Summer 2009 is officially over and what a great summer it was. As it turns out, it was one of our busiest summers. All of our ASCCA sessions were not only full, but had waiting lists. It tells us that families and organizations understand the value of camp and the amazing things that can happen here.

I believe the two biggest reasons why Camp ASCCA has had so much success are that our campers are wonderful and the high quality of our staff. This summer’s campers were second to none. They had so much fun and had so much love to give. I am always overwhelmed with how our campers have such a positive effect on our staff and how our staff has the same effect on the campers. This summer’s staff was one of the best I have ever had the pleasure of working with. It was amazing that no matter how hot, how rainy, or how long a day was, our staff stayed positive, enthusiastic and always kept the campers needs first priority.

Another fact not to be overlooked is that once again we maintained an excellent safety record, which is one of the number one issues we “preach”.

A sincere thanks to all the people that made this summer great. It begins with the campers and their families - thank you all for making Camp ASCCA such a special place. Thanks to all the “behind the scenes” people like our office staff, our administrator, and our board members and volunteers. Without their hard work and support, Camp would not be what it is today. Thanks also to our summer staff including full-time program specialists, our Health Services Director and summer nurses, head counselors and unit leaders, and the people that are truly the “backbone” for our summer program - the counselors and program staff. I was amazed every day by your selflessness and hard work.

Finally, I can’t end without expressing a big heartfelt thanks to you, our donors! Sincerely, Matt Rickman, Camp Director

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Here’s a quick sample of two of the summer positions available every summer, and there are so many more!

**COUNSELORS:** (38 hired) Direct care and supervision of 2-3 campers per session. Counselors work directly with campers to provide guidance and assistance in all phases of camp programs and activities of daily living. Requires that you live in the cabins with the campers. May involve physically lifting and transferring campers.

**AQUATICS DIRECTORS:** (4 hired) Current lifeguard/CPR for the Professional certifications required. Lifeguards will be supervised and work with Camp’s full-time Aquatics Director. Activities include but are not limited to: waterskiing, tubing, pontoon boat rides, swimming lessons, pool games, care & maintenance of pool, boats and other aquatic equipment.

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**Top 5 Reasons Why I LOVE Teen Week!**

*by Becky Johnson, camper*

1. **Counselors.** I’ve been going to camp for 9 years and my favorite thing has been meeting new people and just hanging out with them for a whole week. I am a junior in college at Troy University Dothan campus with a major in psychology.

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**2009 Summer Staff FACTS**

- 37 counselors - 19 males & 18 females
- 15 program staff, 2 head counselors, & 5 unit leaders
- 5 nurses - including 1 full-time nurse
- 3 full-time program specialists & 1 full-time camp director
- 38 total returning staff, 20 had worked more than 1 summer prior
- 8 staff from out-of-state: MS, NC, GA, LA, IL & IA
- 3 staff from other countries: 2 from England & 1 from Scotland
- 4 named Matt/Matthew; 4 Jesse/jessy/jessica’s; 3 Amanda’s; 3 John/ Jonathan’s; 2 Katie’s; 2 Kelly/Kelli’s; 2 Tiffany’s and 2 Erin’s. We also had Kevin, Kelvin and Kenny - thank goodness for nicknames!

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**Do you want to work at Camp ASCCA?** Visit [www.campascca.org](http://www.campascca.org) or email matt@campascca.org.

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**ALLISON ON THE ROAD**

Allison Wetherbee, Director of PR, is very busy sharing the Camp ASCCA story. Contact her at [allison@campascca.org](mailto:allison@campascca.org)

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**CIVIC CLUBS & OTHER EVENTS**

- August 4th: Troy Rotary Club
- August 5th: Opp Rotary Club
- August 15th: NW Alabama Pilot Conv.
- August 17th: Winston & Walker County Civitan Clubs
- September 3rd: Delphic Club - Dadeville
- September 10th: Alex City Kiwanis Club
- September 15th: Archibald Center Annual Luncheon-Montgomery
- September 18th: Montgomery Civitan Club
- September 24th: Auburn Rotary Club
- September 25th: Florence Kiwanis Club
- October 7th: Disability Awareness Day – USDA Special Emphasis Committee
- October 13th: WMU Group in Talladega
- October 14th: Worthwhile Club in Dadeville
- November 2nd: Dothan Rotary Club
- November 5th: Jackson Rotary Club
- Annual Fair-Special Needs Day

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**What’s NEW for summer 2010?**

We are excited to announce the creation of a new program area at Camp ASCCA - a **WATERSLIDE**! Yes it’s true, we are constructing an accessible winding-down-the-hill waterslide from behind the chapel to the pathway between the treehouse and lakefront. STAY TUNED...
It must be noted that many awards nominations were considered and we thank everyone who has supported Camp ASCCA this year!

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION...YOU!

Thank YOU to all of our friends and donors who contributed in response to our newsletter appeals - the response was truly amazing! We have many more camperships, new bedding, gas in the tank for lakefront activities, a splash pad, and a new accessible Golf & Yacht Club! Many of you have gone over-and-above your usual support and you are appreciated.
Camp ASCCA is now hosting 3 Military Family Groups during the year!

Operation Purple Healing Adventures is a program specifically designed to meet the needs of wounded service members and their families. The camp was hosted by Camp ASCCA on August 9-14, 2009. It is a program of the National Family Military Association with support from the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation. Visit www.nmfa.org

Operation: Military Kids (OMK) is the U.S. Army’s collaborative effort with America’s communities to support the children and youth impacted by deployment. The camp held September 4-6, 2009 at Camp ASCCA was a residential family camp for military youth with special needs. Visit www.operationmilitarykids.org

Lakeshore Foundation’s Operation Rise & Conquer will be held September 24-27, 2009 at Camp ASCCA. It is an extended outdoor adventure weekend that involves service members and their families in a variety of challenging activities. Visit www.lakeshore.org

Camp ASCCA gets a Wii System: The system, donated by Beasley Allen in Montgomery, could bring additional exercise and rehabilitation to ASCCA campers, who visit the Jackson’s Gap facility.

The nomination could not have come at a better time for the camp and its administrator John Stephenson as they had begun to prepare a fitness room off of the ASCCA gym. “It was great timing for us because we wanted to put some resistance training and exercise bikes in there and this will fit in perfectly for those who aren’t interested in traditional exercise,” Stephenson said. “The day we thought about using the room they called us about the gaming system.”

ASCCA was chosen for the program through a nomination drive on Facebook, according to Taylor. See this full story and more at: http://www.beasleyallen.com/focus/Wii-hab-Charity-Project/