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# CAMP ASCCA vision



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## Fun, Fun, Fun!

From John Stephenson, Administrator

We know from talking to the parents of our campers that the Camp ASCCA experience increases confidence, independence and social skills. Our campers tell us they come for just one reason - it's fun!

This past summer was a great one. Each year we encourage our summer staff to "raise the bar" on our expectations from them. They did a tremendous job in meeting the individual needs of our campers and of course, making sure they had fun.

Because it was summer in Alabama, all of the water activities were a hit. Daily shouts of excitement could



also be heard echoing through the woods from the zipline, treehouse, and the climbing tower. Campers returned from the rifle range proudly displaying their bull's-eye's and at lunch, they talked about the fish they caught, the horses they rode, and what they were going to do at the talent show that night.

Summer at Camp ASCCA was everything it was supposed to be - fun. Fun for over 1,200 individuals with disabilities who would not have found the same opportunities anywhere but at Camp ASCCA.

## SPEAKER... need one?

Camp ASCCA has staff members and volunteers available for presentations to any group. You can also schedule a speaker along with a variety of powerpoint or video presentations covering:

- General Camp ASCCA Info
- Medical Issues
- Outdoor Adventure/Ropes Courses/Teambuilding
- Recruiting and Summer Staff Positions
- Environmental Education Programs

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a website you MUST visit  
[www.campascca.org](http://www.campascca.org)

# Camp ASCCA Awards...

Alicia Finley of Fultondale, Alabama was selected as "Camper of the Year" for 2007. This honor is bestowed on a very special camper that the summer staff chose because they think that he or she embodies the Camp ASCCA spirit.

Alicia, who is an 18 year-old with cerebral palsy, loved camp, has a great spirit, and very much bonded with the staff. In fact, she still keeps in touch

with many staff members throughout the year through email and social networking websites. One of her favorite people was Molly Trausch, her summer counselor.

A few staff members will go "on the road" to meet with Alicia to give her the award. Congratulations!

*Alicia Finley,  
2007 Camper of the Year*



## A "LIFETIME" OF SERVICE & GIVING

A lifetime of service comes in many ways. Mr. Robert McBride was honored with the prestigious Hoyt Webb Award, named to honor the late Mr. Webb, Camp's first Board Chair. Mr. McBride is a dedicated supporter and has played a vital role in the success of our program. He has over 50 years experience as Camp Director at Camp Mac and his generosity to us of his time, talents and financial resources continues to be valued by all those involved with Camp ASCCA. Thank you!

Mr. Greg Frith and Dr. Glenn Roswal BOTH recently made Camp ASCCA the beneficiary of life insurance policies. These gifts will be added to our growing Endowment Fund, insuring for a long future of camp for individuals with disabilities. Mr. Frith is with MetLife and would be happy to talk with other donors about planned giving. Dr. Roswal is a long-time friend to Camp ASCCA and Past Board Chair.

*Greg Frith, John Stephenson  
& Dr. Glenn Roswal*



*Robert McBride*



## MORE Award Recipients!



*Dale Glover,  
Endowment Award*



*Joel Miller,  
James D. Orr, Jr.  
Award*



*Castone Corp., Continuing  
Meritorious Service Award*



*Wanda Ryals, Ina Watson Special  
Appreciation Award*



*Judy Williams,  
James D. Orr, Jr.  
Award*

### Other Awards:

- Dr. Richard Brown, Endowment
- William H. Hitchcock, Endowment
- Dr. Jim Krudop, Meritorious Alexander City Rotary Club, Continuing Meritorious Gunter-Dixon Foundation, Continuing Meritorious Solon/Martha Dixon Fdtn., Continuing Meritorious The Caring Foundation, Continuing Meritorious Alabama District Pilot Int'l, Organization of the Year
- David Sturdivant, Special Recognition
- Donald Jones, Special Recognition
- Trey Collier - Backyard City, Special Recognition
- Jim Hardy, Special Appreciation
- Rep. Betty Carol Graham, Legislative
- Sen. Ted Little, Legislative
- Alabama Forests Forever Foundation, Environmental



*Jim Yerkey, Ina Watson Special  
Appreciation Award*

# camp life:

## “Rise and Conquer” ...



At the beginning of October, Lakeshore Foundation of Birmingham, Alabama brought 32 disabled veterans, severely wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan, to Camp ASCCA for their “Rise and Conquer” weekend. This is the second such event held by Lakeshore at Camp ASCCA. The veterans, friends, and family members enjoyed activities such as adaptive waterskiing, ropes course, climbing wall/zip tower, paint ball course, and much more! To read more, log on to [www.usatoday.com](http://www.usatoday.com) and search “Lakeshore Foundation” or visit the [www.campascca.org](http://www.campascca.org) Camp ASCCA website for a link in the blog section.

Weekend Family Canoe Trip



## COMING UP!

Fall Festival, Mentally Disabled & Physically Disabled Family Weekend, Oct. 19-21

Camp Seale Harris, Diabetic Fall Family Weekend, Oct. 26-28

Family Deer Hunt Weekends, Nov. 30-Dec. 2 & Jan. 18-20

Christmas Weekend, Dec. 14-16, lights, shopping, crafts, and more!



January 2007 Family Deer Hunt

## the STAFF spot



### Barclay Bentley

KITCHEN SUPERVISOR (IN TRAINING!)

Barclay is originally from Cullman, AL and is an Auburn University graduate. He first came to Camp ASCCA in 2005 to work as a counselor. Since then, he has many times been a counselor, program staffer, public relations intern, conducted day camps, speaking engagements, and helped out with the environmental education programs. Barclay came “on board” full-time in September, and will take over the kitchen full-time in December when (sadly) Mrs. Gaye Haggerty retires.

## “Allison’s House”

### a construction project for a special person

*“Camp ASCCA’s a huge part of my childhood. In a lot of ways, I feel like camp is where I “grew up.” I learned more about myself, others and life in general there as opposed to anywhere else! Camp and the people I met there shaped who and what I would become. I seriously can’t imagine what my life would be like now if it weren’t for the experiences I had there.”*

- from the ASCCA Alumni Forum online



Against the odds

Camp ASCCA plans to hire Ms. Allison Wetherbee later this fall to work in the Public Relations department. Allison has a very long history with camp, as a camper and a PR intern when she was an older teenager. As part of our construction projects, and along with help from the Lake Martin Area United Way “Week of Caring” volunteers, Allison’s accessible house will be ready in November! To find out more about Allison, visit <http://iwasbornthisway-allison.blogspot.com>. We look forward to having you here Allison!



## 07-08 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# SUPPORTING CAMP - HOW YOU CAN HELP...



### *These clubs helped by:*

#### ***“Coaster Crazy for Camp ASCCA”***

The Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity of UAB held a fall fundraiser to benefit our Campership Fund, providing donations for campers who need assistance in paying the full week of summer camp fee of \$675. These guys also volunteer at camp - this past spring for Fun Fish Weekend and this October for the Fall Festival Weekend. Thanks to Dan Laan for coordinating!



*Camp Director  
Matt Rickman  
with the Delta  
Sigma Phi's  
at Alabama  
Adventure*

There are a variety of ways to support Easter Seals Camp ASCCA. From sponsoring a camper to buying a brick along the Pathway to Our Future, your gift can help make a difference in the life of a person with a disability. All gifts are tax-deductible. Find out more!

#### ***“Kiwanis Celebrity Golf Classic”***

The Opelika Kiwanis Club recently hosted a Celebrity Golf Classic Tournament to benefit Camp ASCCA in honor of Jeannie Wilson, a camper who has for years enjoyed the excitement of camp. Past board member Rusty Sheehan organized the committee to organize the event. The funds raised will benefit a program/facility upgrade to be announced soon. Stay tuned!



*Kiwanians Tom Bryan and Rusty Sheehan  
at the Kiwanis-Auburn Letterman's Club  
Celebrity Golf Classic.*



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