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SUMMER...

The perfect time to visit Camp ASCCA!

- June 29-July 4** Session #1, Child PD/MD Epilepsy Camp
- July 6-11** Session #2, "Civitan Week" Adult MD
- July 13-18** Session #3, Teen Week Sports Camp
- July 17** Summer Board Meeting Rotary Day
- July 20-25** Session #4, Child PD/MD Sickle Cell Camp & Camp Clot Not Hemophilia Camp
- July 25** JCCD-Easter Seals Day Camp
- July 27-Aug. 1** Session #5, Camp Mobile Rotary
- Aug. 2-3** Push America's Journey of Hope
- Aug. 3-8** Session #6, Adult MD/PD
- Aug. 10-15** Session #7, Adult PD Ala. Head Injury Fdtn. Camp
- Aug. 17-22** National Military Families Camp
- Aug. 28-Sep. 1** Joni & Friends Camp
- Sep. 8-12** Macon County ARC Camp
- Sep. 12-14** ARPA Fall Camporee
- Sep. 19-21** Autism Society of Alabama
- Sep. 26-28** Lakeshore Foundation Camp

Call or email us today to schedule your visit!
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FUN IN THE SUN!

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Your contributions to Camp ASCCA mean so much to so many people each year. You are making a difference.

Camp ASCCA has seen many firsts in its years of existence, and another one was added to the list last July. Camper Ryan Mercer, after four years of coming to camp, finally conquered the zipline!

One reason campers love coming to camp is because of the absence of boundaries and limitations. Usually, this means that everything is physically accessible, but sometimes boundaries can be psychological. Ryan has Cerebral Palsy and Scoliosis, so he was afraid that the zipline was not for him. The adventure staff showed him that the harnesses could be adapted to fit him and encouraged him to at least put on the harnesses and try it, and Ryan ended up being the last rider of the activity session!

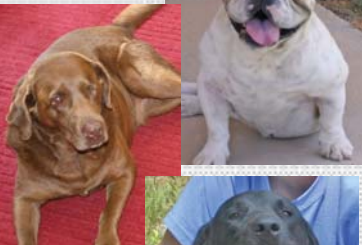
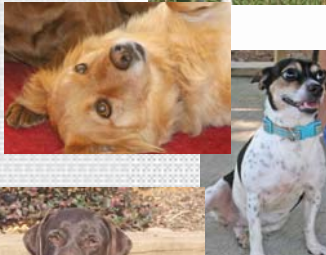
The Zipline is now at the top of his list of camp activities. Apparently the adrenaline rush really boosted his confidence, because immediately after landing he asked Unit Leader Jen Manning to be his date to the prom! See Ryan before, during, and after the zipline in the video posted at: <http://www.campascca.org/journal/2007/07/17/fourth-year-camper-ryan-debuts-on-the-zipline/>



Visit the www.campascca.org/journal Web site for current 2008 summer "firsts" and other excitement!

GONE TO THE DOGS!

Who else lives at Camp ASCCA? Check out the other full-time residents!



POND LIFE

The pond is a source of great excitement throughout the year for our campers. From fishing on one of the many boardwalks or the pier to participating in a “pond study” during a science camp, the pond is a very important part of camp life. You can help us keep healthy!

POND NEEDS

LIME - We need several tons of lime for the fall. Lime coats the bottom of the pond to increase the pH and promote aquatic pond growth.

5 GRASS CARP - These carp eat unwanted aquatic plants that can overtake the pond.

FISH - Once the pond becomes increasingly healthy, we need to re-stock with blue gill and bass fish.

FERTILIZER - We buy powdered pond fertilizer. The pond pH is currently low. We will be fertilizing the pond every 3 weeks for the rest of the summer. We need 25 lb. bags, which run approx. \$50 per bag.

FISH FOOD - Although fish prefer aquatic plants, we are in need of floating fish food. We feed three times per day.



According to Geni Payne, camp’s Environmental Education Director, “Our pond is unhealthy. The fertilizer is currently too low to support the amount of fish we would like to have. If we fertilize, we grow more plants, therefore our pond can support more fish!

We owe a special thanks to the Auburn University Fisheries Department for their consultation and recommendations for our pond maintenance.

If you would like to help support our pond program, contact Geni Payne at geni@campascca.org.

2008 Commitment to Service: An award recognizing and “roasting” Lynn Beshear

Each year the Montgomery Sunrise Rotary Club holds their Commitment to Service Award Roast and Recognition. This year the recipient chose Camp ASCCA as the recipient for the events proceeds.

On May 30, Lynn Beshear of Montgomery sat patiently with a smile on her face as many friends and family members “roasted” her with funny, embarrassing, clever, and loving remarks. Mrs. Beshear is the Executive Director of Envision 2020.

The \$12,000 raised from this elegant event benefits our new Accessible Water Playground. Many campers and visitors will experience the excitement of this new program area this year! Contact Camp ASCCA for more information!



“I’m your Lady...” a tribute to our pony

Lady, our pony, has been a big part of the Camp ASCCA horseback program area for more than a decade. Now, as the Shetland pony nears her 37th year of life, she has been retired from programs.

Lady was first brought to camp by former Program Director Dan Gilliland. Lady was used as an “icebreaker” for campers at horseback. During activities, Lady would be placed near the gazebo for campers. Because of her small size, campers were able to pet, brush and enjoy her close up. Campers were also able to become comfortable around a horse before actually getting on a big one.

Along with doing activities, Lady has been featured in many publications, photographs, and on the Internet. Recently, Lady was featured in an article on therapeutic riding in the October 2007 issue of Parks and Recreation, the official publication of the national recreation and park association.

Unfortunately, Lady’s extreme old age is preventing her from participating in the activities this year. Lady is beyond the point where many horses and ponies have passed away. The fact that she is still with us is impressive, and that is due to the care and love she gets at camp.

“She was a really great addition to horseback, and we are missing her this year,” said Geni Payne, ASCCA’s Outdoor Education Director.



TRACTOR TIME!

Camp ASCCA’s 1974 blue Ford farm tractor recently has had problems - the engine caught fire! We are currently looking for a replacement or donations towards a new one.

If you or anyone you know can help, please contact us!

Our staff keeps the tractor very busy throughout the year. We use it for bushhogging, to plow, fertilize, and maintain our deer hunting fields, and to drag our roads to prevent erosion. At times we even use it to put boats in the water and take them out!

Maintenance Director Jeff Veres said that, “we use our tractor for daily maintenance, it is a piece of machinery that has been very helpful and is needed.” If you would like to help out, give us a call - (256) 825-9226.



Easter Seals Camp ASCCA

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a few from afar...

3 summer staffers from out-of state!

Danika Kmetz

Danika Kmetz is one of three public relations interns for Camp ASCCA this summer. Danika is from Coal City, Ill. and attends Illinois State University. She is majoring in public relations with minors in Spanish and business administration. Danika will graduate in May 2009.

Danika found Camp ASCCA by using the search engine Google to research media relations internships, and we were one of the first things to attract her attention. Danika has worked for a 4-H camp in Illinois for five years and thought Camp ASCCA would be the perfect place for her to combine her two passions: camp and public relations.



Melissa Wyman

Melissa Wyman is the sports and games director on program staff this summer. Wyman has previously worked at summer camps and was looking for something new to do this summer. She found Camp ASCCA on Google and here she is!

As a student at Frostburg University, Melissa is studying therapeutic recreation. Wyman brings a fun attitude and new perspective to our program staff. She can always be seen mingling with campers and having a good time. Wyman is planning on doing activities such as golf, tennis, basketball, water polo and dodgeball, as well as introducing new games.



Emily Clark

Emily Clark flew all the way from Baltimore, Maryland just to be a part of our summer staff. She is very excited about her new job and getting to work with everyone.

Emily currently attends Frostburg University in Maryland where she worked as a life guard for her local pool. She now has several responsibilities here at camp that include conducting swim-tests, managing



the levels in the pool, going on canoe rides with campers, and assisting with tubing activities. Emily has a great summer to look forward to.

10th annual tommy tuberville golf tournament

If you weren't there this year, you missed a fun and successful golf event that benefited Camp ASCCA's Campership Fund. Can you believe it's been 10 years?

Ten years, that's how long Coach Tuberville of Auburn University has collaborated with Camp ASCCA. This year the event raised over \$16,000 for our campers! The May event attracted many sponsors and the winning teams?... The Mike Shannon Team won Gross and the Tony Smith Team won Net. Big thanks also to the AU Club and the many volunteers!



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DID YOU KNOW? You can give online!

As an Easter Seals Alabama facility, the Camp ASCCA staff, board, and volunteers are responsible for generating, locating and developing all needed funding for all expenses related to Camp ASCCA programs and facilities. Currently Camp ASCCA operates on \$1.5 million dollars annually. So, now that you know what our responsibilities are, please consider supporting us.



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