So far 2020 has not gone as anyone has expected and that includes Camp ASCCA. The impact of COVID-19 has led to cancellations of many of our spring programs with ASCCA campers and user groups. However, we are still moving full steam ahead towards Summer 2020.

Since our last newsletter, we have hired a new full-time staff member, completed a new program and opened the hiring process for summer staff members. The number of campers we serve seems to increase each year, and we do not expect 2020 to be any different. We love having the opportunity to serve the many families who have been coming back for many years and those who are visiting us for the very first time.

As you keep reading, you will get to know our new outdoor education program specialist, find summer positions that are still available, see an official statement about the impact of COVID-19 on Camp ASCCA so far, and much more.
Meet Jon Dollar,
Outdoor Education Program Specialist

Join us as we welcome back Jon Dollar to the Camp ASCCA Staff! He has worked at Camp ASCCA for several summers in college on the program staff and on the summer leadership staff. He is now joining us as our full-time Outdoor Education Specialist. He will be in charge of several programs including demo farm, fishing, archery, nature, horseback riding and sports & games.

I grew up on a farm between Odenville and Ashville, Ala. where I helped my family raise cattle and produce hay. I graduated from St. Clair County High School in 2013. After high school, I attended Jacksonville State University where I earned my Bachelor of Science in Sport Management and Recreation Studies. While in college, I worked for JSU’s football team in their recruiting department, and even received a conference championship ring from the 2017 season.

When I was ten years old, I started attending Camp Seale Harris at ASCCA. It was there I learned about Camp ASCCA and what purpose they serve. I applied to work in 2015 out of curiosity, and I haven’t looked back since! Over the summers I worked as a counselor, shooting sports director, unit leader, lifeguard, and now I’m very excited to serve in the role as Outdoor Education Director!
We're Still Hiring for Summer 2020

MALE COUNSELOR AND NURSING POSITIONS AVAILABLE

At this time, we are still taking applications for the summer positions of male counselor and camp nurse. If you know someone who would be great for either position, have them visit campascca.org/summer-staff/ to apply.

Here are a few requirements for each position:

MALE COUNSELOR
- All applicants must be at least 18 years old
- Counselors are expected to work at least seven week-long sessions

CAMP NURSE
- Applicants must possess, or be able to get, an unrestricted Alabama Nurses License
- RNs and LPNs are encouraged to apply
- We offer seven sessions in the summer and one week of paid orientation

“Camp has taught me that a collective joy amongst a group of friends is 1,000 times better than being happy by yourself.” - Counselor Ahmad

NEW programs

WORK IN PROGRESS

Another program location in the works is a patio area at the newly renovated ampitheater location near the Ziptower. This will be a great place for everyone to hangout and enjoy a variety of activities.

THE SWING

Each year at the start of fall, the ASCCA team works hard to come up with new program ideas to add for the following summer. Our most recent idea has come to life at the fishing pond as a swing that allows you to swing and spin from a platform and over the edge of the pond.

Campers will get to test it out this summer, but we had to try it out too. Here’s Andie taking a swing out over the water and through the breeze. We cannot wait to share this project with all of our friends in a few months.

This new program will be ran by the Adventure Staff and most often ran as a free choice activity where campers can choose it from a list of available programs.
Every year on March 21 (3/21), people raise awareness about Down syndrome and how people with Down syndrome impact our lives and communities. This particular day is chosen to signify the triplication of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome.

Many people show their support by wearing colorful socks to work on March 21 and sharing their stories on social media. As you may know, many of our friends who come to camp throughout the year are people with Down syndrome, so we truly value this day and show our support in any way we can on March 21 and beyond.

As we all continue to monitor the COVID-19 virus, we remain hopeful and are preparing for summer camp 2020. The groups scheduled to visit through the month of April have all been postponed or canceled. Please continue to check our website, www.campascca.org, and social media platforms for continued updates regarding this matter. As of right now, we are looking forward to seeing you at Camp ASCCA this summer.