SUMMER CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS:

July 3-8  
Session 1 Child MD/PD & Epilepsy Camp
July 10-15  
Session 2 “Civilian Week”  
Adult mentally disabled
July 12-13  
Summer Board Meeting
July 17-22  
Session 3 “Teen Week” & Sports Camp
July 19  
Rotary Appreciation Day
July 24-29  
Session 4 Child MD/PD & Sickle Cell Camp
July 26  
Elks Appreciation Day
July 31-August 5  
Session 5 “Camp Mobile Rotary”
August 4-6  
Wilksburg H.S. Football
August 7  
AU Swim Team
August 7-12  
Session 6 Adult MD/PD
August 16  
AL Pilots Appreciation Day
August 14-19  
Adult PD & Alabama Head Injury Foundation

Has it really been 35 years?

“We don’t have an eternity to realize our dreams, only the time we are here.”
— Susan Taylor

The time spent here at Easter Seals Camp ASCCA for our campers is almost indescribable for those who have never experienced the “magic” that takes place. Some campers call it “home”. Some say it’s the only place they visit each year where people truly understand them. Camp ASCCA has historically taken pride that its program, facilities, and staff meet the needs and expectations of our campers.

Since the first summer in 1976 with a staff of 13 and 8 activities to this summer with a staff of 60 and over 20 activities, Camp ASCCA has provided opportunities of fun, friendship, and personal growth for tens of thousands of children and adults with disabilities.

Our goal is to continue to build on our great momentum. Our mission remains the same. Our ability to meet this mission is greatly dependent on you and your support and your understanding of the Camp ASCCA experience. Come visit this summer - we’d love for you to see first-hand the “magic” of Camp ASCCA.
The new Leadership Courtyard
The new social area outside the dining hall has also become a place to honor individuals who give at the Leadership and above giving levels. Pavers will be placed to honor these generous contributors.

Andrew & Darcy: Two summer counselors you’ve got to meet!

Andrew Gough is from Manchester, England and actually worked at a special needs camp in New York last year. He decided to “venture south” this summer and get a greater taste of American culture. Andrew is currently a university student at Liverpool studying music and business with the hope of entering the music industry managing artists.

Darcy Porter is from Anniston, AL and is currently studying Exercise Science at Jacksonville State University. She plans to start her career as a personal trainer or a coach. She’s excited about this summer and she believes it’s going to give her more knowledge and experiences she needs for a future working around people with disabilities. Darcy has played wheelchair basketball with Lakeshore Foundation in the past and currently plays for Shepherd Center of Atlanta.

Alabama District Pilots International Outdoor Gameroom

For many years Camp ASCCA has been the Alabama District project. In 2010 our Camp ASCCA Committee recommended that we fund the Outdoor Game Area. Pilots voted to raise $10,000 to complete this project. We started at the International Convention in Kentucky with a fur coat raffle. Thirty clubs across the state sold tickets. We fell short of the money needed and held another fundraiser at our District Convention. Each club brought handbags for an auction and this, with a generous donation from past District Governors, gave us the $10,000 needed to complete our project. I want you to know how much the Alabama Pilots believe in what you do at Camp ASCCA. The happiness and smiles we see touches our hearts and makes us know that we have achieved our mission. It is my hope that Alabama Pilots and Anchors will continue to support and fund Camp ASCCA projects. Pictured from left to right is me, Dana Rickman, Benny Jo Sasscer, Carolyn Davis, Allison Wetherbee, Carolyn Hammond, Haley Brown, and John Stephenson.

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Dadeville Campus Tornado

On Wednesday, April 27, 2011, Camp ASCCA’s Dadeville Campus suffered a direct hit and sustained heavy damage and destruction after a tornado hit the area.

The Dadeville Campus, located off County Road 34 near the Holiday Shores area, received extensive damage to buildings, program areas, and land. Both houses at the site were affected; one totally destroyed and the other damaged by fallen and broken trees. Several large shed structures and a maintenance building were destroyed. Remaining buildings all suffered damage and include the central activity center/gym and three cabins. There is minor to extensive damage to all of the boating and fishing piers. All program areas were affected or devastated including the putt-putt area, amphitheater, canoeing, paddle boats, rifley, water balloon fort, and of course, hiking trails.

Since the initial assessments, the Camp ASCCA Board of Directors has decided to discontinue programs, close down the Dadeville Campus, and exit the lease held with Alabama Power.

The Dadeville Campus (formerly Camp Civitan) was donated to Camp ASCCA in 1994 by Alabama District Civitans and opened in 1995 for summer programs for adults with mental disabilities.

To see more photographs of the damage, visit http://bitly.com/k5U9b4

New Lakefront area for tubing and waterskiing!

Camp ASCCA staff has decided to move the launch area for the lakefront activities down the shoreline to a point near the waterslide and outdoor gameroom.

The activities at the lakefront remain the same, they just now take place a little further down the shoreline than the original location. The new outdoor gameroom and the end of the waterslide are located on a small peninsula that makes a great spot for tubing and waterskiing. This new location was also chosen for increased safety, of course. Campers waiting to go tubing can enjoy shuffleboard, ping-pong, view campers on the waterslide, or relax and enjoy the scenery! Special thanks to Pi Kappa Phi Push Camp Volunteers who constructed the areas this past March!

ALLISON
On the Road!

Allison Wetherbee, Director of Public Relations, is very busy sharing the Camp ASCCA story. Here’s where she’s going and where she’s been lately!

To schedule Allison to speak to your group, contact her at: allison@campascca.org

May 22:
UNA Therapeutic Recreation Class

June 27:
Monroe Rotary Club

August 8:
Shelby County Schools seminar

August 19:
Foley Rotary Club

October 11:
Roanoke Pilot Club
Barclay Bentley Moving on...

Our Kitchen Supervisor Barclay Bentley will be leaving us in August, but will always remain part of the Camp ASCCA Family.

Barclay Bentley is headed to Auburn in August to start graduate school in Rehabilitation Counseling. He plans to graduate in 2013 and pursue a career as an independent consultant in the field. Barclay is also engaged to Lucy Smith, who he met at Camp, and plans to get married in December!

Barclay started at Camp ASCCA in 2005 as a summer counselor and has worked in that role, as a seasonal staff member, and in PR every year until 2007 when he took over the kitchen duties. He says working at Camp has been a rewarding experience in which he’s gotten more out of than he could’ve ever hoped. He thanks his bosses Matt and John for having confidence in him and giving him the responsibility of taking care of people - whether it be by feeding them, or assisting around Camp. Speaking of assisting, he also says he’s happy to look around Camp and see things he’s built, like the miniature golf clubhouse. When asked about his memorable highlights, he said, “The experience has been amazing and I don’t really have the words… it’s been great… tough to leave”. He does say that what he’s enjoyed most is the people, “From the full-time staff and their families to the campers, the closeness meant a lot.”. We’ll miss you too Barclay, come visit often!

SUMMER PHOTOS!
Camp ASCCA on

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From the online News Blog...

Meet Abby - our summer PR staff member!

Abby Brown is Camp ASCCA’s new PR staff member for the summer. She’ll be taking hundreds (thousands actually) of photographs this summer, producing fun videos, interviewing staff, parents, volunteers, and donors, and much, much more! Read more about her and the stories and videos she produces on the Camp ASCCA website. You may even see former PR staff Zeb and Lyndsie around this summer!

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YOU can make a difference.

Camp ASCCA needs your support in continuing to provide quality services for campers with disabilities. Join us today with a gift to the Campership Fund. Your tax-deductible gift will provide unforgettable educational and recreational experiences during a week of summer camp this year. Thank you!

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