

Winter 2017

#### THE CAMP ASCCA



THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS HERE, AND WE ARE THRILLED TO SHARE THIS TIME OF THE YEAR WITH YOU! WE HAVE EXCITING NEWS THAT IS SURE TO BRING EVEN MORE HOLIDAY CHEER.

We are looking forward to this year's ASCCA Christmas Weekend coming up on December 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> and the third annual Jingle Jump fundraiser. We greatly appreciate those participating as Jingle Jumpers and those who are continuing to make donations as the final jump approaches.

Believe it or not, the holiday season has even come with a mad dash to Summer 2018 registration. Early Bird Registration opened up in October, and there were more than 50 campers registered in a matter of a couple days. Our summers continue to get better and better, and we are confident that Summer 2018 will be known as the best yet. There are also big surprises coming up on the ASCCA campus like new programs, new event locations, and much more. Keep reading, and you will find moments

from this fall and thrilling updates that will be coming to ASCCA very soon. Follow us on social media to stay up-to-date on all things happening at Camp ASCCA!



December 15-17: ASCCA Christmas Weekend

December 16: 3rd Annual Jingle Jump January 5-7: Cornerstone Church January 12-15: Landmark Church Retreat

January 26-28: Lakeshore Fdtn Hunt February 17: Cupola February: 23-25: St. Paul United Methodist Church

Summer staff and summer camper applications will be available on January 3rd.



Visit campascca.org for all of your camp news and registration information!





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# Camper of the Year: Cale Galloway

At the end of each summer, the Camp ASCCA Summer Staff selects the year's Camp ASCCA Camper of the Year. The staff comes together to nominate ten campers, and the field is voted on and narrowed down to the top three. Then, an additional vote takes place on the top three, and the individual receiving the highest number of votes is named the Camper of the Year. The staff members choose the nominees based on what makes each one special and how their summer experience was that year.



There are a variety of qualities that are considered as the staff votes on each camper, for example, how much the camper enjoys the summer camp experience, the energy and happiness that he or she exudes, how they encourage other campers, friendliness, and overall enthusiasm.

Cale Galloway is an excellent example of these qualities,

and he was selected by this year's staff to be the 2017 Camper of the Year. Cale has been coming to camp for several years and is always remembered for his fun personality and sense of humor. He is from Montgomery, AL, and attended Jefferson Davis High School. Cale's favorite activity at Camp ASCCA is tubing on Lake Martin and the freedom that is found when riding on the wake. However, his overall favorite part of Camp ASCCA is getting to spend time with

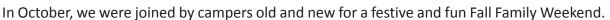
everyone and bond with the summer staff.

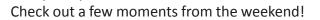
This year's Camper of the Year plaque was presented to Cale at Fall Family Weekend on October 27, 2017. More than 150 people made up of ASCCA staff members, campers, families, and more, joined together at the dining hall for dinner and a special presentation. Cale's parents even secretly stuck around after check-in to surprise him once he received the award. Cale had no idea that he would be receiving the award, and once Camp Director Matt Rickman announced his name, he immediately looked at his friends with a look of shock asking, "Me?" With a smile on his face and everyone cheering around him, Cale made his way through the dining hall to receive his own personal Camper of the Year plaque.

As this year's recipient, Cale will attend the Camp ASCCA Christmas Weekend in December free of charge and will once again experience the fun and festive opportunities that Camp ASCCA has to offer people with different abilities.



#### FALL FAMILY WEEKEND























### WHAT'S NEW @ ASCCA?

At the beginning of the year, the ASCCA staff began formulating ideas about new opportunities that could be brought to Camp. The possibility of a new program for our campers was something that could not be ignored, and we knew we wanted to bring something with a bit of flair and thrill. We formulated a

list of the things we would need and got to work.

In September, crews arrived at the Camp ASCCA pond to begin developing the structure for what will be a brand new zip line that will traverse across the pond. Campers and counselors will trek up the hill along the side of the pond

> and reach a platform where they will be hooked in by the adventure staff for the ride of a lifetime. The new zipline is expected to be available by Summer 2018.

After the unforgettable success of the inaugural ASCCApalooza, we saw a big opportunity for ASCCA to continue the music festival theme by creating big events that could involve the largest group of people with disabilities ever on Lake Martin. The one thing missing was a stage large enough to hold such an event.

Another crew was placed on the lakefront side of the dining hall in October to begin removing a few trees from what will be the location for the new stage. A view of Lake Martin does not

get much better than the view from the dining hall, and the space for seating is practically endless.

Construction on the stage is underway, and it is expected to be complete by Summer 2018. It will be the main location for a variety of showstopping events!



#### Follow us on social media to keep up with these projects!

### Third Annual Jingle Jump Fundraiser \*\*

The third annual Jingle Jump fundraiser is off to a great start, and it is not too late for you to join in on the fun. We currently have more than 50 jumpers working to raise funds for the Camp ASCCA Campership Fund through personal fundraising pages. Each account is given the goal of \$725 (the cost for one camper to attend summer camp) or higher, and once the goal is reached, the Jingle Jumpers will celebrate by jumping into the ASCCA swimming pool in their best Christmas garb during our annual Christmas Weekend on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

All pages are open for donations until the end of the Jingle Jump, so

you have plenty of time to start raising money to reach your goal. If you would like to participate in this year's Jingle Jump by raising money, contact Dana Rickman at

> dana@campascca.org. If you would rather contribute by making a donation, visit our website and donate to Jingle Jump 2017! All donations are greatly appreciated.



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- Amount Raised: \$13,000
- Jumpers: 53
- **Teams: 34**
- **Who has** raised the most so far?
- Reggy Long
- Matt & Dana Rickman
- **Bonnie Turner**



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#### SPREAD THE WORD.

The ASCCA on the Road team began their fall travel in September and are continuing to visit organizations and schools across Alabama. There is no limit to where they can go in the state. Early this year, they took a three-day trip to Mobile to visit several schools in the area.

The goal of each visit is to share information about Camp ASCCA with individuals and families that could benefit from attending during the summer and with individuals who are interested in providing support to Camp and the campers that visit each year. The trip calendar is filling up fast, so don't miss your chance to put your class or organization on the schedule!



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#### 2017 Camp ASCCA Award Recipients



Hoyt Webb Award Jim Yerkey

Endowment Award
Carolyn Brown
Eulene Miller

Meritorious Service Award
Demopolis Rotary Club
Dothan Rotary Club

Continuing Meritorious Service Award

Alabama District Pilot International
Alabama Elks Association
Andalusia Rotary Club
The Meredith Birchfield Foundation
Benjamin & Roberta Russell Foundation
Solon & Martha Dixon Foundation

James D. Orr, Jr. Award Christian Women in Action

Organization of the Year Award
Jackson Rotary Club
Robertsdale Rotary Club

Ina Watson Special Appreciation Award Jerry & Linda Curtis

Joe & Rosalie Lancaster Peggy Long Paul Vercher

Legislative Award Senator Dick Brewbaker

Oscar C. Dunn Environmental Award
Ralph Kimble

Communications Award
Jessie Harbin

Camper of the Year
Cale Galloway

Special Recognition Award

Alexander City Elks Lodge
Alliance Communications Management
Charles and Isabel Hall Foundation
Decatur Emblem Club
Epsilon Sigma Alpha, Beta Pi Chapter

