cleared! The Boys track meet was another intense competition! The girls also turned up the heat with their swim meet that afternoon, leaving the Red Mets and Blue Yankees still in a close range of scores. The pressure was on that evening for Rope Burning. Each member of the rope burning teams battled to build the fire fastest, and it is considered a great honor to be a part of this event, especially for the club boys. The Blue Yankees took the win with the fastest time, finally putting them in first place!



DAY FOUR

Although the stormy weather tried to interfere, Olympics continued into day four with great enthusiasm! There were several activities that took place from the ghost courts to baseball fields. That night we had an all camp knock out game, as all the teams gathered on the basketball courts to slam dunk their way to victory! The night ended with team meetings and milk and cookies, and everyone, no matter what color team, excited to head into the final day!



DAY FIVE

The final day of Olympics finally arrived as both the Red Mets and Blue Yankees prepared for the events that would decide the winner! The Apache Relay was the first event. It was an extremely tight race with the lead switching back and fourth numerous times. The final decision of the winner had to be analyzed on video because both teams were that close! Blue were the winners at the end of the day, and everyone now had to save up their voices for Sing! The field house was transformed into the homes of the Mets and Yankees in New York City. Both teams sang loud and clear to impress the judges! The plaque and scenery presentations left everyone in awe. They will soon find their place in history on the Fieldhouse wall among the plaques and banners of the past. With all the many points added up at the end of the night, the crowd cheered as the Red Mets were announced as the winners of Olympics for 2008!!

Congratulations to everyone who put their all into this year Olympics!



Happy Birthday!

August 16: Miranda Brody, Juan Jose Casado, Tara Chisholm
August 17: Tyler Bolog, Justine Brechue
August 18: Melissa Kaplan **August 19:** Sarah Kirby **August 20:** Phoebe Aaron, Melissa Ilgner, Francine Klarsfeld, Guillermo Cabrera, Mar Cormier **August 21:** Hailey Bergman, Hayley Trichon, Keria Williamson **August 22:** William Bernstein, James Dolgin, Kara Todd
August 23: Ilana Nemerow, Even Seiden **August 24:** Evan Lang, Griffin Weber, Jamie Moffat **August 25:** Amanda Almark **August 26:** Jessica List, Samantha List, Joshua Miller, Jordy Moskowitz, Joanna Weiser, Nicole Webb, Brandom Sperger **August 27:** Kyle Levy, Megan Canfield **August 28:** Taylor Frank, Sydney Frank, Avery Matilsky, David Needleman, Lauren Tancer, Jamie Kelley, Garrett Widger **August 29:** Zachary Brown, Emery Jochau, Brittany Rose, Ernie Simmons **August 30:** Charley Bensky **August 31:** Alana Hassan, Mauricio Castano Agudelo, Christian Martinez
September 1: Matthew Stern, Jared Zelin, Amanda McInain **September 2:** Alyssa Delott, Carlos Martin Martinez **September 3:** Danielle Resnick **September 4:** Matthew Hochman **September 5:** Aaron Kargman **September 6:** Toby Eichas, Zachary Mayner **September 8:** Peri Gillon **September 9:** Courtney Breit, Hunter Sabety, Erez Amsalem
September 10: Dylan Moskowitz, Spencer Mossack, Gregory Polobin **September 11:** Jake Brett, Jeffrey Lowell, Rebecca Myers, Zuzana Busikova, Michael Snow **September 12:** Andrew Epstein, Cari Winkler, Peter Ozsvath **September 13:** Bari Abrams, Devon Margulies, Alexander Merberg, James Trueman, Thomas Vik **September 14:** Mgan Mautz **September 15:** Hani Cohen, Sarah-Jayne Warbrick **September 16:** Lauren Tentein **September 17:** Griffin Lanel **September 19:** Aaron Lafazan, Nathan Cless **September 20:** Yariv Kenan **September 21:** Jana Bohmova, Jamie leipzig
September 22: Jessie-Rose Goret **September 23:** Jonah Gelfand **September 24:** Sarah Gomez, Jared Levy, Sam Perel, Gisselle Torres **September 26:** Allison Friedman, Alexandra Kornfeld, Evan Lapidus, Shelby Merberg, Josef Zachar **September 27:** James Walker **September 28:** Robbie April, Michael Buzin, Liza Goldstone, Jacey Mossack, Samantha Ross, Katelyn Hopper, Kristin McNeil
September 29: Matthew Bogdonoff, Haley Rosenfeld, Julie Brown, Cherie Pickett **September 30:** Gari Hochman, Skylar Seitzman, Stephen Sokolowski, Shawn David **October 2:** Joelle Hache
October 3: Norbert Bencsik, Carrie Stack **October 4:** Joshua katz, Amanda Kravitz, Katerina Cochova, Diana Camila Cardenas **October 6:** Griffin Unger **October 7:** Alyssa Heller, Sandra Miller, Kylie Cheetham, Paul Ward **October 8:** Blake Danzig, Caoline Zatto **October 9:** Alissa Gruber, Zachary Marcus **October 10:** Gabrielle Kayton, Abby Steele **October 11:** Lucy Aaron, Rachel Chinman, Jaclyn Frank, Tamas Dekany, Nida Kokez **October 12:** Emily Josephson, Viktoria Kiss **October 13:** Karen Gormley, Ira Meltzer **October 15:** Evan Naccarella **October 16:** Sydney Gubner, Max Sussman, Sarah Peltó **October 17:** Lyndall Leslie **October 18:** Marlee Kay, Matthew Pomerantz, Alexander Rosen, Adam MacDonald **October 19:** Samuel Dvidovich, Erica Weiner **October 21:** Seth Brody, Brandon Reiter, Zsolt Adler, Nimrod Willner **October 22:** Andrew Resnick **October 23:** Gideon Abramowitz, Emma Dolgin, Brynn Werner, Corey Wener **October 24:** Andrew Goldwasser **October 25:** Hannah Lyons, Rachel Yargur, Zoe Braun, Jakub Havlicek **October 26:** Carly Leipzig, Bronwyn Coetzee **October 27:** Alec Feigenbaum, Brooke Hornstein, Zachary Keller, Alexa Birnbaum, Tyler Price **October 28:** Jiri Eischmann, Maximilian Lammas **October 29:** Jules Moskowitz, Marisa Postal, Ariel Rokito, Shelby Rokito **October 30:** Brett Abish, Bailey Abramowitz, Adam Cohen, Tina Hechler **October 31:** David Feuerstein, Adam Rapchik



CLUB AND DORM 2008



As you entered camp as Debs and Jets, you're final year at camp probably felt like a lifetime away but as you now sit in the back row that time has come. Throughout the summer of 2008 the Club and Dorm have sung and danced, ran and jumped and most importantly become role models to the entire camp. Their embodiment of the true camp spirit has inspired all of us. They cheered and supported everyone as Camper Captains during Olympics, they showed us you can let yourself look silly without being afraid and they taught us to treasure every moment and every friendship. Carry the memories of you're camp career with you into the 'real' world. Remember the small joys of simply being together and the times you've shared. Remember to smile even when you're missing camp because, its ok, camp will miss you too!



Dorm Alma Mater

sung to 'Come Home' by One Republic

Each year the Dorm writes an alma mater about their time at Camp Towanda. Here is a small section

36 perfect strangers
 Now sitting here as one
 Our time is almost done
 Never thought it would come
 We were made to be together
 How can we go on?
 And though we'll go our separate ways
 We know we'll meet again
 The time went to fast
 We wanna make every moment last

Summers with you are all I've ever
 Known
 So please don't go

Brought together by fate
 Dorm two thousand and eight
 Hope this circle will never break
 Everything I can be
 Is everything you've shown me
 And that's why I need you here

Together with you
 I'm home, I'm home
 Don't ever wanna leave you
 You're my strength
 My soul
 And even though the distance keeps us
 Far apart
 You'll still remain inside my heart

Together \with you
 I'm home, I'm home
 Don't ever wanna leave you
 You're my strength
 My soul
 Although it's coming to an end
 I'll make it through with you my friend
 Summers with you are all I've ever know
 Don't go