“Laughter is an instant vacation 😊”

Laughter is just one benefit of summer camp at Camp ASCCA, and let us tell you why!

“Laughter is an instant vacation”, “Live, laugh, love”, “Laughter is the best medicine” – these are phrases that we probably all have heard. But take a moment to think about it... laughter.

“Laugh” as a verb can be defined as “a. to show emotion with a chuckle or explosive vocal sound, b. to find amusement or pleasure in something, and c. to become amused.”

Laughter is a by-product of one of the many benefits of attending summer camp at Camp ASCCA. Physical, social, cognitive, and emotional benefits are why the Camp ASCCA program exists – and have so for 38 years.

We invite you to come visit this summer to hear the “explosive vocal sound” of laughter when someone rides down the zip-line or water slide. You can see the “amusement and pleasure” of a camper as he or she rides along on a tube ride on the lake. You yourself can “become amused” and experience joy along with a whole group during a talent show!

There is so much to behold at Camp ASCCA - as a camper, a friend, and as a donor. But above all, the most important part of summer camp is having the opportunity to experience all parts of life which includes... laughing.

We thank you in your support!

Easter Seals Camp ASCCA

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Allison Wetherbee, Community Relations Dir., is very busy this year scheduling groups to talk to about our mission. If you would like her to visit, contact her at allison@campascca.org.

June 24: Camp ASCCA Orientation
July 15: Vina Civitan Club
July 23: Decatur Daybreak Rotary Club
Aug 4: Phenix City Rotary Club
Aug 26: Cullman Civitan Club
Sept 21: Mt Mirah in Florence
Sept 30: Women’s Conference Mt. Hope Baptist Church

B’BETH WELDON
“Capturing the essence of the moment...”

B’Beth works as a full time artist in her studio in Fairhope, Alabama. Constantly fascinated by “color, light, and energy that make things work,” her goal as an artist is to “capture the essence of the moment” in each painting. In addition to teaching art classes to children and adults, B’Beth enjoys hold her “Gifted Masterpieces” workshops. Her paintings are held in private and corporate collections both nationally and internationally.

“As a child, my father encouraged me to dream big dreams and make them happen.” With this in mind, B’Beth founded “Gifted Masterpieces” in 2010. This program was originally designed to offer those with special needs and/or health challenges the opportunity to paint with B’Beth and to create their masterpieces, along with their families and medical staff.

B’Beth Weldon will hold three workshops at Camp ASCCA this summer!
Learn more about B’Beth and her work at www.bbethweldonartist.com.

Because when I ride, all I feel is free!

The Meredith Birchfield Foundation sponsors 2014 equestrian program

Annually, Camp ASCCA serves an average of 1,300 individuals with intellectual and/or physical disabilities. Most of these individuals participate in our summer camp program. During their stay, each camper has the opportunity to participate in our horseback riding program!

The riding program is tailored to the individual’s cognitive and physical abilities. The outcome of the program is geared to give the camper another opportunity for personal growth – both through confidence and life experience. We feel that this program is part of the core of activities offered during Camp ASCCA’s 38 year history.

Finding and hiring qualified staff, care for the horses, barn/pasture maintenance, saddles, and safety equipment quickly add up annually. Meredith Birchfield, through her foundation, has generously sponsored Camp ASCCA’s equestrian program for the year with a gift of $22,000.

Studies have shown that equestrian programs – including those programs targeting individuals with disabilities – greatly benefit the participant in many areas. The benefits range from sensory stimulation to skill acquisition. Camp ASCCA prides itself on being able to meet the needs of each individual participating in the program.

Joni & Friends at Camp ASCCA!

For 35 years, their mission has been to communicate the Gospel and to equip Christ-honoring churches worldwide to evangelize and disciple people affected by disabilities.

June 15-20, 2014 the world-renowned organization, Joni & Friends, visited Camp ASCCA for a week of summer camp with one of their Family Retreats!

Joni and Friends International Disability Center Family Retreats are a week of Christ-centered ministry that provides a unique service to families struggling with the daily stresses of caring for a disabled family member.

It is a time to embrace the needs of the entire family, offering a full range of activities in an encouraging and supportive environment where families affected by disability feel welcomed, understood and accepted. It is also a great opportunity for networking and building relationships with others who know both the joys and relentless demands of life with a disability.

Learn more about Joni & Friends by visiting www.joninandfriends.org.
A trip to Beijing... *Sharing of knowledge*

Last summer we hosted guests from Beijing who were finding out more about our programs here at Camp ASCCA in order to, in the near future, construct a similar program for people with disabilities in China.

Late this April, our friends in China hosted two of our staff members, John Stephenson and Matt Rickman, a Camp ASCCA board member, Dr. Glenn Roswal, and Dr. Aija Klavina from Latvia, who is a professor specializing in therapeutic recreation. Dr. Roswal, who is an expert in therapeutic recreation and Special Olympics worldwide, has for years visited and worked with Dr. Lu “Lucy” Yan and her students at Beijing Sport University. Dr. Lucy’s son, Han “Hans” Xiao, and one of her graduate students, Eric, toured with the group as well.

The group spoke to several of Dr. Lucy’s university classes, toured the region, and met with parents of children with disabilities. Four or five families are going to come spend two weeks at Camp ASCCA this August. Parents and counselors for the children with special needs will make the trip to have an amazing time at Camp ASCCA!

Additionally, the group hopped onto an airplane and traveled to Huanghai City, and a village near there – Xidi, to tour a proposed site for their own camp program for people with disabilities.

We hope this mutually beneficial relationship will continue for many years and the shared information across the globe will continue to help many children with disabilities.

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**Meet the 2014 summer counselors**

Every year, the new summer staff arrives at Camp ASCCA in late June for a week of orientation and training. Each day is full of new adventures. From team building in group elements to safety training for each program, the new staff is prepared for the many campers with disabilities who will visit this summer.

Full time and veteran summer staff members spend time instilling in the minds of the counselors the importance of ensuring safety at all times. During orientation, counselors learn the ins and outs of Camp ASCCA programs and procedures.

Complete strangers become close and create a bond that will last a lifetime. As the staff bonds grow, a Camp ASCCA family is created. The trust and joyful energy developed in the 2014 summer staff is going to lead to a Camp ASCCA summer that will be remembered forever.

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**PR staff 2014...**

Two new staff members and one returning are here to share the Camp ASCCA summer with you!

Kasey, Clayton, and Megan are all experienced with photography, videography, and writing!

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Donor Spotlights!

Camp ASCCA received a generous donation of $14,000 from the 16th annual Rotary Golf Challenge, sponsored by the Alexander City Rotary Club!

Lee-Scott Academy rising seniors visited with their Philanthropy 101 class which is sponsored by the W. James Samford, Jr. Foundation. The classmates visit different area charities and then give a donation to one of their choosing. Anna Kate Whitman donated her money for Eno hammocks!

Montgomery Academy rising seniors also visited with their Philanthropy 101 class which is also sponsored by the W. James Samford, Jr. Foundation. Two students chose Camp ASCCA - Tucker Little and Will Sahlie! The donations were given as undesignated gifts!

The Ladies of 798, an organization made up of pipeline spouses, donated $7,128 from their annual basket auction held at their annual conference in Tulsa! Alabama members Bonnie Turner and Nancy Glaze made the donation.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Prestigious Easter Seals award presented

Robert “Bob Gene” McBride has been honored with the “Meritorious Service Award” at the Easter Seals Alabama, Inc.’s awards luncheon. The award is presented to a volunteer who has rendered sustaining and substantial service to Easter Seals Alabama. The prestige of this award is intended to recognize an individual who has given a lifetime of service to the Easter Seals Alabama programs.

Robert McBride is pictured (center) with his wife Margie and son, Allen.

Bob Gene McBride has been a 52+ year director of Camp Mac, a premier camp for children in the Cheaha Mountains, and has been a volunteer for Camp ASCCA since 1977. Camp ASCCA owes its entire program philosophy and structure to the model developed by Bob Gene at Camp Mac. His experience and insight of the camping business as well as facility management and program development continues to play an important role in Camp ASCCA’s success today. Bob Gene has been generous to Camp ASCCA not only with his knowledge, but also financially to the extent that Camp ASCCA has named a leadership courtyard in his honor. This is where Camp ASCCA recognizes donors whose contributions exceed $10,000 annually. Bob Gene currently serves as Camp ASCCA’s treasurer on its Board of Directors as well as a much-needed personal advisor to Camp’s administrator. In short, Mr. McBride is a true gentleman and the “godfather” of camping in the state of Alabama.
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You can help create lots of laughs this summer!

Camp ASCCA needs your support in continuing to provide quality services for campers with disabilities. Join us today with a gift to our Campership Fund. Your tax-deductible gift will provide many unforgettable experiences this summer!

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