



Our success depends on you!
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Our mission is to help eligible individuals with disabilities and/or health impairments achieve equality, dignity, and maximum independence. This is accomplished through a safe and quality program of camping, therapeutic recreation, and education in a year-round, barrier-free environment.



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Spring Fever... and oh we've got it!

FOCUS
ON
PEOPLE

The warm wind is blowing and flowers are starting to bloom on the ground and in the trees – *spring has sprung!*



Spring is a great time for you to visit Easter Seals Camp ASCCA! You can volunteer for a variety of events and camp sessions if you want, or just come and see what's happening.

Our annual Fun Fish Weekend kicked off spring March 28-30th where many boaters and fishing enthusiasts came to enjoy friendly fishing competitions with teams made up with guides and campers with disabilities. We also have an array of day camps and environmental education camps lined up. We would always love to have you come visit to

come help with a variety of interactive programs involving nature and school kids. Or for those of you who would like to help out on the golf course, we have our 10th Annual Tommy Tuberville Golf Tournament set for May 13th.

Stay informed – visit www.campascca.org for weekly updated information on how you can help!

“SPRING FLINGS” Here's our calendar just for you!

- April 3-6** RYLA District 6860 - Rotary Youth Leadership Weekend
- April 18-20** Autism Society of Alabama Family Weekend
- April 23-25** Lee-Scott Academy Science Camp
- April 25-27** Partlow Center
- April 28-May 2** Beauregard Elem Day Camps
- May 2-5** Alabama Head Injury Fdtn. & Post Polio Support Group
- May 7-9** Lee & Lanier High Schools
- May 9-11** Cystic Fibrosis Family Camp
- May 13** 10th Annual Tommy Tuberville Golf Tournament
- May 15-18** Shepherd Spinal Center of Atlanta
- May 20-23** Houston County Schools camp
- May 27 ...** Camp Seale Harris (diabetes camp for children) begins & other summer sessions begin!

WATCH OUT!

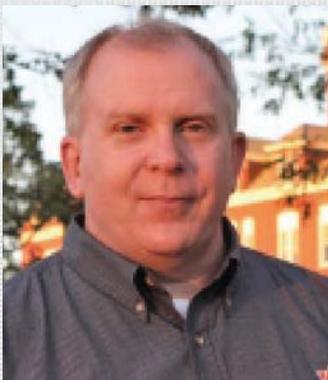
Camp ASCCA's own Media Specialist & Auburn University PR Instructor, Robert French, was recently named in PRWeek's "2008 Who to Watch".

“For eight years, French has been at the forefront of the educational revolution, integrating new media tactics like blogs and Twitter into traditional PR courses...”

From PRWeek, January 7, 2008
www.prweek.com

Robert French makes the Camp ASCCA website possible. Over the past five years, he has transformed it into an interactive site for interested parents, donors, volunteers, staff, and media outlets to view videos, listen to podcasts, read camp information and blogs, and enjoy and download thousands of photos.

You can check the website out today, visit www.campascca.org.



CONSTRUCTING CAMP

Annual Push Camp provides manpower to build accessible deck and more.

Take a walk around Camp ASCCA... Take a look around at all the nice decks off the buildings and the beautiful raised walkways through the woods surrounding the environmental center... Cast your rod and reel at the fishing pond or hit a golf ball at the driving range... All of this is possible, thanks in part, by the help of Pi Kappa Phi's national philanthropy, Push America, and their construction programs.

For more than 15 years of collaboration, we remain extremely proud of Pi Kappa Phi's Push America volunteers who work year after year to build better, safer, and accessible projects for our campers at Camp ASCCA.

Through years of Push Camps, Give-A-Push Weekends, Build America and Journey of Hope grant projects, Camp ASCCA has greatly benefited from these young men's willingness to help others and

bring the funding and labor skills to complete a project.”

build greater opportunity for people with disabilities. John Stephenson, Camp ASCCA Administrator, stated that he is “most impressed that the mission and values of Push America instills the concept of ‘service to others’ in them early.” He says that “this concept sets Push America apart from other organizations – no one else has come to us with that.” Camp ASCCA Camp Director Matt Rickman added that “it is indeed rare for a volunteer group to

bring the funding and labor skills to complete a project.”

Other organizations and individuals also support Push Camp. This past year Mr. Chan Brinson of Alabama-Georgia Wood was able to make a large donation of treated lumber to Camp ASCCA. We had no lumber costs this year, further “stretching” the \$5,000 Push Camp donation!

To learn more about Push America, please visit www.pushamerica.org.

generosity through golf: announcing the 10th annual tommy tuberville golf tournament

Auburn Football Coach Tommy Tuberville continues to be a great supporter and friend to Camp ASCCA. His generous support and that of a field of over 100 golfers and supporters will mean new adventures for those who will attend Camp ASCCA this summer!

Go ahead and mark your calendars for a day of golf and fun for Tuesday, May 13, 2008. For ten years, Coach Tommy Tuberville has supported Camp ASCCA's Campership Fund by faithfully participating in this tournament. The event will take place at the Auburn University Club in Auburn. Registration

is \$100 per person and hole sponsors and corporate sponsors are needed. Activities start at 11:00 with lunch being provided at 11:30. You'll have time for team photos with Coach before the 1:00 shotgun start! Call Dana Rickman or visit www.campascca.org for a registration brochure!



Erin Witschey returns



After a two year absence, Erin Witschey has returned to Camp ASCCA as our new Program Specialist - Aquatics Director. You might have seen Erin around camp during the summers of 2005 and 2006. At that time she was a fantastic member of the Adventure Staff. Since then, she's been working at a YMCA camp in the Poconos Mountains!

Erin is currently working on getting all of her necessary aquatics licenses such as lifeguarding, boating, pool operating, and First Aid/CPR. Erin also said that she is "excited to get back into therapeutic recreation for people with disabilities". She also commented that she "is excited to see the other groups that visit Camp ASCCA throughout the year that I've only heard about".

We all are excited to have her back and hope that you come visit camp this summer and meet Erin for the first time or come back to visit her again! Read and see more about Erin on the www.campascca.org website journal.

WHERE IS ALLISON WETHERBEE?

Jan 22nd: Mobile West Rotary Club
Feb 12th: Jasper Rotary Club
Feb 14th: Gordo Rotary Club
Feb 18th: Decatur Rotary Club
Feb 25th: Florence Rotary Club
Feb 29th: Arab Rotary Club
March 3rd: Guntersville Rotary Club
March 4th: Andalusia Rotary Club
March 11th: Childersburg Kiwanis Club
March 12th: Birmingham Civitan Club
March 17th: Center Point Civitan Club
March 18th: Scottsboro Kiwanis Club
March 27th: Roanoke Rotary Club
April 2nd: Tuskegee Rotary Club
April 3rd: Tallassee Rotary Club
April 7th: Russellville Rotary Club
April 10th: Decatur Kiwanis Club
April 15th: Fort Payne Rotary Club
April 17th: Jasper Pilot Club
April 20th: Birmingham District Pilot Club International
April 21st: Pell City Kiwanis Club
April 23rd: Jackson Rotary Club
May 6th: Cullman Pilot Club
May 13th: Dothan-Houston Co. Rotary
May 15th: Tuscaloosa Morning Rotary
May 20th: Opelika Pilot Club



Over the last couple of months, I have been burning the roads up. I have already visited thirteen civic clubs and have quite a few more scheduled in the upcoming weeks and months. I am pictured here in February with former Camp ASCCA counselor and now board member, Paul Vercher, at the Easter Seals Alabama "Day on the Hill".

If you would like to have me present for your club or group please let me know. Also, I'd love to see you here at Camp ASCCA one day and give you a tour! Email me at allison@campascca.org or call 256.825.9226.

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questions with...

Lee Eiland

Were you once a summer staff member at Camp ASCCA?

Yes, I was a counselor in the summer of 1991. Before then, I worked as a local deejay and volunteered at camp for a few years.

What was the purpose of your last visit to Camp ASCCA?

To make a donation to the Accessible Water Playground. I visited over the Christmas holidays and really wanted to give back.

Do you have a favorite memory of camp?

The talent shows! The campers always had so much fun - so enthusiastic for each other.

What have you been up to lately?

I've been working, traveling, and enjoying professional basketball and hockey games. I work for Glaceau Incorporated, a company that makes vitaminwater, smartwater, and vitaminenergy. I just got back from Australia for work!

Why did you want to contribute to the Accessible Water Playground?

I got so much from Camp ASCCA and wanted to give back. I was very lucky to have been able to make a contribution.

“heard” on the blog...

posted by Robert: “Family Deer Hunt Weekend Video Slideshow”, January 31, 2008
<http://www.campascca.org/journal/2008/01/31/family-deer-hunt-weekend-video-slideshow>

“We have camp weekends like this, because there are aspiring hunters that don’t get the chance to go out into the woods and hunt deer. Camp ASCCA is able to adapt the environment and make it possible for wheelchairs to enter the deer plots. Along with the help of our state game wardens, we’ve been able to create a very accessible and successful hunting environment for people with disabilities,”
said Geni Payne, ASCCA
Director of Environmental
Education.



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summertime fun!

what your donation means.

lake drought update: DID YOU KNOW?

On the first day of spring, March 19, 2008, the Lake Martin water level was at 488.5 ft. That’s two feet over normal levels for this time of year and just 1.5 ft. from summer “full pool”! By the way, the lake level was at 483.5 on March 19, 2007, and the lake NEVER reached full pool last summer. Grab your swimsuits folks!



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