Camp ASCCA Vision
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WHERE POSITIVE LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCES ARE HAPPENING!

Only at Camp ASCCA & only because of you

For many this is the only place they can come to for full acceptance. The only place they can come and be “just like everyone else.”

The Dad of a long time Camp ASCCA Camper was recently the guest speaker at a local United Way meeting. He spoke of how much his son and his family appreciated the work and mission of Camp. The greatest compliment he gave to camp that day was that Camp ASCCA is the only place that he will let his son go swimming without his supervision. Not only is that a huge compliment to our program but also reminds us of our great responsibility.

Our responsibility is not only to provide a safe program but also one that is fun and challenging to our campers. A program that provides them the same experiences found at the other elite camps across the country that are not accessible to individuals with disabilities.

The waterslide that your support helped build this past year is the latest great example of how Camp ASCCA strives to meet its responsibility. It is a fun, safe and exciting experience with a great view of Lake Martin and it is found only at Camp ASCCA.

Thank you for your continued support of Camp ASCCA and the individuals we serve.

Sincerely,

John Stephenson
Camp Administrator

A summer camper and a lifeguard enjoy the new waterslide!

FALL CALENDAR
See more at www.campascca.org!

October 2
Alexander City Campfire Girls

October 3
Ethan Club Putt-Putt Tourney

October 15-17
MD/PD Fall Weekend

October 22-24
Atlantic-Pacific Tang Soo Do

October 25
Alexander City Rotary Golf Challenge

October 29-31
Camp Seale Harris Family Weekend

November 5-7
Operation Military Kids (OMK)

December 10-12
Christmas at Camp ASCCA

January 7-9
Disabled Family Hunt Weekend

January 21-22
Disabled Family Hunt Weekend
Benevolence at its best!

Many members showed up for the Elks check presentation!

Alabama Elks Association donates $50,000!

On September 25, 2010, the Alabama Elks Association began a new partnership with Camp ASCCA with a $50,000 donation to support camp’s activities.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is one of the largest and most active fraternal organizations in the world with just under 1 million members in more than 2,000 lodges across the country.

The Alabama Elks Association has nearly 7,000 members in 27 Elks Lodges in Alabama. There are lodges in Alexander City, Anniston, Auburn-Opelika, Bessemer, Birmingham, Blocton, Canebaba Valley, Calera, Childersburg, Cullman, Decatur, Dothan, Fairfield, Fairhope, Florence, Gadsden, Gulf Coast in Foley, Huntsville, Jasper, Marion County, Mobile, Pell City, Rooduck, Selma, the Shoals, Tuscaloosa, and Warrior River.

Their mission is to inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, and serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that Elks Care and Elks Share.

At the day’s meeting, the Association members voted to designate the contribution to the renovation of the Administration building.

The Alabama Elks Association hopes to be able to make a sizable contribution of this nature to Camp ASCCA annually. To find out more about Elks, visit www.elks.org.

Contact Camp Administrator John Stephenson for more information on our capital projects at john@campascca.org or 256-825-9226.

The Autism Society of Alabama sent out a participant survey after their Autism Family Weekend, here are a few positive comments from the parents:

“Overall, everything was good. The new waterslide rocks!!!”

“The cargo net was great and my son loved it.”

“Way to go Anna!!! You conquered your fears of the zip line. :-)”

“Thanks for the opportunity you have given my child!!!”

“Fantastic event. All family’s with child on the spectrum should try to attend once.”

“My son was having an excellent time and never really showed his ‘behaviors’ like he fit in and it was great and he made a friend.”

“Zip line and good food. :) Seeing Alex catch up with friends he made last year was excellent, too.”

Visit www.autism-alabama.org or call 1-877-4AUTISM
Two areas are getting a little attention & improvement...

Outdoor Gameroom
Technically this is a new program area, but it is “improving” the area around the waterslide!

The area will have four game areas for ping-pong, cornhole (or bean bag toss), checkers, and more!

The area also includes porch-style wooden swings and is a very scenic location in a naturally shaded area with a wide view of Lake Martin.

When completed this area will allow for a large group of campers to be involved in a wide-variety of activities in a natural setting. It will also allow for great viewing of the waterslide activity!

We are proud to announce the Alabama District Pilots International have taken this project on for their charitable giving to Camp ASCCA in 2011!

There’s always ROOM TO IMPROVE..

Dining Hall Social Area
There is a BEAUTIFUL view of Lake Martin outside of the Dining Hall. You can stand or sit beneath the covered porch or sit at the picnic tables on the wood deck to see the view. This area is set for improvements!

As part of a facility-wide renovation and upgrade project, this area will be brought together with nice pavers on the ground, landscaping, lighting, and a few more surprises!

To find out more about our facilities and what is happening, call us at 256-825-9226.

Michael Oglesby
Camper of the Year!

The summer staff has selected Camp ASCCA’s representative for “Camper of the Year 2010”!

Michael is a 19 year old young man from the Birmingham area who is just about the friendliest, happiest person you would ever meet.

He was a first-time summercamper in 2010 who, according to his mom, really enjoyed meeting the counselors and other campers.

He must have really made an impression, because the “Camper of the Year” is annually chosen at the end of summer by the counselors! Michael’s counselor, Andy Clark, said that Michael really enjoyed all the water-related activities and fishing. Michael was one of Andy’s favorite campers and really had a good time during the Talent Show when his cabin performed a skit to Justin Bieber’s song “Baby” and Michael, according to Andy, “broke out in front of the group and danced to the rapping part of the song.”

This fall Michael will be invited to dinner with some counselors near his hometown where he’ll be presented with a “Camper of the Year” recognition plaque. He will also be invited to attend Camp ASCCA’s Christmas Weekend in December free of charge! The group will shop, visit Callaway Gardens to see the Christmas lights, make gifts, and more!
Congratulations to these four couples, who met at Camp ASCCA, on their upcoming nuptials!

**OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES & environmental education**

Here is a look at two ways Camp ASCCA helps bring environmental education and amazing, unique experiences to campers of all abilities!

Drake Middle School from Auburn, AL recently visited Camp ASCCA for a series of Day Camps for their 6th grade students. Drake has been visiting camp for several years now participating in Environmental and Outdoor Education Camps. This year they enjoyed activities like our Zip Line, Group Elements, Water Slide, Canoeing, GPS, and Environmental Center Nature Jeopardy. As shown in the picture to the right, GPS teaches important navigational skills and introduces new technology in a fun and entertaining way. The kids had a great time at Camp ASCCA. We loved providing them with activities that would broaden their minds and encourage them to understand nature and their fellow students a little better.

The Middle Tallapoosa River Basin Clean Water Partnership presented Camp ASCCA with a $1,365 donation. The funds will go toward the Campership Fund, which provides financial assistance to campers who cannot afford the full cost of attending a camp session. The Partnership raised the money by auctioning off 12 rain barrels Camp ASCCA campers painted at a workshop in July.

To learn more about Camp ASCCA’s environmental education opportunities, visit [www.theenvironmentalcenter.org](http://www.theenvironmentalcenter.org) or [www.campascca.org](http://www.campascca.org). Geni Payne, Director of Environmental Education, can be reached at geni@campascca.org or 256-825-9226.

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.

**Camp ASCCA & Easter Seals resources:**

If you have a minute, the web has much information for you to see relating to Camp ASCCA, our services, and Easter Seals as a whole. Visit one or all of these sites today!

- [www.campascca.org](http://www.campascca.org)
- [www.asccafriends.org](http://www.asccafriends.org)
- [www.facebook.com/campascca](http://www.facebook.com/campascca)
- [www.theenvironmentalcenter.org](http://www.theenvironmentalcenter.org)
- [www.alabama.easterseals.com](http://www.alabama.easterseals.com)
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