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It's that time of the year...

From John Stephenson, Administrator

It is that time of the year when we spend time with family and friends and reflect on the past year. It is also the time of the year when many charities such as Easter Seals Camp ASCCA will remind you that your donation is tax-deductible. So we will remind you – your gift to Camp ASCCA is tax-deductible.

Why give to Camp ASCCA? We greatly need your support. Through the success of our website and other recruitment efforts, more and more individuals want to attend Camp ASCCA. With that increase comes an increase in the number of individuals requesting free or discounted services. The only way we can meet that need is through your support.

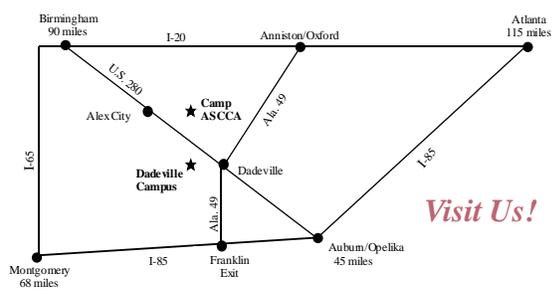
Why give to Camp ASCCA? We are growing. Each year Camp ASCCA looks to further develop the activities and opportunities offered to our campers. This year we are adding an accessible water playground. It will be the first of its kind at an Easter Seals camp nationally. We know that our campers will love it and look forward to having it ready by summer 2008.

Why give to Camp ASCCA? It is appreciated. It is appreciated by the thousands of campers with disabilities and their families who rely on Camp ASCCA to provide our unique services. Services they are only able to find at Camp ASCCA.

Why give to Camp ASCCA? As long as there are children and adults with disabilities, there needs to be a Camp ASCCA. And as long as there is a Camp ASCCA we will need and welcome your support.

SPEAKER...
need one?

DON'T MISS A SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY OUR NEW PR DIRECTOR, Allison Wetherbee (see page 3)! Contact allison@campascca.org today!



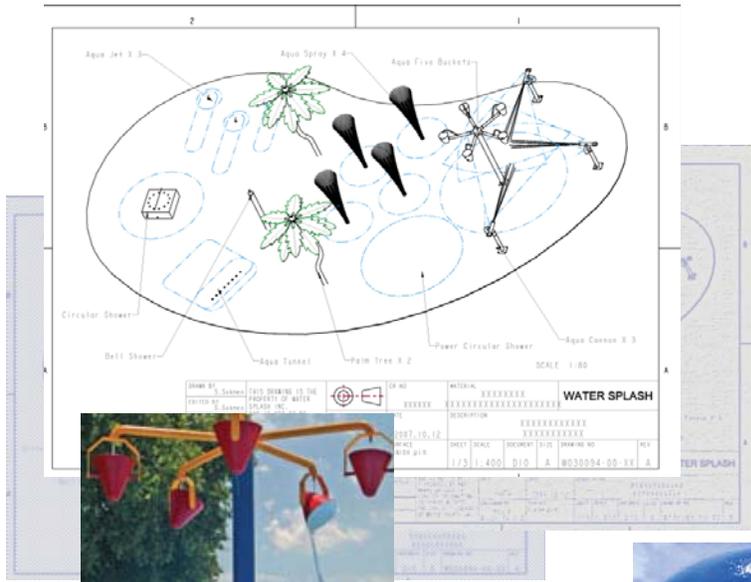
ACCESSIBLE WATER PLAYGROUND

NEW IN 2008!

Camp ASCCA has recognized the need to expand the already great list of activities available. By the summer of 2008 Camp ASCCA looks to construct a 2,800 square foot, fully-accessible water playground. The water playground would be the first of its kind at Camp ASCCA and the first of its kind at any Easter Seals camp nationally.

The development of this playground will further the level of enjoyment for our campers by creating another opportunity for fun, imaginative play, and new opportunities.

The variety and choices of water components are loaded with activities that encourage children of all ages and abilities to be engaged in water play. The components, which allow for independent discovery, experimentation and exploration with water, are good for those who don't swim, increases movement, and provide for additional social interaction opportunities.



NEXT "ON DECK" ...

- Christmas Weekend, Dec. 14-16, lights, shopping, crafts, and more!
 - Family Deer Hunt Weekend, Jan. 18-20
 - Winter Board Workshop, Jan. 25-26
 - Valentine's Dinner, Dance & Silent Auction, Feb. 9
 - Push Camp, Pi Kappa Phi, Mar. 2-6
 - Camp Seale Harris Family Camp, Mar. 14-16
 - Saint James School Science Camp, Mar. 18-20
 - Fun Fish Weekend, Mar. 28-30
- And many, many other church groups and organizations...



The Silent Auction at the annual Valentine's Dinner & Dance!



Visiting with Santa at Camp ASCCA!



Fun Fish Weekend!



A science camp stream discovery!

camp life:

Coming and going...

By Allison Wetherbee

Hello everyone! I'm back! John Stephenson and the folks at Camp ASCCA have graciously accepted me back as part of the ASCCA team. I am working as a Public Relations Representative, and will be living at camp in a newly built accessible home by December! For those of you who aren't familiar with me, I began my lifelong journey with ASCCA



*My first summer
at Camp ASCCA,
1978*

as a camper at the tender age of seven. That was in 1978. You do the math!

A few years later, I was invited to work at Camp ASCCA for three summers as a Public Relations Assistant during my teenage years. After graduating from high school, earning a Master's degree in Counseling from college, and joining the "real world" work force for eleven years, I am now back with Camp ASCCA. As part of my job, I will be speaking to many clubs. Feel free to contact me any time to schedule such an event that is sure to not only be informative, but will inspire and motivate as well. Also, feel free to come visit! I would be delighted to give you a tour of the campus.

Camp ASCCA needs our support to continue offering the highest quality recreational experience that our campers have grown to love and enjoy. As a staff member, and as a former camper, I want to personally thank you for continuing to support this place that I have loved all of my life.

I look forward to seeing you soon. Please contact me by sending an email to: allison@campascca.org

WELCOME ALLISON!



Me today!

Five "ifs" about Mrs. Gaye

TAKEN FROM KEVIN WALDROP'S TRIBUTE
"TEN IFS ABOUT MRS. GAYE"

- # 5 - If you have heard anyone say, "Anyone can be replaced at Camp ASCCA," then that person has never met Mrs. Gaye.
- # 4 - If you've ever met anyone who shows love, leadership, wisdom, and courage in a unique manner, then you know Mrs. Gaye is lovingly unique and uniquely loving.
- # 3 - If you watched the way Mrs. Gaye selflessly served the campers of ASCCA, then you always knew her first priority was to take care of the campers first and foremost.
- # 2 - If Mrs. Gaye never touched your life with a wise word, her all-knowing look, or just an honest, objective ear to listen to, then you never really knew Mrs. Gaye.
- # 1 - If you believe God places special people in our lives to help us grow, improve, and mature as people and Christians, then you know Mrs. Gaye's time at Camp ASCCA was a gift from God.

*Kevin "Kevo" Waldrop is a
former staff member at Camp ASCCA.*

"Mrs. Gaye" we cannot believe she is retiring...

**Yes, it's true, Mrs. Gaye Haggerty is "moving on" after 16 dedicated years of service.
A few words from staff...**

As the former Camp Director and a friend, I want to thank you on behalf of all the staff that worked with you and especially the campers, counselors, and visitors that you so diligently served. I guess I know more than most the importance of quality service in support areas such as housekeeping and food service, and for that excellence I and Camp ASCCA will always be grateful.



We all know that a full-time job at Camp ASCCA is a lifestyle commitment and that personal sacrifice is not to be taken lightly. I believe that service to others is one of God's graces and you certainly exemplify that. I know literally hundreds that you served will never forget you, especially the counselors and campers that required such specialized and individual care. You might not want us to believe it, but we know exactly what your family has always known, that you are a kind and caring person with a big heart!

From Tom Collier, December 2007

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MORE WAYS YOU CAN HELP...



Annual Needs List

We have many program, medical, office, facility, and maintenance needs. Consider a gift such as:

Life Vests
Full size ski vests
Climbing Harnesses
Climbing Rope
General Shop Supplies
Sports Equipment
Arts & Crafts Supplies
Mattresses
Pillows
Towels
Cleaning Supplies
Oil
Tools
Climbing Helmets
First Aid Kits
Vinyl gloves
Tylenol/Motrin
Hand Sanitizer
Sunscreen
Antibacterial handsoap
Much more! Please call!

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. To find out more, contact Dana Rickman at dana@campascca.org or call (256)825-9226!

Sponsor a Camper

A gift of \$675 will provide a week of summer camp for a camper.

Project Renew Building Fund

Many facilities on our 230 acre site need an update from their initial construction. Consider joining us in our "renewal" efforts.

Endowment Gift

Interest earned will be used to provide future generations the experiences of camp.



People are happy everywhere at Camp ASCCA!



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