



SUMMER NEWSLETTER ■ 2015

THE CAMP ASCCA *good* Times



“Home” for the summer!

WE ARE READY FOR YOU TO SEE WHAT THIS SUMMER HOLDS AND FOR YOU TO BECOME PART OF THE CAMP ASCCA FAMILY.

We've heard it time and time again – “Camp ASCCA feels like home.” We want you to know how special this “home” Camp ASCCA really is to so many people.

In the next seven weeks, over 600 children and adults with disabilities will be returning “home” to Camp ASCCA where they will be greeted by their new best friends – our camp counselors. Annually Camp ASCCA also becomes a very special place for 40+ individuals from across the globe who gather to work each summer at Camp ASCCA.

Since 1976, a new group of the ever-extending Camp ASCCA family will help make each camper's experience unique and truly special. The friendships that develop this summer will begin to feel like family relationships, with similar shared stories and memories of this place that they call home.

Please consider a visit this summer so you can see for yourself all the fun, smiles, laughter, and unique activities that sets Camp ASCCA apart from many other camps. You are always welcome!



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Summer Calendar

June 14-19: Rooftop Friends

June 21-26: MDA Camp

June 28-July 3: Camp ASCCA #1

July 5-10: Camp ASCCA #2

July 12-17: Camp ASCCA #3

July 14: Alabama Elks Day &
APSO Meeting

July 19-24: Camp ASCCA #4

July 26-31: Camp ASCCA #5

July 28: Rotary Day

August 1-15: Beijing Sport Univ.

August 2-7: Camp ASCCA #6

August 3: Annual Board Meeting

August 4: Alabama Pilot Day

August 9-14: Camp ASCCA #7

September 8-9: Drake Middle Sch.

September 11-13: ARPA Camporee

September 15-17: Drake Middle Sch.

September 24-27: Lakeshore Fdtn.

October 3: Campfire USA, Alex City

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IT'S A FACT:

Camp ASCCA's Facebook page has reach

Welcome to the Family!

by Sara Shea
PR summer staff



To kick off Orientation Week for our summer counselors, the staff were greeted by the members of Camp ASCCA's first summer staff: Judy Williams, Eleanor Craig, Becky Gibson and Tommy Bice.

As we all sat listening, you could see the memories flashing through their minds as they smiled and told us about their time spent here at Camp ASCCA.

They shared stories of how Camp ASCCA not only changed the lives of their campers, but how it changed their lives as well.



The 1976 summer staff became more than just coworkers that summer, they became family and the Camp ASCCA family continues to grow. We are even seeing sons and daughters that share the same love for Camp ASCCA. First year program staff member Bennett Bice is following in his father Dr. Bice's footsteps and is honored to become part of the Camp ASCCA family. We are all honored to get to play a small part in how Camp ASCCA makes a difference in the lives of its campers.

The 1976 staff ended the night by saying, "we hold you accountable for something we started over 30 years ago. It is an honor to work here and we leave it in your hands."

We as a staff have big shoes to fill but we are ready to see what this summer holds and become part of the Camp ASCCA family.

SOUTHERN COMPANY EVENT: The "groovy" night was fun!

**WE WERE SURPRISED
AND HONORED TO BE
THE RECIPIENTS OF
SOUTHERN COMPANY'S
2015 CUSTOMER
APPRECIATION OUTING!**

The Southern Company Fleet Operations and Trading out of Birmingham held their annual Customer Appreciation Outing and Vendors Showcase on May 6-7th and Camp ASCCA was chosen as the recipient charity for 2015!

This is a "fun" event for their customers complete with a reception, vendor showcase, and a charity night the first day, and different outings and

entertainment options, such as golf and skeet shooting, the following day.

Camp ASCCA Board members, volunteers, and staff members attended the charity night events that had a 70's "disco theme". The registration and silent auction all raised money for Camp ASCCA. Over \$22,000 was raised over the two-day event!

We are thankful for the staff and customers of Southern Company for this opportunity and for choosing to help the campers with disabilities that Camp ASCCA serves.



ed over 3,000 Total Page "Likes" this past June. Thanks for following us!

SCIENCE CAMPS

CAMP ASCCA SERVES MANY SCHOOL GROUPS IN THE SPRING TOO. THESE SCIENCE CAMPS WERE FUN FOR ALL!

Camp ASCCA hosts many science camps during the spring and they are packed with fun and education. Everyone works hard with the teachers, volunteers, and collaborative organizations to make these days and weeks a success for the students.

St. James School from Montgomery brought their 5th graders March 31-April 2 and Lee Scott Academy bused their 6th graders over for a stay April 29-May 1!

Over the three day periods the groups had fun and learned while participating in group elements, archery, the environmental center, climbing the cargo net, zip lining, and canoeing. Learning about forestry, searching



for critters in the Living Streams program, fishing, going down the waterslide and even venturing out on a night hike were enjoyed too.

We look forward to these groups each year and expect a few more school's day camps this fall. You can check out more photos on our Flickr page!

PR Staff

We have three summer public relations staff members here this summer! Clayton is here for his 3rd summer, and Lauren and Sara are here for their first! Follow along on the Camp ASCCA websites for photos, videos, and blogs!



IT'S SUMMERTIME!!!!

MAKE TIME TO VISIT CAMP ASCCA THIS SUMMER - WE WANT YOU TO COME SHARE IN THE FUN!



ALLISON
on the road

June 15: Rooftop Friends
June 22: Orientation at Camp
June 27: Helen Keller Festival in Tuscumbia
July 14: Elks Day/Al Power at Camp
August 25: Flynt Hill Church in Alex City
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"Camp ASCCA- A place where I learned to live and love others..."

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Camp ASCCA- a place where I learned how to live and love others, where I made life long friends in the matter of four weeks, where I finally understood that people are people and that no one deserves a label, where I found my calling in life, and a place I now consider home.

After thinking for hours and even praying that God would point me to the right organization to give my money to, I was still led back to ASCCA. If someone were to ask why I gave my money to a camp where I already give my whole summer I would simply say it's because I can see it. I see the happiness on all of the campers faces as soon as they see their counselors for the first time. I hear the voices of those who are so excited that they legitimately scream the "babyshark" song at the top of their lungs. I feel the love of someone who started out as a stranger on a Sunday afternoon and left a best friend on a Friday morning. I know what a great time these campers are having because I am having just as much fun with them! Camp ASCCA will always hold a special place in my heart and I feel it is completely necessary to give more than just "my time" at a place I love so much. As Acts 20:35 reads: "Remembering the words of the Lord himself said: 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Having the opportunity to work at such an amazing place is the biggest blessing in my life. Camp ASCCA has given and taught me so much and this is my way of saying "thank you."

Sincerely,
Hillary Madison Gibbs

Madi is working as a Senior CIT this summer! Madi participated in a summer Philanthropy class at her high school, Lee Scott Academy, and was able to donate a full campership to Camp ASCCA.



"HONOR" DAYS AT CAMP!

WE ARE RECOGNIZING THREE GROUPS THIS SUMMER WITH SPECIAL "HONOR" DAYS AT CAMP ASCCA - THANKING THEM FOR THEIR SERVICE TO CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES.

ELKS DAY - The Alabama Elks Association Day at Camp ASCCA will be held on Tuesday, July 14th. Members will tour the Camp and then provide a cookout lunch for the campers, staff, and visitors!

ROTARY DISTRICT 6880 DAY - Rotary Clubs and members from Alabama will visit Camp ASCCA on Tuesday, July 28th. Tours will begin at 9:00 a.m. and members will enjoy a lunch with the campers and staff!

ALABAMA DISTRICT PILOTS -

The Alabama District Pilots International members from throughout Alabama will visit Camp ASCCA Tuesday, August 4th. Tours will start in the morning and then the guests will join us for lunch!

We are blessed throughout the year by MANY clubs, organizations and individuals and would like to have you to visit as well anytime this summer!

Call us to let us know you're coming at 256-825-9226!

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