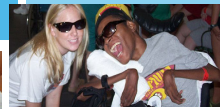
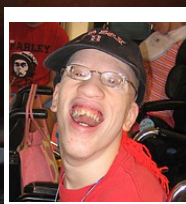


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Camp ASCCA Updates

*by John Stephenson,
Camp Administrator*

As winter ends and spring begins, Camp ASCCA also experiences a change in season. The winter has been very productive for our "Project Renew". We were able to complete the renovation of the girls cabin restrooms and the exterior of our health building. We were very fortunate to receive financial support from the Montgomery Rotary Foundation and the Solon and Martha Dixon Foundation to complete those projects. We have received many positive comments regarding the renovations. It is our hope that the work we have completed will serve our facility and campers well for many years to come.

As the renovation work ends for this year, we begin the process of readying ourselves for summer camp. An important step in getting ready for summer is Camper Registration. Daily, numerous applications make their way to my desk, requesting financial assistance in order to attend a great week of camp at Camp ASCCA. Our annual goal is to not deny anyone because of an inability to pay. Last year we said "Yes" to over



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\$317,000 in non-reimbursed services. This is made possible by the generosity of many individuals, groups, and organizations from across the state.

Another important step in preparing for summer is the recruitment and hiring of our summer staff. Almost all of the current full-time staff was once summer staff at Camp ASCCA. The 60-plus summer staff members the Camp Director, Matt Rickman, will hire and train, have the responsibility of carrying on the great tradition of a hardworking and caring summer staff.

Camp ASCCA continues to benefit greatly from the support of many. We understand that "to whom much is given – much is expected". We remain committed to providing the highest quality program possible for children and adults with disabilities.

Two Campers Give Back

by Matt Rickman,
Camp Director

I hope everyone is having a great 2007. Without the generous people that give donations to Camp ASCCA, it would not be possible for us to operate.

I would like to take this time to brag about two of our campers that have been coming to camp for many years, Justin Strickland and Josh Cusick. Justin and Josh met here at camp a few summers ago and they instantly became good friends. They have also always been some of the staff's and campers' favorites; Josh was voted Prom King in the summer of 2004, and Justin was voted Prom King and Camper of the Year in 2006. Both of these young men are not only great

campers and fun to be around, but they have great moral character.

They both have taken a personal interest in being advocates for Camp ASCCA. Justin was the guest speaker at our annual meeting last year and also personally raised money for camp at his high school. Josh followed suit by asking coworkers, friends, and relatives

to give donations to ASCCA, in lieu of gifts for his 21st birthday. Combined, they have both raised close to \$1500 for Camp ASCCA.

Camp ASCCA is a unique place that has some of the best campers and staff in the world. Josh and Justin understand that; they have given of themselves to make camp a better place. Their generosity is

extraordinary, and I hope it will inspire others to give to such a wonderful place. Last summer, when Justin was asked why he keeps coming back to Camp ASCCA, he said, "There's no end to it. Every year it's just amazing, no matter how many times you come here". I hope you are able to see what a difference your donations truly make at Camp ASCCA!



Making a Difference

HERE IS THE EXCITING SUMMER SCHEDULE WE HAVE PLANNED FOR 2007:

May 20-25	Adults with Mental Disabilities, Dadeville Campus
May 27 - June 1	Adults with Mental Disabilities, Dadeville Campus
May 29 - June 1	Camp Seale Harris
June 3-8	Adults with Mental Disabilities, Dadeville Campus
June 3-9	Camp Seale Harris
June 3-8	Adults with Mental Disabilities, Dadeville Campus
June 3-9	Camp Seale Harris
June 10-15	Camp Seale Harris
June 10-15	Adults with Mental Disabilities, Dadeville Campus
June 17-22	Adults with Mental Disabilities, Dadeville Campus
July 1-6	Sertoma Week / Epilepsy Camp
July 8-13	Camp Mobile Rotary
July 15-20	Teen Week / "Right Moves" Sports Camp
July 22-27	Adults with Mental Disabilities / Camp Wheeze-Away / Camp Clot Not
July 29 - August 3	Children with Mental and Physical Disabilities / Adults with Mental Disabilities / Sickle Cell Camp
August 5-10	Adults with Mental and Physical Disabilities
Aug 12-17	Adults with Physical Disabilities / Alabama Head Injury Foundation Summer Camp



camp life:

Winter has become a busy season

There have been many groups coming in during the weekends. Be sure to read below to find out just how busy we have been this winter. We have scheduled groups for every weekend, and in addition, several school groups attended during the week for environmental camps.

Even though the winter is considered our “off season”, everyone at Camp ASCCA has been unbelievably busy with preparations for the summer and hosting groups at our facilities. We are excited that clubs, churches, and other organizations are selecting Camp ASCCA as their retreat destination. It provides us with an opportunity to share with them what it is we do at camp, while they see firsthand the uniqueness of our facilities.

January was filled with a great deal of preparation for our Valentine Dinner and Dance fundraiser, which was held at the beginning of February. The event was, again, a great success in raising money for Camp ASCCA! We also held three weekends, open to children and adults with disabilities. Our first one was the “Family Deer Hunt” weekend. A great time was had by all, deer were spotted by many of the campers, and they were able to harvest one deer. The next one was

Camp Seale Harris’ “Family Weekend”. Camp Seale Harris is a camp for children and teenagers with diabetes. They participated in many camp activities, as well as taking part in learning sessions about diabetes. The third weekend was “Fun Fish”. Campers fished for nearly thirteen hours over the course of the weekend. Throughout this time, they proved to be very successful in catching fish! As you can see, the so-called “off season” has become an outdated term for us, and we are honored to be the selected site for groups to retreat for a weekend. If you are part of a group that would like to use our incredible facilities during the week or over a weekend, please contact the Camp ASCCA office: (256)825-9226.



For more current information about Camp ASCCA, visit our website: www.campascca.org

THANK YOU for your interest in setting up these presentations

- ACTION CIVITAN CLUB • ALEXANDER CITY CIVITAN CLUB • ALEXANDER CITY ROTARY CLUB • ANNISTON ROTARY CLUB
- AUBURN CIVITAN CLUB • BOAZ ROTARY CLUB • CASTONE CORPORATION
- CENTER POINT CIVITAN CLUB • CENTRAL DISTRICT CIVITAN REGIONAL MEETING • DECATUR CIVITAN CLUB • GARDENDALE AREA ROTARY CLUB • GOODWATER ROTARY CLUB • ROANOKE ROTARY CLUB
- TARRANT-PINSON VALLEY ROTARY CLUB • TUSCALOOSA CIVITAN CLUB • WILSONVILLE CIVITAN CLUB

a new objective: everyone should know the Camp ASCCA story

We need your help to spread the story of Camp ASCCA and the services we provide! It can be as simple as telling people about camp or referring them to our website. Find out how we are reaching out to people who do not know about Camp ASCCA.

Members of our staff have been busy traveling around the state to share with people about Camp ASCCA and the way it changes the lives of the children and adults with disabilities who attend each year.

If you are a member of a civic club, community organization, business, or other group, we would love to give a presentation at your meeting. Our staff members are eager to share information about Camp ASCCA, and we will do anything possible to accommodate to your schedule.

To schedule a program, please feel free to contact **Maggie Waters** by phone at (256)825-9226 or by e-mail at maggie@campascca.org. Also, do not hesitate to contact us if you have any additional questions! We look forward to hearing from you!



PATHWAY TO THE FUTURE

The Pathway to the Future was designed to recognize individuals who have been touched or changed by Camp ASCCA, and those who desire to ensure the financial stability of Camp ASCCA for years to come.

Recognize, honor, or remember friends and loved one with a brick paver at Camp ASCCA. It is a tax-deductible gift of \$50.00 that will last forever. Please contact **Maggie Waters** at (256)825-9226 for more information on how you can help build the Pathway to the Future.

Camp ASCCA was founded to help people with disabilities achieve dignity, equality, and independence. Through your support, this level of service will continue for many years to come.

WANT TO KNOW HOW YOU CAN HELP CAMP ASCCA?

Over 95% of our campers request financial assistance to attend camp for one week during the summer. None of our campers are ever turned away because of an inability to pay. We know their experience at Camp ASCCA is life-changing, and it is so important to allow them to have the experience at camp where they can become more responsible, self-confident, and ambitious. Camperships are tax-deductible gifts of \$675.00 that pays for a child or adult with a disability to attend. A partial campership begins at \$350.00.

Project Renew is Camp ASCCA's building initiative. Camp was built through the generosity of individuals, civic clubs, and foundations. Today, we have many sites that need an update from

We have three different ways for you to donate! You can donate money for Camperships, Project Renew, or the Endowment Fund. All monetary gifts are tax-deductible. Be sure to read for more information about how you can make a difference in the life of a person with a disability!

their initial construction; our current building projects include renovations of the following facilities: restrooms, pool, cabins, and dining hall.

Money donated to our Endowment Fund ensures the future of Camp ASCCA. The interest earned from our Endowment Fund will be used to provide future generations the experiences that Camp ASCCA offers. Please consider giving a tax-deductible gift to Easter Seals Camp ASCCA. It is truly a worthy cause when you know that your donations are forever changing lives!



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