

CAMP ASCCA

## WINTER NEWSLETTER

2009

# Camp ASCCA VISION

WHERE POSITIVE LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCES ARE HAPPENING

## HOLIDAY WISHES...

You and thousands like you have continued to make recreation, camping, and education possible for children and adults with disabilities through generous contributions to Camp ASCCA.

Since our first summer in 1976, we have proudly served tens of thousands of individuals with disabilities. Campers continue to enjoy a wide variety of programs

improve which enables the people with disabilities we serve to enjoy a "top of the line" camp experience. We are currently constructing a new accessible waterslide, creating a new fitness room, and replacing and updating the accessible boardwalks and piers at the fishing pond.

And as always, we continue to raise contributions for our "Campership Fund" -

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and activities each year including tubing on the lake, the zip-line, fishing, an accessible water playground, horseback riding, swimming, environmental education, canoeing, sports, dances and much more! YOU made their experiences and the memories that follow possible!

This past year we provided 5,225 camper days of service to individuals with disabilities. For many of the campers, the visit meant a first time to spend the night away from home and for others, it meant the opportunity to share in the joy and fellowship of others like them.

As we end our year, Camp ASCCA's programs and services continue to

providing an unforgettable summer camp experience for hundreds of people who can't afford the full summer camp fee.

During this holiday season, we ask that you keep in mind Camp ASCCA and the children and adults with disabilities we serve. There are many ways to make a difference. Either by contributing to our program additions/renovation or to the Campership Fund, we wish that you may experience the same love, caring and happiness that your contribution continues to make possible at Camp ASCCA. Thank you for your support, and from everyone at Camp ASCCA, have a safe and wonderful holiday season!



A proud Easter Seals Alabama, Inc. affiliate.



Helping children and adults with disabilities achieve equality, dignity, and maximum independence.



A nationally recognized leader in providing camping and outdoor recreation for people with disabilities and health impairments.



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## WINTER CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- Dec. 4-6 Disabled Family Hunt Wknd.
- Dec. 11-13 Christmas Weekend
- Jan. 22-24 Disabled Family Hunt Wknd.
- Feb. 13 Ina Watson Memorial Valentine's Dinner, Dance & Auction
- Dec. 21-Jan. 3 - Holiday Break
- Feb. 27 Fashion Fundraiser
- Mar. 19-21 Camp Seale Harris Family
- Mar. 26-28 Fun Fish Weekend
- Apr. 5-7 St. James Science Camp
- Apr. 15-16 Rotary Youth Leadership

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**Happy 80th Birthday wishes to Mr. Bob McBride who celebrated November 25th!**



October 30 -  
November 1, 2009

## MD & PD Fall Weekend!



Our staff continues to upload 1,000's of pictures into the Camp ASCCA collections on the online photo-sharing website flickr.com. Connect through our website or go to the flickr site and type in Camp ASCCA!



Camp ASCCA provides many opportunities to attend camp throughout the year. One of those opportunities is the MD/PD Fall Weekend. Our mentally and physically disabled campers get to enjoy all of the fun this time of year has to offer!

This year's Fall Weekend took place October 30th - November 1st. Campers enjoyed a dance on Friday night and camp's activities throughout the weekend which included pumpkin painting and carving. The staff and campers dressed up in costumes for the Carnival on Saturday night where everyone had a blast!

Another weekend camp that everyone looks forward to is Christmas Weekend scheduled December 11th - 13th.

Campers will be taken Christmas shopping and to see the Christmas lights at Callaway Gardens. They will also enjoy making ornaments and other crafts, a campfire, and more! And, if he's not too busy, Santa will make an appearance during this special weekend!



## ALLISON ON THE ROAD



Allison Wetherbee, Director of PR, is very busy sharing the Camp ASCCA story. Contact her at [allison@campascca.org](mailto:allison@campascca.org)

[www.campascca.org](http://www.campascca.org)

Our new website has premiered! Check out our new look complete with camper information, donor information, blogs, photos and more! While on the web, please also visit [www.asccafriends.org](http://www.asccafriends.org) for ASCCA-style social networking!

### CIVIC CLUBS & OTHER EVENTS

- October 6th: Montgomery Kiwanis Club
- October 7th: Disability Awareness Day - USDA Special Emphasis Committee
- October 13th: WMU Women's Group in Talladega
- October 14th: Worthwhile Club in Dadeville
- October 18th: Alabama State Council of ESA Presentation at ASCCA
- November 2nd: Dothan Rotary Club
- November 5th: Jackson Rotary Club Annual Fair - Special Needs Day
- November 12th: Mobile Rotary Club
- November 15th: Freedom Assembly of God Church in Jasper
- November 19th: Fairview United Methodist Church in Montgomery
- November 30th: Spanish Fort Rotary Club

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**Welcome To Easter Seals Camp ASCCA**  
Camp ASCCA is Alabama's Special Camp for Children and Adults. ASCCA is a nationally recognized leader in therapeutic recreation for children and adults with both physical and mental disabilities. Providing weekend and week long sessions, Camp ASCCA is open year-round.

Located in Alabama on Lake Martin, Camp ASCCA offers campers a wide variety of recreational and educational activities. Activities include horseback riding, fishing, tubing, swimming, environmental education, arts and crafts, canoeing, a "splash pad", outdoor adventure elements like the zip-line, and much more.

**Our Mission**

# 2009 CAMPER OF THE YEAR



## Always Improving...

Easter Seals camp ASCCA has been providing camping and outdoor recreation to children and adults with disabilities since 1976. Camp ASCCA is the only program of its kind in the state of Alabama. The combination of accessibility to activities, quality attendant care and affordability has also made Camp ASCCA a leader in the industry nationally.

Camp ASCCA prides itself in creating an environment which provides fun, interesting and challenging activities for our participants. We want there to exist a "wow" factor for those that see our

facility and its activities for the first time. Last year we developed and constructed an 18 hole accessible miniature golf course. The year prior we constructed a "water playground" similar to those found at water parks nationally. These activities joined the other 27 activities that include a zip-line, a climbing tower and tubing.

We understand that for the vast majority of our campers that Camp ASCCA is the only location where they have the opportunity to participate in these types of activities.

### BECKY JOHNSON!

On November 14th Camp ASCCA presented the 2009 Camper of The Year Award to Miss Becky Johnson of Dothan. Becky has been attending Camp ASCCA for the last ten years and describes Camp as her "favorite place to be!" She has participated in several Camp ASCCA videos taken during the summer, and is always eager to tell people about ASCCA. Becky recently graduated from high school and is now a student at Troy University.

Each year the Camper of The Year is selected by the summer staff. Many of the 2009 summer staff members attended the award presentation dinner at Logan's Roadhouse in Opelika. We are all so proud of Becky, and on behalf of the ASCCA Staff and Campers, we all say, "Congratulations!"



## 2010 FACILITY UPGRADES & ADDITIONS



### Accessible Waterslide - \$19,000 budget

The 300 foot accessible waterslide will be constructed on an existing hill overlooking Lake Martin. It will wind down the hill and end at a level section where riders will come to a stop and exit.

### Fitness & Exercise Room - \$8,000 budget

Using a Wii gaming system as the centerpiece, the purpose of the room is to allow individuals of all abilities the opportunity to participate in fun, safe activities which will promote the general fitness level. Additional exercise equipment included.

### Accessible Fishing - \$13,500 budget

Creation of a 400 foot accessible nature path and construction of a 600 square foot rock levy on which a 500 square foot accessible fishing deck will be built.



Did you know? "Camper Day"

Definition: One camper visit for 5 days = 5 camper days of service.

# Camp ASCCA is "Going Green"...

## ENERGY CONSERVATION AT CAMP ASCCA

Easter Seals Camp ASCCA is implementing a program that will decrease its annual energy consumption by 21%. In addition to the energy savings, the program will be highlighted during our environmental education camps which annually serve over 1,200 school aged children from across the state of Alabama. Using Ecoefficient Energy Solutions of Birmingham as the contractor, Camp ASCCA is currently replacing and retrofitting over 1,800 bulbs and/or fixtures. The bulbs and fixtures are being replaced with great efficient devices that not only will reduce Camp ASCCA's energy consumption, but will also help reduce the emissions of our power provider. Specifically, we are replacing the ballast in the bulbs in 411 four foot florescent fixtures with new t-8 lighting, replacing 863 incandescent bulbs with CFL bulbs, and replacing 91 other incandescent bulbs and their fixtures with t-8 lighting. Call for more information or to support this project!



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★ summer applications available online mid-December ★

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## 15th Annual Ina Watson Memorial Dinner, Dance & Silent Auction

February 13, 2010

We are delighted to invite you to join us for the Ina Watson Memorial Valentine Dinner and Dance. In its fifteenth year, the event is sponsored by Friends of Camp ASCCA and is held in the memory of a long-term volunteer, Ina Watson. The event will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at Camp ASCCA's Dadeville Campus. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and then guests will enjoy dancing to the music of "GLOW" from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. There will also be a silent auction and other activities for all to enjoy. To find out more please contact [dana@campascca.org](mailto:dana@campascca.org).

**Carnation Sponsor - \$100 gift**

2 seats to the event

**Lily Sponsor - \$400 gift**

8 seats to the event

**Orchid Sponsor - \$1,000 gift**

8 event seats and plaque

**Rose Sponsor - \$200 gift**

4 seats to the event

**Camellia Sponsor - \$500 gift**

8 event seats and recognition



Easter Seals Camp ASCCA is a nationally recognized leader in providing camping and outdoor recreation services for people with disabilities and health impairments in a barrier-free environment. Camp ASCCA could change your life, you could change someone's life - visit or call today.

**John Stephenson, Administrator**

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**YOU** can make a difference in the life of a person with a disability. Please consider a gift to the Camp ASCCA Campership Fund this season.



Feel good about giving.

Your gift will provide unforgettable educational and recreational experiences during a week of summer camp.

**I would like to help sponsor a camper...**

- \$675**  
Sponsors a camper for one week
- \$375**  
Sponsors a camper for one weekend
- \$125**  
Sponsors a camper for one week day
- \$55**  
Helps sponsor a camper
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
Here's my gift

**I would like to know more about Camp ASCCA...**

- Send me newsletters
- My group wants a program on Camp
- Send me information on special events
- I would like a tour, please contact me

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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