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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

April 4-5	ASRC Clinical Conference Cheaha State Park
July 8-10	AARC Summer Forum Lake Buena Vista, Florida
July 27-29	Tristate Respiratory Therapy Casino Magic Bay St. Louis, Mississippi
September 22-23	ASRC Fall Meeting and Exhibits Birmingham, Alabama
December 3-6	AARC International Congress San Antonio, Texas

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### Monday, April 4 CLINICAL CONFERENCE

- 7:00 - 8:00 Continental breakfast in the Bald Rock Lodge - *sponsored by the INO Therapeutics*  
7:30 AM **On-site registration**  
8:00 - 8:55 **Weaning Difficult Patients** - Tim Op't Holt - *sponsored by Medical Resources, Inc.*  
9:00 - 9:55 **Teaching Smoking Cessation in Public Schools** - Amy Ficken  
9:55 - 10:05 **Coffee break** - *sponsored by the INO Therapeutics*  
10:05 - 11:00 **Current Strategies in the Care of Pediatric ARDS** - Craig Wooten  
11:05 - 12:00 **Developing Pulmonary Centers of Excellence** - Craig Johnson - *sponsored by Select Medical Corporation*  
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch on your own or get the BOX LUNCH  
(*you must purchase this with your registration*)  
1:00 - 5:00 **Sputum Bowl** - Bruce Spruell  
6:00 - 8:00 **Country Cook-out with Bluegrass On The Side:** Bar-B-Que chicken with all the fixings  
Joe Woulard, Jimmy Botts - *sponsored by Cardinal Health Respiratory Care, Medical Specialties, Boehringer Ingleheim Pharmaceuticals, and Tyco Nellcor Puritan Bennett*  
8:00 - 10:00 **Special event** - TBA

### Tuesday April 5 CLINICAL CONFERENCE

- 7:00 - 8:00 Continental breakfast in the Bald Rock Lodge sponsored by the INO Therapeutics  
7:30 AM **On-site Registration**  
8:00 - 8:55 **Camp WheezeAway: Alabama's Asthma Camp** Brenda Basnight, Erin Hoover - *sponsored by American Home Patient*  
9:00 - 9:55 **Licensure Update/Q&A** - (D. Howard, F. Hill, R. Hood, W. Goetter)  
9:55 - 10:05 **Coffee break** - *sponsored by the INO Therapeutics*  
10:05 - 11:00 **The Art and Science of NPPV** - Dr. William Goetter  
11:05 - 12:00 **Addressing Health Literacy in the Skatepark of Life** - Julie McDougal - *sponsored by Pediatric Pulmonary Center*  
12:00 PM Complete evaluations and adjourn

### LEADERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

#### Tuesday April 5 -Cleburne Room

- 7:30 AM **On-site Registration**  
8:00 - 8:55 **Management on the Mountain Top: RT at the Peak** - David Dumas  
9:00 - 9:55 **From Sneaker to Skateboard Shoe: Turning Clinicians into Health Educators** - Julie McDougal - *sponsored by Pediatric Pulmonary Center*  
9:55 - 10:05 **Coffee break** - *sponsored by INO Therapeutics*  
10:05 - 11:00 **Professional Relationships: Building Your Reputation** - Paula McCaleb - *sponsored by Leadership Alliance*  
11:05 - 12:00 **New Survey Strategy for JCAHO** - Ronda Hood  
12:00 - 1:00 **Leadership Lunch** - *sponsored by ABC Plus*  
1:00 - 1:55 **Surviving and Thriving: Facing Change as an RT** - Attila Morgan - *sponsored by Trianim*  
2:00 - 2:55 **It's More Than Just a Job: Becoming a Passionate RT** - Leigh Ann Dolan  
3:00 PM Complete evaluations and adjourn

**Each lecture attended will result in 1 educational credit hour through the AARC CRCE program.**

**The Leadership Meeting:** is designed for department managers, directors, supervisors, and RT educators. This forum allows for focused topics of interest and for networking among the leaders in respiratory therapy in Alabama. The Leadership Lunch will be in the Cheaha Mountain Restaurant.

**Lodging:** We have a special arrangement for students to stay at the Lodge - Call ASRC for details. 251-434-3405 Cheaha State Park has a variety of accommodations from hotel rooms to cabins to chalets but will fill up fast. Rates range from \$62 to \$125 plus tax. Camp sites are also available. There is a restaurant in the park but seating is limited. You may want to bring some drinks/food/snacks. **Deadline for Cheaha reservations: Friday March 4.** Call Cheaha at 1-800-846-2654 and mention the ASRC meeting when making reservations.

Details on Cheaha can be found at: <http://cheahastpark.com>

**Park gates close at 8:00 PM - After 8:00 PM you must have the security gate combination to get in the park.** Oxford, AL has several hotels available for rooms and is about 40 minutes away from Cheaha. The Wingate Inn has a block of rooms reserved for the ASRC until March 21<sup>st</sup>. Special rate - \$69.00 King or 2 double beds. Call Wingate Inn at 256-831-1921 and use confirmation # P52567.

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\_\_\_\_ ADD my name to the ASRC group email for news/announcements for Alabama respiratory therapists

### LEADERSHIP ATTENDEES CHECK ONE:

Register me for Leadership meeting only \_\_\_\_\_

Register me for Clinical and Leadership meeting \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration Fees:

#### AARC member

#### Non-member

One day pre-registration\* -

\$30

\$40

Two day pre-registration\* -

\$50

\$70

Student\*\*

\$20 (two day only)

\* Note: Pre-registration must be post marked by Monday, March 21.

**After March 21, add \$10.00 to all registration fees**

\*\* Students must be pre-registered by their program director

For single day registration please indicate day \_\_\_Mon \_\_\_Tues

Registration Fee enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Add \$8.00 for Monday's Box Lunch at the Clinical Conference) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## President's Message

Some exciting things are occurring this year. First, the licensure policies are continuing to be developed and the Alabama State Board of Respiratory Therapy (ASBRT), will hopefully have us a great foundation in place by mid-year.

As president, I have appointed Kevin Taylor, to be our Public Relations chair. Kevin is in the process of developing a strong committee of dedicated therapists throughout the state that will help him bring "Respiratory Therapy" into many spotlights throughout this year. If you are interested in being a spokesperson or media relations coordinator in your area please email Kevin or give him a call. Bill Pruitt is already hard at work developing the ASRC State conference to be held once again in Birmingham this fall. I have appointed Tina Givens to help with the program's content and entertainment. I have charged both Bill and Tina to develop what I refer to as "The Gala of Our Profession". We have hit the conferences hard in the past with mostly clinical content that was desperately needed to keep our profession informed and up to date due to lack of licensure and apathy within our profession. Although the clinical content for the fall conference is not only needed, it is also mandated by the AARC to award CEU credit. I would also like to see a little twist added to the conference so that we are also able to celebrate what a wonderful profession we have in the state of Alabama. I have ask Tina Givens to contact several therapists in the state at random and compile a group of individuals who are willing to help add this much needed twist. I have attended many conferences of all types. The ones I look forward to the most are the ones that keep me pumped up, on the edge of my seat and energized. If you have ever attended a conference or celebration of this nature please pass along your ideas and suggestions to Tina Givens. She would love to hear from you.

We have a very busy year ahead of us. What occurred last year has an effect on every practicing therapist within the state. Let it be no surprise that "WHAT WILL OCCUR THIS YEAR WILL ALSO EFFECT EVERY PRACTICING THERAPIST IN THE STATE". If you want to stay informed and ahead of the game get involved. If you have ever complained or wanted something changed for our profession, now is the time to step up to the plate. Please contact me and together we will put to work your words and ideas.

There is one more thing I would like to express to all of you. The agencies that govern our profession: AARC, ASRC, NBRC, CoARC, and the ASBRT, are all in a constant state. However, the constant state they are in is "CHANGE". Change can be a very scary thing, especially if every agency that governs our profession's future is in "Constant Change".

Is it a possibility that you could lose the credentials that you hold? Is it a possibility that you could lose your eligibility to take the NBRC exams? Is it a possibility that there will be a limit on the number of times you can take the exams? How many CEU's must you have if you were credentialed after the year 2000 and something? Have you heard any of these truths, or are they just rumors? How many times have you heard something like this from a friend that may or may not be a member of the AARC?

I urge you, that if you have not joined the AARC, NOW is the time to do it. The AARC will keep you informed of all of these changes and many more.

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The ASRC welcomes the following new members who joined the AARC and ASRC from October 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004.

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\*As reported by the AARC.

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## NBRC ADOPTS NEW ADMISSIONS POLICIES


The National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) has adopted the following new admissions policies effective January 1, 2005.

New graduates of accredited advanced level education programs have three years from their dates of graduation to complete the RRT examination. Individuals currently in the examination process, either having already graduated, already holding the CRT credential or having passed one part of the RRT examination, will have three years from January 1, 2005 to achieve the RRT credential. Individuals who do not complete the RRT examination within the three-year time limit will be required to retake and pass the CRT examination for recredentialing to have their eligibility for the RRT examination reinstated. Being recredentialed as a CRT will allow an individual an additional three years in which to pass the RRT examination.

The Board also approved reinstatement of the "expected graduation" provision of the entrance requirements for the CRT examination. This change allows individuals enrolled in accredited respiratory care education programs to apply for and attempt the CRT examination 30 days prior to actual graduation. No examination results will be released to the candidate or any third party until graduation is confirmed.

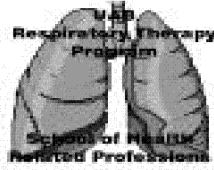


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# Camp WheezeAway – Summer 2004

By Anita Jones

The American Lung Association's 14<sup>th</sup> annual "Patsy Ruff Memorial Asthma Camp for Kids" was a huge success last summer. One hundred children, ages 8-12, and camp volunteers arrived at Camp ASSCA in Jackson Gap, Alabama near Alexander City for a week of fun and educational activities geared at helping children manage their asthma. Respiratory therapy professionals from across the state participated by volunteering their time at camp. Additionally, RT students provided a huge helping hand and enjoyed a different classroom experience while enriching the lives of our campers.

Asthma is the leading medical cause of school absenteeism and poor academic performance among children. There are over 68,000 children in Alabama suffering with asthma. While there is no cure for asthma, with proper skill and information, it can be controlled. The main goal at Camp WheezeAway is to give these children the tools and information necessary to self-monitor, treat, and control their disease. This positive approach is a critical component in improving their ability to attend school and learn.

Camp week begins on Saturday with the arrival of medical staff and other volunteers to bring supplies and prepare for a busy day of registration on Sunday and the week ahead. Then the fast pace continues as each child is exposed to a busy daily dose of fun and educational activities. Each day begins and ends with a visit to the medical infirmary to receive medications while being monitored under the watchful eyes of the medical staff. Campers learn how to use a peak flow meter and proper use of inhaled medications. Should there be any complications, a doctor is present along with a volunteer staff of respiratory therapists, registered nurses, pharmacists, and others to render care. A daily medical record is kept and provided to the child's physician after camp.

The educational component of camp teaches the facts about asthma as a disease, surviving an attack, and avoiding triggers. The importance of using medications properly and regularly as prescribed is stressed. This vital part of camp provides one-on-one personal instruction time that children don't often receive from their physicians.

The week is full of activity periods where campers participate in traditional camp activities. These activities include horseback riding, archery, swimming, fishing, canoeing, demonstration farm tours, nature trail hikes, arts and crafts, boat rides, tubing behind a boat and a ropes course that includes a zip line. Of course, the volunteers have some free time to participate in some of these activities as well.

At week's end, campers pack up and return to their homes with a newly found understanding and confidence about their asthma that will enrich the quality of their lives.

Camp will roll around for our 15<sup>th</sup> year in July 05. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact The American Lung Association at 1-800-586-4872 or Anita Jones at 1-334-286-2859.



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**If you would like to get involved with one of these committees, contact the committee chairperson. The ASRC invites all therapists to take an active role in the state society activities.**

# UPDATE ON LICENSURE

by Fred Hill

Ronda Hood and Fred Hill have been drafting rules and regulations which will establish the basis for regulation of respiratory therapy in Alabama. The rules and regulations are nearing completion and if everything continues to go well, the ASBRT will approve the rules and regulations at their next meeting. In addition, there is a review process and approval process which extends beyond the Board before rules and regulations will be finalized.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 2005. The meeting will be held at Leadership Alliance, Montgomery, Alabama. Board meetings are open to the public. If you are interested in attending a meeting, please contact Ronda Hood or Fred Hill to obtain specific meeting information (Fred Hill: 434-3405, [fhill@usouthal.edu](mailto:fhill@usouthal.edu)). The date listed above is subject to change.

Also, you may contact Ronda Hood or Fred Hill or other Board members for information and input regarding the licensure process. A key question in everybody's mind seems to be "When will respiratory therapists be required to have licenses in Alabama?" The easy answer is "after rules and regulations are established." ASBRT is projecting July 1, 2005, but that is an assumption based on everything falling into place as the ASBRT works through the approval process.

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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Nominations Committee is now accepting names of qualified individuals who desire a position in the future development of our State Respiratory Care Society. Nominations for the following positions are needed:

President-Elect  
Vice President

One representative from each of the following districts:

North	East Central
West Central	Southeast
Central	Southwest

(All district representative terms are for two (2) years)

If you would like to nominate someone for one of these offices please fill out the form below and mail it to:

Vickie Freda  
Nominations Chairman  
ASRC  
P.O. Box 7911  
Mobile, Alabama 36670-0911

E-mail to: [vickie.freda@wallacestate.edu](mailto:vickie.freda@wallacestate.edu)  
OR Call: 256-352-8312

ALL NOMINEES MUST BE AARC MEMBERS - DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS 6/01/2005.

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (work ) \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name and Telephone Number:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Remember: Nominee must be willing to serve in the board position nominated for.

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