



# Florida State Parks Foundation

## When friends get together, great things happen By Don Philpott, CNE, Executive Director

On a near perfect Saturday at the end of April, I attended a packed District-wide Citizen Support Organization (CSO) meeting at St. Andrews State Park in Panama City.

These meetings are incredibly important because they provide opportunities for park staff, CSOs and volunteers to learn and network from each other, and the sheer enthusiasm from all sides is inspiring and energizing.

The Florida State Parks Foundation (formerly Friends of Florida State Parks) has changed its focus in recent years.

While the mission is, and always will be, to support and sustain and protect and preserve our magnificent state parks, how we do that has evolved.

To read the rest of the article, click [here](#).



## LIFE Goes Marching On

The Learning in Florida's Environment (LIFE) program continues to expand and enormous thanks are due to all those who are making this possible. In the next few weeks we hope to employ a fulltime Programs Director (see below) and this should give LIFE an additional stimulus.

When we took the LIFE program over three years ago, there were 7 participating state parks. At present, we have an awesome 34 parks offering the program or pledged to do so. That means tens of thousands of school children are learning about science and for many of them it is the first time they have ever been in a state park.

View the full article [here](#).



## Wanted - Program Director

As part of its growth, the Foundation is seeking an experienced Program Director to manage and grow its three key programs – supporting Citizens Support Organizations, Learning in Florida's Environment (LIFE) and accessibility.

### To apply

Please send a letter of interest explaining why you are interested in this position together with a resume to

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