



* Did you Know?
* Now Hiring!

SEE INSIDE

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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where positive life-changing experiences are happening

camp ascca VISION

'Tis the Season

FOCUS
ON
PEOPLE

As we approach the holiday season, we are all reminded of the many blessings for which we are thankful. Camp ASCCA has the privilege of serving thousands of campers each year and we are grateful for that honor. We thank you for making this happen.

This year Camp ASCCA had the opportunity to provide therapeutic recreational camping experiences for 1,695 children and adults with disabilities. The staff and volunteers of Camp ASCCA are appreciative of your support in continuing to provide the quality services that our campers deserve.

We understand that most people, especially families with special needs children or adults, is feeling financial strain these days. Camp ASCCA needs your support in continuing to provide the quality services for our campers. Please take a few minutes to visit our websites at www.campascca.org and www.asccafriends.org. Please also take a few minutes to look through this newsletter. You will find many photos, stories, web links, videos, and "call to actions" throughout these information outlets. Camp ASCCA is only successful with the help of people like you - YOU have been our foundation.

The Camp ASCCA mission is to help eligible individuals with disabilities and/or health impairments achieve equality, dignity, and maximum independence. Our goal is to serve those who can derive maximum benefit from the resident camp experience and provide a healthier, happier, longer, and more productive life for children and adults of all abilities. Thank you for your part and from all of us, Happy Holidays and we wish you a very blessed New Year!



WINTER WONDERS

- Dec. 5-7** Family Deer Hunt Weekend #1
- Dec. 8-9** ARPA Board Meeting
- Dec. 12-14** Christmas at Camp ASCCA Wknd.
- Dec. 19-21** Family Deer Hunt #2
- Jan. 16** Janice Capiluto Center Retreat
- Jan. 23-25** Family Deer Hunt #3
- Feb. 14** Valentine's Dinner, Dance & Auction
- Mar. 13-15** Fun Fish Weekend
- Mar. 20-22** Camp Seale Harris Family Camp
- Mar. 25-27** St. James Science Camp
- Apr. 2-4** RYLA, Rotary District 6880

NOW HIRING...

Camp ASCCA is now looking for a new full-time Outdoor Adventure Program Specialist. Applicants must be knowledgeable or be able to obtain knowledge of all camp program areas.

“We are looking for a caring and dedicated employee who not only has the skills to run our year-round adventure programs, but who has the drive and personality to work alongside others who want to make a difference in the life of somebody with or without a disability.”

Matt Rickman, Camp Director

A B.S. degree in Therapeutic Recreation or related field is required. Other minimum qualifications include the possession of or the ability to obtain: high and low ropes certification/training, Alabama Boaters License, and lifeguard certification through the American Red Cross. Applicants must also have the ability to plan, organize and lead related programs.

For more information and to obtain a copy of the official Job Announcement, contact:

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GIVIN' A PUSH

Pi Kappa Phi fraternity members visit for the 15th consecutive year for a “Give A Push Weekend”.

Young men from Pi Kappa Phi fraternities from colleges all across the southeast and even New Mexico worked on projects all over camp for one weekend this past November. They built fences, a new deck for the golf and yacht club, and a retaining wall for the new ponds. They also helped lay carpet in the Lions Rotary Lodge, clean the camp boats, make new signs, cut down brush around camp, and even helped us get an old dock out of the water at the fishing pond.

These young men were everywhere on camp and we appreciate their hard work. There is hardly a place on camp that you can turn and not see something built by the Pi Kapp brothers. Thanks so much for giving so much to Camp ASCCA! The Pi Kappa Phi's national philanthropy organization is Push America and more information can be found on their website at www.pushamerica.org.



do you want to dance? Attend the annual Valentine's Dinner, Dance & Auction

Each February the Friends of Camp ASCCA volunteer organization organizes a Valentine's Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction to raise money for Camp ASCCA's Campership Fund.

We are delighted to invite you to join us for the Ina Watson Memorial Valentine Dinner and Dance. In its fourteenth year, the event is sponsored by Friends of Camp ASCCA and is held in the memory of a long-term volunteer, Ina Watson. The event will be held on Saturday, February 14, 2009

at Camp ASCCA's Dadeville Campus. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and then guests will enjoy dancing to the music of Kidd Blue from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. There will also be a silent auction for all to enjoy.

To find out more please contact Dana Rickman at dana@campascca.org.

Carnation Sponsor - \$100 gift
2 seats to the event
Rose Sponsor - \$200 gift
4 seats to the event
Lily Sponsor - \$400 gift
8 seats to the event
Camellia Sponsor - \$500 gift
8 event seats and recognition
Orchid Sponsor - \$1,000 gift
8 event seats and plaque

My Christmas Wish for Camp ASCCA

We asked our friends, volunteers, and staff for their wishes for Camp ASCCA. Here's a few of our favorites...

"For Camp ASCCA to teach the campers & staff how to make fishing poles out of bamboo sticks. That would be cool".

"That we will continue our excellent safety record"

"We will find a magical donor that will give us a huge check to finish renovating all of the cabins and buildings"

"Funding for camperships"

"AN INDOOR RIDING ARENA"

"New pillows, sheets, and blankets"

"New cabin mattresses"

"A new website"

GOLF & YACHT CLUB

The new accessible Camp ASCCA Golf & Yacht Club construction is still underway!

Many people and organizations have contributed and we still need YOUR help too!

The Camp ASCCA Golf & Yacht Club is being constructed and is designed for campers with disabilities to enjoy a leisurely 18 holes of accessible miniature golf and a one-of-a-kind radio controlled boating experience on and around two beautiful ponds. There will also be an array of observation areas as well as a boating house and a club house.

Recently many friends of Camp ASCCA have donated funds for annual memberships, hole sponsorships, and miniature RC yachts. Many more sponsors are needed.

On the construction side of the project, the ponds have been filled with water, a gentle waterfall has been built between the two ponds, and we've even begun the process of constructing a natural filtration system in the ponds. Many volunteers have also begun constructing the club house and decking around the area!

On behalf of our campers with disabilities, thank you, we would love to have your support!

Sponsorship Levels

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

\$100.00 per year, renewable

PUTTERS & BALLS

\$50.00, unlimited number of sponsorships

RC YACHT SPONSORSHIP

\$250.00, unlimited number available

FLAGSTICK FOR MINI-GOLF HOLE

\$250.00, unlimited number of sponsors

HOLE SPONSORSHIP

\$1,000.00, unlimited number available

BOATING HOUSE

\$3,000.00, one sponsorship available

4,000 Sq. Ft. POND

\$3,000.00, two ponds available for sponsorship

CLUB HOUSE

\$5,000.00, one sponsorship available

GOLF COURSE

\$15,000.00, Sponsored by Alabama Pilots

Have questions? Contact Administrator John Stephenson at john@campascca.org or Director of Marketing Dana Rickman at dana@campascca.org.

THANK YOU ALABAMA DISTRICT PILOTS FOR YOUR \$15,000 PLEDGE TO SPONSOR THE ACCESSIBLE GOLF COURSE! Your annual support is appreciated by the campers with disabilities you support!



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DID YOU KNOW?

You can donate stock

If you are thinking about making a donation to Easter Seals Camp ASCCA, you might want to consider making a gift of appreciated stock or mutual fund shares rather than a cash donation. A gift of such as this often provides increased tax benefits, along with the satisfaction of knowing you can make a difference in the life of a person with a disability. You CAN make a difference.

When you donate stocks instead of cash, your benefits are two-fold - you get a deduction for the stock's full market value and avoid paying capital gains tax on the appreciation.

If your stock has increased in value from the time of purchase, you can avoid paying the capital gains tax by donating the security to Camp ASCCA. When the security is being donated to Camp ASCCA, the total amount will still be eligible for a tax deduction. Since taxation is avoided on the stock donation, you will be able to make a larger donation.

If the stock has decreased in value it may be better to cash it in first. This ensures you can take a capital loss deduction on your income tax and a charitable deduction for the full amount of the donation.

Transferring stocks is relatively easy. If you have certificates in your possession, we can provide you with instructions on how to send the stock certificates and stock power authorizing the change in ownership. If the stocks are held in street name, we can provide you with the information to your broker to make a wire transfer to the our brokerage account.

Contact John Stephenson, Administrator at john@campascca.org or Cathy Jones, Accountant at cathy@campascca.org.

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Heard on the Blog::

"CAN YOU SEE ME NOW??" Posted by Geni Payne, Nov. 18, 2008
<http://www.campascca.org/journal/2008/11/18/can-you-see-me-now/>

We have wonderful new hunting blinds made and donated to us by all the great employees of Zachry Construction. We have been gearing up for our family deer hunt weekends lately. The fields have been planted and the shooting lanes cleared, but when Percy (Zachry Construction) and Rex (Acts II Remember Outdoors) visited the hunting land they saw a way to help. Upon hearing our need for new hunting blinds, Percy volunteered immediately to help build 5 new houses for us! They worked double-time on them and they were delivered last week. We put them out on their plots and they look fantastic.

They are much larger than our old houses and will be better suited to our campers' ability levels. Thank you Zachry Construction!



BARCLAY'S BITES:



Our kitchen supervisor shares a holiday recipe with you - Camp ASCCA style!

BANANA PUDDING FOR 200 OF YOUR CLOSEST FRIENDS

12 cups sugar
3 cups flour
3 gallons of milk
36 eggs
1-1/2 lb. margarine
3 boxes vanilla wafers
30-36 bananas
12 tbsps vanilla

Mix flour and sugar together, add milk mixing well, then add egg yolks and margarine and cook over low heat until thick. Cook slowly, stirring all the time, add vanilla and take off heat. Place vanilla wafers on bottom of pan, cut bananas and place on top of them and mix together. Pour pudding over top of the wafers and bananas and mix together. Mix 1/2 cup sugar with egg whites and beat until stiff. Spread over pudding and brown in oven like meringue. You may want to use three large pans!

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spring at Camp ASCCA
more fundraisers

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2009 Summer Application

The 2009 summer camper application is now available!

visit www.campascca.org or call for one!

Visit Camp ASCCA on the Web!

Do you want to see videos, photos, read stories and more? Visit one of our sites and many others where our information is available.

Go to: www.campascca.org/journal to begin...

watch out for the NEW
www.campascca.org
coming this winter!

ASCCA Friends

Camp ASCCA is Alabama's Special
Camp for Children and Adults. The...

321 members

Join Us

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Easter Seals Camp ASCCA is a nationally recognized leader in providing camping and outdoor recreation services for people with disabilities and health impairments in a barrier-free environment. Camp ASCCA could change your life, you could change someone's life - visit or call today.

Thanks to you...

"Camp ASCCA has changed my life in so many ways..."



YOU make a difference in the life of a person with a disability.
Thank you for your support. Visit www.campascca.org

Your name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I would like to help sponsor a camper...

- \$675 Sponsors a camper for one week
 \$375 Sponsors a camper for one weekend
 \$125 Sponsors a camper for one week day
 \$55 Helps sponsor a camper

I would like to help build the Camp ASCCA Endowment Fund...

- \$6,750 Sponsors one camper for one week each year forever
 \$_____ My gift enclosed for the Endowment to ensure Camp's future
 \$_____ I pledge \$6,750 to sponsor one camper for one week forever—here is my first gift

I would like to support the Camp ASCCA Golf & Yacht Club...

- \$100 Annual Membership
 \$250 RC Yacht Sponsorship
 \$250 Flagstick for golf course hole
 \$1,000 Hole sponsorship
 \$3,000 Boating House Sponsor
 \$3,000 Pond Sponsor (2)
 \$5,000 Club House Sponsor

My gift is in honor of memory of _____ .

I would like to know more about Camp ASCCA...

- Send me newsletters
 My group wants a program on Camp
 Send me information on special events
 I would like a tour, please contact me

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO EASTER SEALS CAMP ASCCA - Visa/MC also accepted

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