

Camp ASCCA
is a nationally
recognized leader in
providing outdoor
recreation for people
with disabilities and
health impairments.

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# **Taking it Step by Step**

That's what we're doing through the rest of 2020. We're completing a few facility projects that we've been working on this year. We're welcoming back a full-time staff member who was previously furloughed. And probably the most exciting news – we're opening up Camp ASCCA to a few groups this fall!

Camp ASCCA has weathered a lot this year, similarly to many organizations throughout the country. Thanks to the many generous individuals like you, Camp will recover financially. But to make up for

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the loss, we are still seeking support for our program and camperships. We hope you can continue to give if you haven't already.

Please enjoy the latest edition of the newsletter. You can see the virtual programming we completed this summer, information about our donors, a new staff member, and our new Board Chair. See more on our website and on our social media sites.

FALL 2020

#### **COMING UP!**

#### September 22

Junior Leadership Lake Martin

#### October 1

**Summer 2021 registration begins** 

#### October 23-25

**Camp Seale Harris Family** 

#### December 12

Jingle Jump

All planned, but pending COVID-19 situation.





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Thank you to all of our donors during these uncertain times. We would not be able to do what we do if it was not for you! Special thanks to all of the campers and families who donated their summer fees!



# Visit our **Guest Blog!**



If you have not checked out our quest blog visit our website to learn more about some of our campers and what **ASCCA** means to them!

# THE CONE- ROSWAL SWING!

Dr. Glenn Roswal and his granddaughter Michaela visited Camp ASCCA in May to volunteer. While they were here, they presented Camp ASCCA with donations from Stephen Cone and Dr. Roswal himself. The new Camp ASCCA Big Swing is dedicated to Stephen Cone's late wife Theresa. Stephen is a good friend of Glenn Roswal and lives in VT.

Four other organizations/foundations have donated to the new swing area at ASCCA as well. They are the Alfa Foundation, the J.L. Bedsole Foundation, the Kiwanis Club of Montgomery Foundation, and the Alabama District Pilot International. We cannot wait for campers to back to Camp ASCCA to experience these swings!









To find out more about the swing program or any of our capital projects and how you can help, please email our administrator, John Stephenson, at john@campascca.org.

# **Elks Day** 2020!

In July we had members from the Alabama Elks Association join us for Elks Day at Camp ASCCA. We are so grateful that they were able to come and visit Camp. Even though Camp was



not in session, we provided tours around Camp and a boat ride on the "Floating Elk" tritoon that they sponsored last year. They made a \$50,000 donation for our capital projects. A memorial donation was also made from the Bessemer Lodge in honor of those who have passed last year. Other individual members also made personal donations. We hope to see the Elks back next summer when Camp is in full swing!

# **VIRTUAL SUMMER CAMP**



Dress up days!





mission is to help eligible individuals with disabilities and/or health impairments achieve equality, dignity, and maximum independence. This is to be accomplished through a safe and quality program of camping, therapeutic recreation, virtual programming, and education in a year-round barrier-free environment.

# Stay connected.

The new Camp ASCCA APP!



The app will has camp news and

announcements in the newsfeed. It also shows events, photos, the staff's contact information, and more. We know this will be a great asset when camp is in session for last-minute details and notifications. You will be able to easily access camp photos. calendars, and much more!

After downloading, click the Sign Up button and enter your email address. Be sure to use the same email that you use during camp registration. We will share a login code that will give you access. For more information or questions please email dana@campascca. org or call (256) 825-9226.

# Camp ASCCA Jingle Jump 2020 **December 12, 2020**

Choose virtual or in-person this year. Details will be posted on our website and across social media. For more information or to sign up, email dana@campascca.org.



### Life since COVID-19

"Thank you for your kindness, videos, photo book, craft box, and the Camp t-shirts. Andy lives in a group home and before (COVID-19) he was home every weekend. He has not been home since the second week of March. We call and talk and take McDonald's lunch for everyone in the home he lives in. This past weekend I finally told him there would be no Camp ASCCA this year - I think he already knew. We enjoyed the videos on Facebook. I miss Camp too! All the years I have brought Andy,

I have never wanted to leave either!"



# Elise Quinn Social Media Specialist

- Elizabeth, Andy's mom



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John Stephenson, Administrator Jacksons Gap Join us as we welcome back Elise Quinn to the Camp ASCCA Staff! She worked here as a PR Intern in Summer 2019 and is now the part-time Social Media Specialist. She will be promoting ASCCA through social media content, video production, web and print.

I've fallen in love with this place and all of its people! Since working at ASCCA in 2019, I have graduated from Auburn University with a degree in Public Relations and I've been trying to find the perfect fit for me as I begin my career. From the very first camper I met, to the lifelong friendships that I built along the way, I knew that Camp was a place that everyone felt welcomed and a sense of belonging. In



my free time I enjoy cheering on The Auburn Tigers, hanging with friends, and lounging with my dog, Bo. I am so excited to serve in the role of Social Media Specialist and I can't wait to see all the things that are in store!



# Get to know Graham Sisson!

Graham Sisson was the Camp ASCCA Board Chair back in 2003 and 2004. This year he has returned to the leadership position!

Graham Sisson was appointed to the United States Military Academy in 1982 and was scheduled to report to Cadet Basic Training, but was injured on June 27, 1982 in a head-on motor vehicle collision with a drunk driver, which left him with a closed head injury and permanent paralysis from the waist down and a full time wheelchair user.

In January 1983, Dr. Sisson attended the University of North Alabama and later graduated in 1987 with B.S. in Accounting and minors in English and History. After graduation from UNA he attended Vanderbilt

Law School and graduated in 1990 and was licensed in September.

Dr. Sisson now serves as the State's ADA Coordinator and Assistant Attorney General with the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services. He was reappointed by Governor Kay Ivey as the Director of the Governor's Office on Disability and State ADA Coordinator. Dr. Sisson served as an adjunct law professor teaching a disability law course at the Birmingham School of Law and taught a doctoral course in disability law and history

at Auburn University. Dr. Sisson received his doctorate in rehabilitation from Auburn
University in 2016.

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