FALL CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS:

Sept. 7,8,12-14
Drake Middle School

Sept. 9-11
Ala. Park & Rec. Assoc.
Fall Camporee

Sept. 13
Camp ASCCA Board Mtg.

Sept. 16-18
Autism Society of Ala.

Sept. 21
Jr. Leadership Lake Martin

Sept. 22-25
Lakeshore Foundation
Wounded Warriors

Oct. 1-2
Campfire Girls, Alex City

Oct. 15-17
Camp IL (APAC)

Oct. 21-23
MD/PD Fall Weekend

Oct. 24
Alex City Rotary Golf

Oct. 28-30
Camp Seale Harris Family

Nov. 3
Dean Rd. Elem. 3rd grade

Nov. 4-6
Atlantic-Pacific Tang Soo Do

Dec. 9-11
Christmas at Camp ASCCA

Dec. 9-10
Lakeshore Fdtn. Hunt

“I want you all to know how much we appreciate you.”

“You’ve given us a wonderful gift. Bill and I got to spend quality time together. The gift you gave to Heather will last a lifetime.”

– Jaye Hammon, Heather’s mother

Kids with special needs that God made in a unique way aren’t weird or odd. They only want what everyone wants... to be accepted. Each one of you working together makes this happen for each camper.

When we arrived at Camp Sunday to leave our very precious daughter we were met with so much joy. Everyone was smiling and helpful. People ran up to Heather as we were walking to her cabin giving her hugs and special hello’s. It meant so much to Heather and so very much to us. Leaving her with others is hard. We worry if she will be taken care of, will she be ignored because she is a deaf person with special needs? Will she be watched closely for seizures or help when she tries to walk? It’s sad to say but most people in this world are bothered by people with special needs.

You at Camp ASCCA care about each person. We trust you completely. We know you will keep her safe, happy and let her do things that everyone else takes for granted. Heather talks about all she has done and all of you all year long. Nothing else is as special to her.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you all for making this possible.

Love, Bill & Jaye Hammon

(Note - Heather, the Hammon’s daughter, is a young woman with Cerebral Palsy and a hearing impairment. They live in Decatur, Alabama.)
Valentine’s Dance Moved to Opelika...

Camp ASCCA’s annual Valentine’s Dinner & Dance will be held Saturday, February 11, 2012 at the Event Center Downtown in Opelika. The event has been held for the last 16 years at Camp ASCCA’s Dadeville Campus, but because of the heavy damage caused by the April tornado, the event had to be relocated. Thanks to the help of the Event Center’s owner Lisa Beck, who is a former Camp ASCCA board member. The band GLOW also will return. Contact Dana Rickman at 256-825-9226 for more information.

Camper of the Year 2011
Hank Poore!

Hank is a 10 year old with Cerebral Palsy from Tuscaloosa who has attended Camp ASCCA since 2009. At the end of each summer, the summer staff chooses one camper who they think is an ideal person to represent Camp ASCCA! One staff member commented that Hank laughs all the time and really enjoys participating in EVERY activity.

Hank will be honored this fall at a special gathering of family and Camp staff! He will be presented with a “Camper of the Year” recognition plaque and be invited to attend Camp ASCCA’s annual Christmas Weekend free of charge!

Congratulations Hank and we can’t wait to see you again soon!

Raptor Release! Campers watch hawks and owls enter the wild

Staff from Auburn University’s Southeastern Raptor Center visited Camp ASCCA on two occasions this summer. There isn’t a lot of land that is suitable to release raptors available, and the Raptor Center staff contacted us looking for a place to release some of their birds. Camp ASCCA has many undisturbed acres around camp and there are hundreds more surrounding our land.

The first visit was in July during session #4 of our summer camp sessions and the campers were greeted with two non-releasable hawks that had been injured and rehabilitated at the Center. After learning about those hawks, the staff released two juvenile red-tailed hawks into the woods.

The second visit was during Macon ARC’s visit in late August. The Raptor Center staff returned with the two non-releasable hawks to show, and then released three six month-old screech owls!

During both visits, the staff gave a presentation about the birds and talked about the significance of raptors to the environment. They also allowed for up-close-and-personal visits and photographs with the birds.

Visit http://www.vetmed.auburn.edu/raptor

www.campascca.org
Visit online for daily news blogs, videos, calendar updates, photos, and more!
Camp ASCCA
Summer 2011
Over $223,000 was provided in financial services to campers attending the summer camp sessions. Thank YOU for your help in sponsoring these children and adults with mental and physical disabilities. You make a difference.

Welcome Enis Higgs, Camp’s new Food Services Director

Camp ASCCA welcomed Enis Higgs to our full-time staff.

Enis Higgs lives in Tallapoosa County and graduated from Horseshoe Bend High School back in the late 90’s. He graduated from Auburn University Montgomery in 2008 and has been building his career and family ever since! He is married to Misti and they have three adorable children. Originally from the Atlanta area, he’s a Bulldogs, Falcons, and Braves fan too.

Enis began working at Camp ASCCA this past summer during July and has done a fantastic job since. He says he absolutely loves his job and it’s been the best career he’s had yet. He also said he’s enjoyed watching the campers be so excited to be at summer camp and has loved seeing “pure joy” in their faces!

Enis is looking forward to continuing to familiarize himself with the job and getting his first year “under his belt!”

ALLISON
On the Road!
Allison Wetherbee, Community Relations Director, is very busy sharing the Camp ASCCA story. To schedule Allison to speak to your group, contact her at: allison@campascca.org

Sep. 6: Scottsboro Kiwanis Club
Sep. 13: Carrollton Rotary Club
Sep. 16: Alabama Elks Cook-Off
Sep. 21: Tuskegee Rotary Club
Sep. 22: Roanoke Rotary Club
Sep. 25: Selma Rotary Club
Sep. 29: Gordo Rotary Club
Oct. 4: Talladega Kiwanis Club
Oct. 14: Celebrity Golf Classic, Opelika
Oct. 17: The Front Porch Show, Alexander City
Oct. 20: Tuscaloosa Morning Rotary Club
Oct. 24: Andalusia Kiwanis Club
Oct. 24: Andalusia Pilot Club
Oct. 25: Roanoke Pilot Club
Nov. 7: Daphne-Spanish Fort Rotary Club
Nov. 10: Good Morning Montgomery Kiwanis Club
Dec. 6: Trinity Presbyterian Church, Tuscaloosa
From the online News Blog...
“Whenever You Remember” Prom 2011

When you think of prom a couple of things may come to your mind: Dresses, Tux’s, Dancing, Music, and Laughter. The prom here at Camp ASCCA is no different! This Week has been nothing but amazing for everyone. As campers started to leave the cabins to enter the dining hall their faces glowed with joy and happiness. As they waited in line to have pictures taken they got to admire how beautiful the dining hall was decorated, but the most beautiful thing about tonight was watching the campers dance the night away and have the time of their life. The prom then came to an end and it was time to crown Prom King and Queen. Joseph Wason was named Prom King and Noel Johnson was named Prom Queen. This is an award that is voted on by all the staff and campers. We had a lot of people running for prom king and queen this year and each and every one of them are kings and queens in our eyes. After the crowing of king and queen there were cheers, hugs, smiles, and tears were shed of joy. More at www.campascca.org!

Camp ASCCA is an accredited ACA camp and also receives funding from United Way.

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www.campascca.org
www.asccafriends.org
www.facebook.com/campascca
www.theenvironmentalcenter.org
www.alabama.easterseals.com
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Board Member Highlight - Jim Carlo
Jim Carlo from Winfield, AL, recently joined our Board of Directors. He and his wife Kay have been married for 30 years and have two sons, Matthew and Mark. He graduated from Winfield H.S. and from the University of North Alabama. He’s been employed by Birmingham Coca-Cola United for 22 years and holds the position of Sales Manager. He says “Camp ASCCA is a very important part of our family. My son Mark has special needs and has attended camp for many years. I have visited camp with Mark on the Buddy weekend for many years as well. I have complete confidence that Mark and all campers will be safe at Camp ASCCA while having the time of their lives. This is a special place with special people both campers and staff. I am proud and thankful to be part of Camp ASCCA!”
CONTRIBUTORS

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www.campascca.org
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☐ $     Here’s my gift

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