Camper of the Year: Chad Phelps

At the end of each summer, the ASCCA staff selects that year’s Camper of the Year. This year Chad Phelps was chosen as the 2020 Camper of the Year! He participated in EVERY virtual activity we had this summer and kept in great contact with us about how we were doing and how Camp was holding up during these difficult times.

Chad always has a smile on his face and can make you laugh like no other! Chad has been attending Camp ASCCA for many years and looks forward to it each summer.

Like all of us, Chad was quite upset when he found out we wouldn’t be having Camp this summer, but that did not stop his cheerful spirit.

Chad’s family asked if they could come visit and walk around for a while. What great luck that we got to see him in person and present him with his award! Congratulations Chad, see you next year.
Camp ASCCA’s 6th annual Jingle Jump fundraiser was held December 12, 2020 at the ASCCA pool. The water was a cold 45 degrees, but that didn’t stop any of our committed volunteer fundraisers! We had 18 jumpers here in person and an additional 12 people raised money and jumped at home. Total raised was $29,300 and the amount is still climbing! Thank you to all of our donors and volunteers. The amount raised has exceeded our expectations for this crazy year. We appreciate you!

On October 11, 2020 Camp ASCCA had our first outing and we were finally reunited with familiar faces at the Birmingham Zoo! It was a fun-filled day and it felt so good to see all of our friends again. We saw all the animals, lions, giraffes, ostriches, birds, elephants, and more! All in all, it was the perfect day and it felt were able to to be reunited with many of our friends.

Visit our website at www.campascca.org for more information, blogs, to purchase t-shirts, facility rentals, and more!
The Camp ASCCA 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.

Our staff was invited to the Bessemer Elks Lodge as they held their first annual Poker Run for Camp ASCCA!

The Elks were generous enough to surprise us with a donation of $6,300 which was all raised from the event. We would also like to thank the Calera, Roebuck, and Tuscaloosa lodges for their contributions to this event.

The Alabama Elks have helped for many years. They have made personal, lodge, and state wide donations annually. Some even have fundraisers just for Camp ASCCA.

We are happy and thankful for all that the Elks do to support Camp ASCCA and our mission of services to children and adults with disabilities.

Staff Hiring

If you or someone you know who be interested in working at Camp ASCCA for Summer 2021 be on the lookout for staff applications opening on the website starting January 1, 2021!
DEMOPOLIS ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT 2020
The Demopolis Rotary Club held their annual golf tournament in October. All of the proceeds raised were donated to Camp ASCCA and other local charities. It is generous donations like these that keep Camp ASCCA serving individuals with disabilities. We cannot say thank you enough to everyone who continues to support Camp ASCCA.

Wil Lane Stoke & Smoke Cookoff
Staff members went to the annual Alabama Elks Association’s “Wil Lane Stoke & Smoke Cookoff.” They raised over $3,000 for Camp ASCCA! The Cookoff is held annually in memory of Past State President Wil Lane, who was a member of the Dothan Elks Lodge. There were five competition categories with 1st-3rd place trophies. The four categories are chicken, beef, pork, and rib. The fifth category was the overall “Grand Champion.”

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Bessemer Elks BPOE 721
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ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR AWARD
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Claire Friday
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Thank you and congratulations to all of our recipients! A brick in your honor will be places in the “Pathway to Our Future” walkway that will forever recognize your support.