‘Tis the season for another winter newsletter bringing you all the holiday good news from the greatest place on Earth. Earlier this fall, we hosted a few of our friends from Alabama Recreation & Parks Association, enjoyed adventures with our friends from Lakeshore Foundation, partied with so many ASCCA campers at Fall Family Weekend, and we named a new Camper of the Year. This year, we tried something new in October and opened registration for summer sessions to campers paying full price and those in need of financial assistance. It was only a matter of weeks before most of our summer sessions were full.

At this year’s Christmas Weekend, campers had the opportunity to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus, enjoy holiday traditions and even enjoy a concert by The Red Clay Strays! All the fun we’ve had this holiday season is just a glimpse of what is ahead for Camp ASCCA. Keep reading to learn so much more about all the things we have planned for the future!

Camp ASCCA is a nationally recognized leader in providing outdoor recreation for people with disabilities and health impairments.

COMING UP:
Jan. 17-19  - Cornerstone Church
Jan. 17-19  - Lakeshore Hunt
Jan. 24-26 - Lakeshore Hunt
Jan. 31-Feb. 1 Winter Brd. Wk.
Jan. 31-Feb. 2 National Turkey Federation
Feb. 7-9 - St. Paul’s Retreat
Feb. 20-23 - RYLA
Feb. 29 - Cupola
Happy Holidays!

We wouldn’t be able to have all this fun without your help!
Camp ASCCA’s fifth annual Jingle Jump fundraiser was held on Saturday, Dec. 14, and it was a huge success thanks to campers, staff, donors, volunteers and friends. All fundraising began on Nov. 1 and lasted until the final jump into the ASCCA pool on Dec. 14.

This year, we had 59 jumpers participating in the fundraiser, and they all worked together to raise over $45,000 to sponsor campers with disabilities to attend summer camp. The funds raised this year have the potential to support 60 full camperships. All participants who reached their goal of $750 or more had to jump into the ice cold ASCCA pool during our annual Christmas Weekend.

On Saturday, we also had the largest team of jumpers we have ever had with more than 20 students from Benjamin Russell High School’s Interact Club jumping in at once. Thank you to everyone who contributed this year!

The team that raised the most money this year was Nurse Peggy Long and Ann Herndon with $9,670.

The counselor who raised the most money individually was Caroline Kelly with $1,440. However, she had Nurse Jaco jump in her place.

The camper that raised the most money this year was Cale Galloway with $3,230.

New Projects

New Takeoff Platform at the Zipline
At the end of Summer 2019, Camp Director Matt Rickman and Administrator John Stephenson evaluated the ever-popular zipline with Adventure Program Specialist Jacob Boyer. The result ended up being a seen need for a new takeoff platform at the end where campers are taken off of the zipline. The team has been working hard on a new, innovative design.

New Additions at the Fishing Pond
Each year, the Camp ASCCA team is thinking of new ways to keep Camp on the cutting edge of the summer camp experience. This year’s creative idea was first visualized at the fishing pond in a space that runs down the edge of the pond and is rarely utilized. We have been working hard to flatten out this area of the pond in order to soon install a few surprise activities that will be revealed soon.
The 2019 Camper of the Year is Miss Christina Brown. Christina is a Lake Martin local and has been attending Camp ASCCA since 2014. She continues to show up every chance she gets. Like all of our campers, Christina is an invaluable part of Camp ASCCA, and we are so excited to present to her the title of Camper of the Year 2019.

Kasey had the opportunity to ask Christina about her ASCCA experiences, and she said that some of her fondest memories came when she won the title of prom queen during her second summer in 2015. Her favorite programs at Camp ASCCA are the LPR Zipline and tubing, two programs that come with so much freedom in the air and on the water. Finally, Kasey asked Christina, “If you could say anything about Camp ASCCA, what would it be?” She quickly responded, “THIS IS HOME. I’VE FINALLY FOUND WHERE I BELONG!”