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"Bonded with YOU in 20 - 1 -Two!"

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It was Great seeing YOU in 20-1-2!

We had such a great time with YOU in 20-1-Two!! It was only seven short weeks ago that all of the campers returned to their summer home and we were all greeting by smiles and sunshine...lots of sunshine! So many great things happened this summer; the National Circus came to Towanda, Bellizone and Berke were elected presidents, Cartoon Dorm took the Girls' Sing title, trips to Montreal, Boston and Toronto and of course, Olympics! There are many traditions at camp and this year we celebrated our 20th year announcing lunch with the playing of *American Pie*! What better way to start Olympics than singing "Bye, bye Miss American Pie"! What a show!

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. Many a camper has been heard saying that at camp we live ten months for two, and as we end another fantastic summer its clear why. Each of you probably have an enormous box filled with memories of this and 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 at Camp Towanda.

There are few places left where the currency of life is happiness. Smiles are free and laughter is abundant. This summer has certainly proved that Towanda is the place to be. It may seem like the journey for Deb or Jet to Dorm or Club is a long one, but ask any Dorm or Club member and they will tell you it flies by in a flash. Remember 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 Towanda for the summer of 2012.



Check out all the Olympic Highlights on Pages 4 and 5!
Can you tell who is who in our Towanda Twins segment!? Page 2!
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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!? Fill in the blanks with the correct answer!



R. _____
L. _____



R. _____
L. _____



R. _____
L. _____



R. _____
L. _____



R. _____
L. _____



R. _____
L. _____



R. _____
L. _____



R. _____
L. _____



R. _____
L. _____



R. _____
L. _____



R. _____
L. _____



R. _____
L. _____



R. _____
L. _____

Which person is on the Left? and which person is on the Right?

1. Emma Leispner and Olivia Plotnek
2. Hannah Seley and Ally Botwinick
3. Bella Messer and Madison Mariam
4. Daniel Marrugo and Dillon Weinberg
5. Lisa Lesnick and Steph Moniz
6. Caroline Lerche and Amanda Breit
7. Shelby Rosen and Serena Golden
8. Jordan Silverberg and Hannah Lyons
9. Ari Zebersky and Cayden Payones
10. Blake Axelrod and Griffin Lanel
11. Ethan Ricahrd and Matt Chaikin
12. Derrick Cohen and Jonah Grossman

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AIRBANDS

Airbands is always a favorite event at camp! Each performance chooses a song or a series of songs and performs a lip-sync! Memorable moments this year included a medley of commercial jingles by the Inter girls, LITs leading a variety of ages as they build a home to the song *Our House*, Club and Dorm both performed memorable medley's and everyone involved did a great job! Inter Boys took the win with a medley dedicated to movie music! The Club medley was particularly memorable as it ended with a tribute to *American Pie* which was this year's Guinness Record and segments have also been reshot throughout the last few weeks of camp. In fact, Airbands concluded with all of camp singing *American Pie*! It was a great way to end Airbands and a great way to start.....See Page 4!



This year all of camp was involved in the play Hairspray! Everyone involved did a great job! In fact, all of the plays this year were great! Well done everyone involved!



IS THERE ANYBODY... FAKE OUT!

Every year the Club uses their creative powers to create Fake Outs that would trick even the best Olympians! First, in honor of the new Gymnastics facility and after a fantastic Gymnastics halftime show during the All Star Staff Basketball Game, we were tricked into believing we were either Red Acrobats or Blue Gymnasts. Next, during free play Bob's voice came booming over the PA to tell us war had erupted between the Red Olympus and Blue Atlantis; which team would you be!? Finally, as everyone patiently waited for breakfast a limo appeared around the corner of the mess hall and the Red Hollywood vs the Blue Broadway emerged! All of the excitement left us eager for the real thing! Congratulation on all the fakeouts! Well done Club of 2012!





SINGING BYE BYE MISS AMERICAN PIE



BREAKOUT!



We did it for the Guinness World Record, singing "Bye Bye Miss American Pie!" It was so much fun that we started doing it again! Small segments of the song were recorded all over camp with all different ages groups. Whenever we gathered together, flags were handed out and the chorus was sung..."Bye Bye Miss American Pie"...Even the parents got involved at Visiting Day singing before the charge of the light brigade. 40 Years ago Don Mclean released American Pie; the



meaning of which has been debated in music circles ever since. However, for 20 years at Camp Towanda *American Pie* has always meant one thing, lunch! But after this year, it also reminds us all of the fantastic breakout for Olympics 2012! The flags were swinging back and forth, stars and stripes beach balls were bouncing around the crowd, and giant blown up Uncle Sams and cut outs of the Statue of Liberty swayed behind the crowd. As we finished the now unforgettable lyrics, confetti exploded from the new light tower and fireworks burst in the air!



This is it, Towanda! Olympics 2012!

RED JESTERS

Generals

Jake "Marbles" Manela	Lindsay Altman
Jacey Naccarella	Melanie Buck
Jared Reiter	Dana Krause

Camper Captains

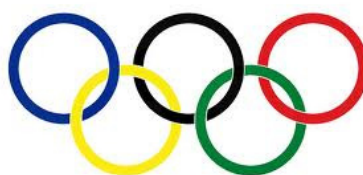
Zach Chaikin	Amanda Breit
Jacob Gubner	Jordyn Salm
Henry Russnow	Sydney Wolin

Lieutenants

Jake 'SR' Levy	Lauren Davis
Griffin Weber	Michelle Feigenbaum

Sergeants

Adam Sharaf	Sydney Axelrod
	Nicole Salm



OLYMPICS 2012

BLUE ROYALTY

Generals

Jay Fray	Jill Gittleman
Jonathan Penner	Stephanie Simon
Brett Spivack	Ali Spiesman

Camper Captains

Robbie April	Meryl Goldberg
Tyler Bolog	Jordy Moskowitz
Reed Wallach	Elysa Zebersky

Lieutenants

Sam Davidovich	Sammi Brown
Jonathan 'NJ' Heller	Shelby Merberg

Sergeants

Josh Miller	Margo Fleishman
	Rachel Holtz





OLYMPICS 2012



Day 1 of Olympics was off to a spirited start! The Debs/Dillies, Middies, Juniors, co-ed LITs and Counselors (and Casper) all had the privilege of playing GHOST on Day 1! Mitch is holding court there with his expert team of Judges and is in his glory! Activities on the girls side included Tweens Newcombe, the Junior/Inter Girls and Dorm soccer, Senior girls volleyball and National girl softball. The boys stayed busy with Jet and Cadet Gaga, Club and LIT Volleyball, and National and Senior boys football. It was a full day of activities, rest hour tennis matches and the beginning of wood collecting for rope burning. The evening was filled with Tug-O-War on the soccer pitch. Both teams pulled their hardest, included the Judges who went up against the Generals, CCs, Lieutenants and Sergeants.

Day 2 started with the Girls hitting the track. It was a hot day but thanks to frequent water breaks both teams finished races in record times! While the girls ran the Jets and Cadets hit the basketball court, Middies played soccer and the LITs played an epic football game! In the afternoon the boys cooled off in the pool while their races heated up! Debs and Dillies played kick ball, Tweens basketball took over the courts and Inters and Nats battled it out in Ghost. The evening activity was Knock Out followed by counselor soccer and the KMP played Ultimate Frisbee! Everyone got involved! By the end of the day only 6 points separated the 2 teams.



Day 3 saw the boys switch to the track for the morning and the girls jump in the pool for the swim meet but the days big event was Rope Burning. Every year the Club boys look forward to Rope Burning as an event they have grown up watching and waiting for. This year's event was epic. The sun had shone all week and the wood was dry. It only took minutes for the flames to start building. Both teams worked feverishly to burn their ropes, with the Red team burning their first rope in near record time. Within 16 minutes it was all over and all the Ropes had been burnt on both sides, first by Red and then by Blue.



Day 4 Apache was the main event! After a morning of sports activities, everyone was assigned their challenge and number and campers spread out across campus to prepare! Mitch blew the horn at the dinner bell and Apache started! We went from the flag pole, to girls camp, the soccer field to fieldhouse and new this year Apache events in Gymnastics! There were events on the Infirmary lawn, included dizzy bats and pogo sticks. Canteen featured nail polish and whistling while chewing crackers and finally we all headed down to the water front. Sunken canoes were a theme for the day as both teams had to drag their canoes from the lack to empty them of water. Then of course there was the actual sunken canoe race; always a favorite! Finally the water brigade finished it off and despite both teams taking the lead at different times, Red came out with the win.



Day 5 After finishing up a few last games, it was down to the business of sing. The team shirts were handed out, motivational cheers rang through the dinning hall and then it was down to the Fieldhouse for the final event. The scenery was fantastic! The plaques were incredible and everyone sang as if winning Olympics depended on it..because it did! The teams were separated by mere points before sing. Finally the Judges were ready to announce the winner of sing...Blue! and then the winner of Olympics was announced..... The winners...of Olympics....2012.....the Red Jesters!



Incredible Club



Congrats to the Club of 2012 who were the recipients of this year's Leadership Award!



Horse Racing

Whats better then Horse Racing!? Horse Racing in the rain! Thanks to the Dorm girls who kept us all entertained even when it rained!

P.S. there are no actual horses involved in Horse Racing...its a basketball competition!



CARTOON DORM!

Each year the Dorm girls rewrite the words to a song to reflect how they feel and the experiences they have shared over their years at Camp Towanda. Here is an excerpt from the Alma Mater by the Cartoon Dorm of 2012!

(sung to the song I Can't Wait)

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The end is near	Fate has brought us here
Dorm twenty twelve forever	The end is near
And I won't let you go	Dorm Twenty Twelve Forever
I need you to know	And I won't let you go
That you're in my heart forever	I need you to know
and on and on and on	That you're in my heart
And we'll go on and on and on	forever
For better or for worse	And on and on and on...
No matter how it hurts	And we'll go on and on and
You've got me to hold your hand	on...
I promise I'll be there	

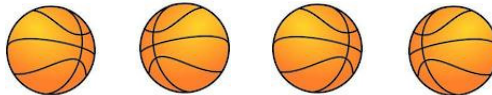
No matter where we go
Or what the future holds
Don't wanna blink my eyes
Don't wanna miss a thing



Steph and her crew, Tris Stafford and Ash Corah, proudly display the latest stick sculpture! The bear now proudly stands next to the newest TeePee in front of Maintenance! But the question on everyone's mind is "Does he have a name!?" Let us know if you have a suggestion and check him out next time you're at camp! Fall foliage BBQ anyone?!

All Star Basketball

The staff put on a fantastic All Star Basketball game! There were trick shots and crazy dribbling talents and even a basket or two! The crowd joined in cheering and for the occasional dance break! There was even a fantastic Gymnastics half time show!





Camp Towanda 365 Days a Year!

Thanks to those who followed us throughout the summer!
Our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram posts have been a tremendous hit!

Keep in touch, connect with your camp friends and get the latest scoop straight from camp all year round!!

Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Our Blog](#), [Pinterest](#), YouTube and [Vimeo](#)!

Rewind and check out all our posts and FNF episodes from the Summer of 2012!

Share with us your news, mini-reunions and adventures (wearing a Camp Towanda t-shirt of course!)

Take a Virtual Tour on our website and feel like you are literally back at camp!

And stay tuned this fall for our updated website, filled with amazing pics from the 2012 summer!

Judgies in Black!



A special thank you to all those Alumni who were able to act as Judgies for this year's Olympics! We appreciate everything you do during the 5 days of competition and hope to see you again next year!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

August 2: Mateusz Dyrda; **3:** Austin Slater; **4:** Jessica Dean, Steven Frydman, Greg Samus; **5:** Jay Fray Frazier, Gregg Galezowski, Katalin Torma; **7:** Harrison Weber; **9:** Nate Scavron; **11:** Celena Cordova, Maya Gross; **12:** Jessie April, Ethan Denenberg; **13:** Persi Gutierrez; **14:** Sami Rosenberg, David Kavar; **16:** Jozsef Simeta, Linda Anderson; **17:** Peter Bodo, Tyler Bolog, Andy Imaz, Sam Keller, Rocio Ruiz; **18:** Lucie Zeinerova; **20:** Phoebe Aaron, Francine Klarsfeld, Melissa Ilgner; **21:** Hailey Bergman, Aiden Neidoff, Caden Payones, Hayley Trichon, Heather Keaty; **22:** Gabriela Ludwiczak; **23:** Ilana Nemerow, Ava Schneider, Emily Schwartz, Evan Seiden, Lauren Pecoraro; **24:** Evan Lang, Griffin Weber, Kaitlyn Walbridge; **26:** Josh Miller, Jordy Moskowitz, Nicole Webb; **27:** Kyle Levy, Issac Hall; **28:** Drew Botwinick, Avery Matilsky; **29:** Emery Jochneau, Zach Brown; **30:** Michael Mariam; **31:** Alana Hassan

September 1: Matt Stern; **2:** Alyssa Delott, Ben Ostrow; **3:** Zoey Seitzman; **4:** Jackie Swendsen; **5:** Aaron Kargman, Nikki Schachtel; **8:** Tiffany Daubert, Chris Hale; **9:** Courtney Breit; **10:** Brian Notarangelo; **11:** Jake Brett, Jeffery Lowell; **12:** Andrew Epstein, Dylan Jaffe; **13:** Heather Ginsburg; **14:** Zoe Birnbaum, Dylan Tish, Chris Hewitt; **15:** Alex Grow, Julius Sokol; **16:** Matt Parry; **17:** Griffin Lanel, Lenka Trcalkova; **18:** Steve Hassett; **19:** Michael Chambers, Terry Schrager; **20:** Riley Kurzer, Mitch Sloane; **22:** Zachary Alexander; **23:** Jonah Gelfand; **24:** Barrett Abramowitz, Jared Levy, Madison Mariam, Sam Perel, Liam Healey, Riley Kerz; **26:** Alex Cohen, Ally Friedman, Alex Kornfeld, Evan Lapidus, Jake "SR" Levy, Shelby Merberg; **27:** Brianna Hoffman; **28:** Robbie April, Liza Goldstone, Jonah Grossman, Sam Ross; **September 30:** Morgan Cohen, Liz Bonfanti