WINTER CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS:

December 9-11
Camp ASCCA Christmas; Lakeshore Fdn. Hunt
December 13
Board Teleconference
January 13-15
Lakeshore Fdn. Hunt
January 20-22
Disabled Hunt Weekend
February 11
Friends of Camp ASCCA
Valentine’s Dinner & Dance
Mar. 8-11
Rotary 6880 RYL
Mar. 23-25
Fun Fish Weekend

“Camp ASCCA has much for which to be grateful…”

The past year was a time of tremendous progress and achievement for Camp ASCCA. The camp provided over 5,400 camper days (days when individuals with disabilities attended camp sessions) and touched over 6,200 individuals. While many camps are struggling to maintain their enrollment amidst the current economic climate, Camp ASCCA has been able to sustain our historic levels. The importance of the “campership” donations we receive each year from our donors is underscored by the fact that over 70% of our campers with disabilities receive financial assistance.

Additionally, we completed six capital projects during the past year including the construction of an outdoor game room and the leadership courtyard, renovations of the tennis courts and administration building, and the addition of improved shade and accessible ramps to key program areas. These projects enhance the programs offered at camp and are made possible by the many generous donations from civic groups, foundations and individuals. As we look forward, we have planned renovations for the dining hall, cabins, and the ball field.

Daily, the news reminds us of the fragile economic environment. Camp leadership must constantly remain aware of our immediate needs and our responsibility to protect the future of the camp. Towards that end, the Camp ASCCA Board of Directors has established a goal to increase funding in our endowment to $6,000,000. At this level, we will be able to insure Camp’s ongoing operation during times of economic challenges and to continue providing financial sponsorships to families in need.

I hope you will, as I do, derive a great sense of inspiration from the joy our campers gain by attending Camp ASCCA and from the generous spirit of those who support our mission. Camp ASCCA has much for which to be grateful, but I also hope we can all participate in securing Camp ASCCA’s future by making contributions to the endowment. Thank you for sharing in this journey with us.

Rob Hunter
Board Chair
Jack Stephenson, CIT

10 things I learned this summer:

1. You are never more important than the camper.
2. Your attitude directly affects the camper.
3. When your camper is happy, the world is a good place.
4. Campers needs & wants > than your own.
5. There is no better feeling than a camper saying “I love you.”
6. Campers are some of the coolest, most genuine people you can meet.
7. It is THEIR camp experience, not yours.
8. ASCCA summers are the best summers.
9. You will do things that you would never ordinarily do.
10. Camp ASCCA is where it’s at!

The Lee Eiland Kravitz Sports Field
Provided in memory by friends & family

We were saddened by the loss of one of our past staff members and donors this September. With amazing love and remembrance, Lee Eiland Kravitz’ family and friends have donated over $13,500 to Camp ASCCA in her memory! With this generosity, the Camp’s ballfield is being renovated and will be dedicated “The Lee Eiland Kravitz Sports Field” in the spring. Lee spoke so highly of her time here at Camp ASCCA with the campers and she will be missed. “Stay tuned” for updates!

Camp ASCCA’s Fall Family Weekend
October fun for campers & families

See more at www.campascca.org/news
Another Renovation Reality
Renovations to the Boy’s Cabins underway!

There are four cabin “clusters” at Camp ASCCA, with those divided into two sets of what are now known as the boy’s and girl’s cabins. The original two “clusters” were built in the mid-1970’s and the remaining two built in 1979. Many of our main buildings here at Camp were also built at that time and we’ve been working over the past several years to update them inside and out!

Thanks go the generosity of long-time donors which include Alabama District Pilot International, The Solon & Martha Dixon Foundation, and the Alabama Elks Association, interior and exterior work (including one remaining renovation to an accessible bathroom) is being completed this winter on the Boy’s Cabins. We can’t wait for everyone to see the new bathroom, interior colors, and everything else that’s updated!

One cabin “cluster” houses two cabin areas that is connected by a shared accessible bathroom. These buildings are the main cabin areas that provide living quarters for our campers with disabilities and the summer staff. To find out more about this project, contact John Stephenson at 256-825-9226.

Golf for Good:
The Alexander City Rotary Golf Challenge

On October 24th, the Alexander City Rotary Club hosted the 18th Annual Rotary Golf Challenge. Annually, this fundraising event raises over $45,000 for Camp ASCCA and neighboring charity Children’s Harbor. To learn more about the event and to see photos, visit www.campascca.org/news/?newsID=387 & www.flickr.com/campascca.

Camp ASCCA Awards 2011: Our recipients make lasting impressions

ENDOWMENT AWARD
Dr. Richard E. Brown

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD
Push America
John M. Wilson

CONTINUING MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD
Alexander City Rotary Club
Alabama District Pilot International Enterprise Rotary Club
Andalusia Rotary Club
Dale Glover
Alabama Power Energizers
JAMES D. ORR, JR. AWARD
Carolyn Davis

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD
Alabama State Assoc. of Emblem Clubs

ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR AWARD
Alabama Elks Association
INA WATSON SPECIAL APPRECIATION AWARD
Daniel Hutcherson
William & Molly Martin
Ron & Ann Layne

LEGISLATIVE AWARD
Representative Mark Tuggle
Senator Tom Whatley
OSCAR C. DUNN ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD
Tallapoosa County Master Gardeners

COMMUNICATION AWARD
Cliff Williams, Opelika-Auburn News

Congratulations to all of our recipients! A brick in your honor will be places in the “Pathway to Our Future” walkway that will forever recognize your accomplishment.

Stock market got you down?...
Check with your CPA or financial planner to see if your donation of stock to Camp ASCCA would be beneficial this coming tax season.
Congrats Hank Poore!
Hank was named 2011 Camper of the Year

Congratulations to Hank Poore who was named Camp ASCCA’s Camper of the Year for 2011! Full-time and summer staff members surprised him at a special dinner at a nearby restaurant on November 11th. Of course his family was “in” on the surprise, as Hank thought he was in Auburn visiting his brother who attends Auburn University. Hank is an 11 year old with Cerebral Palsy who has enjoyed visiting Camp ASCCA since 2009.

Hank was chosen for this honor by the summer staff. He was the one camper who they felt is the ideal person/camper to represent Camp ASCCA and its mission.

We can’t wait to see Hank again this December when he attends the Camp ASCCA Christmas Weekend at no charge - a gift from the Camp ASCCA staff. For more pictures from the dinner, visit http://www.flickr.com/photos/campascca/sets

Bittersweet Goodbye from Cathy Jones

My how time flies! It really does when you’re having fun, and that describes my work here at Camp ASCCA. It’s hard to believe that I came here 20 years ago, December 16, 1991. I really do enjoy performing the various accounting functions associated with my position. I have seen many changes through the years, staff and otherwise. I have wonderful people to work with, but the biggest and best changes have come through computerized accounting. I thought that I would be working here at least another five years, but God has other plans. Upon retirement, I will relocate to North Carolina to work in our church headquarters. God gave me this job, and now He has chosen something else for me. I will miss Camp ASCCA, but also look forward to what lies ahead.
The Campership Endowment Fund

YOU are the difference.

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Consider making a gift this holiday season to ensure the future of Camp ASCCA. Your tax-deductible gift will help build our Endowment Fund. Once there, the interest earned will be used to provide future generations the experiences that Camp ASCCA offers.

www.campascca.org
I would like to support the Camp ASCCA Endowment Fund...

☐ $________
I would like to help. Here's my gift for the Endowment Fund!

☐ $6,950*
My pledge of $6,950 will sponsor one camper for one week each year forever.

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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

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