

## **Faun Lake – Board Candidate’s Letter of Interest**

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I am running for the Faun Lake Board of Directors and asking for your support. My family has been a part of the Faun Lake community for over 40 years. My dad, Gerry Gallagher, often served as an advisor to the BOD and used his skills as an environmentalist to the benefit of our community. My husband, Jim, and I retired two years ago and now live here fulltime during the spring, summer and fall seasons. I also have a background in the environment and have followed in my dad’s footsteps. I worked for many years as a Park Ranger with the National Parks Service and as a Public Affairs/Staff Officer with National Forest Service. I recently completed an Academic Fellowship with the University of Florida in Natural Resource Leadership. While with the Air Force, I attended Joint Defense Information School and the U.S. Air Force Warfare College for Public Affairs and am skilled in communicating to a variety of audiences utilizing 20-years of Public Affairs experience. In this capacity, I believe in walking the walk, asking myself the hard questions and then forcing myself to find the answers to them, even if it means embracing hard truths. One of my key strengths is “I don’t get rattled” in tough situations. The government recognized this ability when it selected me as one of only a few Park Rangers to be assigned to a special task-force at Camp David after 9/11.

My work experience is as follows:

U.S. Forest Service, National Forests in Florida and Arizona; (08/2013 – 05/2018) Staff Officer, Tribal Leadership Program Manager, Public Affairs Director, and Volunteer and Public Services Programs Manager

Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection; (06/2010 – 08/2013)  
Public Affairs Officer

US Army Corps of Engineers, Great Lakes and Mississippi Valley Divisions; (03/2007 – 06/10) Senior Natural Resource Specialist

United States Air Force, Langley AFB and Holloman AFB; (01/2004-02/2007) Chief of Internal Information/Public Affairs Officer

Catoctin Mountain Park/Camp David; (06/2002 - 01/2004) Park Ranger, VIP operations support

Carlsbad Caverns National Park; (05//2000 - 12/2004) Interpretive Park Ranger

Toy Town Museum; (07/1995 - 07/1998) Director of Children’s Educational Programming  
I also served on the executive committee for Toyfest as Director of Arts and Entertainment (1994-2000)

### **EDUCATION:**

- University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, Academic Fellowship in Natural Resource Leadership
- State University of New York at Buffalo, B.A Communication
- USDA Graduate School, Washington D.C., Executive Leadership
- Joint Defense Information School, Fort Meade, MD, Public Affairs
- USDA Graduate School, Visitor Assistance Program for Natural Resource Management and USACE Interpretive Services and Outreach Program
- US Air Force Warfare College, Maxwell AFB, Information Warfare Leadership

### **HONORS, AWARDS, MEMBERSHIPS, ETC:**

- Golden Key International Honor Society membership
- Lambda Pi Eta membership
- Get Outdoors Florida, Board of Directors
- Tallahassee Area Association of Environmental Professionals, membership
- Director, Herschel Carrousel Museum, N. Tonawanda, NY
- 2006 Air Combat Command Public Affairs Achievement Award, first place

I have served in many leadership capacities throughout my career and feel the skillsets I've developed over the years would allow me to assist in preserving our community as well as being able to bring some new and fresh ideas. Please consider supporting me.