

Florida Department of Environmental Protection CITIZEN SUPPORT ORGANIZATION ANNUAL REPORT

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Year: 2018	
Citizen Support Organization (CSO) Na	Friends of Lake Griffin State Park
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Telephone Number: 352.753.1955	_ Website Address (if applicable):
Department of Environmental Protection (I property, audit requirements, public record managed by the Department. Section 258.015, F.S., Citizen support or requires authorization by the Division of R	ganizations; use of property; audit; public records; partnerships. In ational requirements, operational parameters, duties of a CSO to support the Department), or individual units of the Department, use of Department is requirements, and authorizes public-private partnerships to enhance lands ganizations; use of property; audit. In summary, the statute defines a CSO, ecreation and Parks, and specifies the use of property. This statute authorizes
parameters, and donor recognition.	r state parks, the program's operational parameters, CSO's operational restoration of the natural and cultural resources of Lake Griffin State Park.
o Support the preservation, interpretation and r	restoration of the natural and cultural resources of Lake Griffin State Park.



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Brief Description of the CSO's Results Obtained: Purchased addition tandem kayaks and canoes to replace outdated park equipment. Funded the acquisition of Signage and a display Kiosk to provided interpretative aides for park visitors. CSO officials were present for a local communities Outdoors Expo Event. Supported the park's Kids Fishing Clinic. We also conducted our first funding raising event sponsored by an area restaurant which raised funds used to support the Park.	
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Brief Description of the CSO's Plans for Next Three Fiscal Years: Continue to provide financial and other support to enhance the expansion of the park's walking trail as well as for possible improvements and upgrades for a ADA kayak boat ramp as well as for out rental boat storage racks. Partner with the Park to support the Annual Kids' Fishing Clinic as well as an outside area's Annual Outdoors Exposition. Continue to fund for upgrades and replacements to the Park's rental fleet of canoes and kayaks.	

- ☑ Copy of the CSO's Code of Ethics attached (Model provided; see CSO 2014 instructions)
- ☑ Certify the CSO has completed and provided to the Department the organization's most recent Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-N/Annual Financial Statement

Friends of Lake Griffin State Park CODE OF ETHICS

PREAMBLE

- (1) It is essential to the proper conduct and operation of Friends of Lake Griffin State Park (herein "CSO") that its board members, officers, and employees be independent and impartial and that their position not be used for private gain. Therefore, the Florida Legislanare in Section 112.3251, Florida Stanate (Fla. Stat.), requires that the law protect against any conflict of interest and establish standards for the conduct of CSO board members, officers, and employees in situations where conflicts may exist.
- (2) It is hereby declared to be the policy of the state that no CSO board member, officer, or employee shall have any interest, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect, or incur any obligation of any nature which is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of his or her duties for the CSO. To implement this policy and strengthen the faith and confidence of the people in Citizen Support Organizations, there is enacted a code of ethics setting forth standards of conduct required of Friends of Lake Griffin State Park board members, officers, and employees in the performance of their official duties.

STANDARDS

The following standards of conduct are enumerated in Chapter 112, Fla. Stat., and are required by Section 112.3251, Fla. Stat., to be observed by CSO board members, officers, and employees.

1. Prohibition of Solicitation or Acceptance of Gifts

No CSO board member, officer, or employee shall solicit or accept anything of value to the recipient, including a gift, loan, reward, promise of future employment, favor, or service, based upon any understanding that the vote, official action, or judgment of the CSO board member, officer, or employee would be influenced thereby.

2. Prohibition of Accepting Compensation Given to Influence a Vote

No CSO board member, officer, or employee shall accept any compensation, payment, or thing of value when the person knows, or, with reasonable care, should know that it was given to influence a vote or other action in which the CSO board member, officer, or employee was expected to participate in his or her official capacity.

3. Salary and Expenses

No CSO board member or officer shall be prohibited from voting on a matter affecting his or her salary, expenses, or other compensation as a CSO board member or officer, as provided by law.

4. Prohibition of Misuse of Position

A CSO board member, officer, or employee shall not corruptly use or attempt to use one's official position or any property or resource which may be within one's trust, or perform official duties, to secure a special privilege, benefit, or exemption.

5. Prohibition of Misuse of Privileged Information

No CSO board member, officer, or employee shall disclose or use information not available to members of the general public and gained by reason of one's official position for one's own personal gain or benefit of or the personal gain or benefit of any other person or business entity.

6. Post-Office/Employment Restrictions

A person who has been elected to any CSO board or office or who is employed by a CSO may not personally represent another person or entity for compensation before the governing body of the CSO of which he or she was a board member, officer, or employee for a period of two years after he or she vacates that office or employment position.

7. Prohibition of Employees Holding Office

No person may be, at one time, both a CSO employee and a CSO board member at the same time.

8. Requirements to Abstain From Voting

A CSO board member or officer shall not vote in official capacity upon any measure which would affect his or her special private gain or loss, or which he or she knows would affect the special gain or any principal by whom the board member or officer is retained. When abstaining, the CSO board member or officer, prior to the vote being taken, shall make every reasonable effort to disclose the nature of his or her interest as a public record in a memorandum filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who shall incorporate the memorandum in the minutes. If it is not possible for the CSO board member or officer to file a memorandum before the vote, the memorandum must be filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting no later than 15 days after the vote.

9. Failure to Observe CSO Code of Ethics

Failure of a CSO board member, officer, or employee to observe the Code of Ethics may result in the removal of that person from their position. Further, failure of the CSO to observe the Code of Ethics may result in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection terminating its Agreement with the CSO.

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-1150

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations) ▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990EZ for instructions and the latest information.

Open to Public Inspection

A F	or the	the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2017, and ending					, 20	
B	Check if ap	ck if applicable: C Name of organization			D Emp	loyer ide	ntification number	
	Address o	change	Friends of Lake griffin State Park, Inc.	1	45-106068			
	Name cha	ange	Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/	suite	E Telephone number			
Initial return Final return/terminated 3089 US Hwy 27/441 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code			3089 US Hwy 27/441		352-360-6760			
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_	21	Net assets	or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20		. ▶	21	26,414	
For	Paper	work Reduct	ion Act Notice, see the separate instructions. Cat. No. 106	421			Form 990-EZ (2017)	

Form 990-EZ (2017) Page 2 Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II (A) Beginning of year (B) End of year 27,998 22 22 Cash, savings, and investments 26,414 Land and buildings 23 23 24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O) 24 25 25 Total assets 26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O) 26 27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21) 27 Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III) **Expenses** Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any guestion in this Part III (Required for section What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? RAISE MONEY FOR THE PARK'S NEEDS. 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, others.) as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title. 28 Signage and kiosk in the park) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here 28a (Grants \$ 3,897 New canoes and kayaks (Grants \$ 29a) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here 2,381 Repair gold carts used in the park) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here 30a 1,388 **31** Other program services (describe in Schedule O)) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here 31a List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated – see the instructions for Part IV) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV (d) Health benefits, (c) Reportable (b) Average compensation contributions to employee (e) Estimated amount of (a) Name and title hours per week (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) benefit plans, and other compensation devoted to position (if not paid, enter -0-) deferred compensation **Theodore Wendel President** 15 0 0 0 **Mary Jo Wuest** 6 0 0 **Treasurer** 0

Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the Part V instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V Yes No 33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a 33 34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the 34 Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business 35a 35a If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O 35b Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III 35c 36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N 36 Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a 37a 37b 38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return? 38a If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter: 39 39a **b** Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ o ; section 4912 ► o ; section 4955 ► b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I 40b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 0 Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ 0 All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter 40e List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ 41 **42a** The organization's books are in care of ▶ Mary Jo Wuest 513-312-2039 Telephone no. ▶ Located at ▶ 3240 Mayflower Loop The Villages, FL ZIP + 4 ▶ 32163 **b** At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over Yes No a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? 42b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR). At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States? 42c If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here 43 and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year Yes No 44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be 44a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be 44b If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an 44d 45a Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of 45b

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46	Did th	ne organization engage, directly or ir	ndirectly, in political c	ampaign activities	on b	ehalf of or	in opposit	tion	Yes	No
	to ca	ndidates for public office? If "Yes," o	complete Schedule C	, Part I				. 46	3	
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47		he organization engage in lobbying ⁹ If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Par		section 501(h) elec			luring the	tax . 47	7	
48	Is the	organization a school as described in	n section 170(b)(1)(A)(i	i)? If "Yes," comple	ete So	chedule E		. 48	3	
49a		ne organization make any transfers t		_						
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SCHEDULE O (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

Employer identification number

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Name of the organization

► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

► Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

Ivalle of the organization			Employer identification number
Friends of Lake Griffin State Park, In	nc.		45-1060685
Other Revenue line 8		 	
Canoe and Kayak tours	3345	 	
Kayak rentals	2607	 	
Miscellaneous	147	 	
TOTAL	6099	 	
Other Expenses line 16		 	
Signage and Kiosk	3897	 	
Canoes and kayaks	2381	 	
Golf cart repairs	1388	 	
Advertising	718	 	
Captain's License	1075	 	
Outdoor Expo	309	 	
Membership	100	 	
Shirts for Volunteers	360	 	
All Other	1184	 	
TOTAL	11412	 	

Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) (2017)		Page 2
Name of the organization	Employer identification number	

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ), such as legislation enacted after the schedule and its instructions were published, go to www.irs.gov/Form990.

Purpose of Schedule

An organization should use Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ), rather than separate attachments, to provide the IRS with narrative information required for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ, and to explain the organization's operations or responses to various questions. It allows organizations to supplement information reported on Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Don't use Schedule O to supplement responses to questions in other schedules of the Form 990 or 990-EZ. Each of the other schedules includes a separate part for supplemental information.

Who Must File

All organizations that file Form 990 and certain organizations that file Form 990-EZ must file Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ). At a minimum, the schedule must be used to answer Form 990, Part VI, lines 11b and 19. If an organization isn't required to file Form 990 or 990-EZ but chooses to do so, it must file a complete return and provide all of the information requested, including the required schedules.

Specific Instructions

Use as many continuation sheets of Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) as needed

Complete the required information on the appropriate line of Form 990 or 990-EZ prior to using Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

Identify clearly the specific part and line(s) of Form 990 or 990-EZ to which each response relates. Follow the part and line sequence of Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Late return. If the return isn't filed by the due date (including any extension granted), attach a separate statement giving the reasons for not filing on time.

Don't use this schedule to provide the late-filing statement.

Amended return. If the organization checked the Amended return box on Form 990, Heading, item B, or Form 990-EZ, Heading, item B, use Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) to list each part or schedule and line item of the Form 990 or 990-EZ that was amended.

Group return. If the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, line H(a), but "No" to line H(b), use a separate

attachment to list the name, address, and EIN of each affiliated organization included in the group return. **Don't use** this schedule. See the Instructions for Form 990, *I. Group Return.*

Form 990, Parts III, V, VI, VII, IX, XI, and XII. Use Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) to provide any narrative information required for the following questions in the Form 990.

- 1. Part III, Statement of Program Service Accomplishments.
 - a. "Yes" response to line 2.
 - b. "Yes" response to line 3.
 - c. Other program services on line 4d.
- 2. Part V, Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance.
 - a. "No" response to line 3b.
 - b. "Yes" or "No" response to line 13a.
 - c. "No" response to line 14b.
- 3. Part VI, Governance, Management, and Disclosure.
- a. Material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body in line 1a.
- b. Delegation of governing board's authority to executive committee in line 1a.
- c. "Yes" responses to lines 2 through 7b.
- d. "No" responses to lines 8a, 8b, and 10b.
 - e. "Yes" response to line 9.
- f. Description of process for review of Form 990, if any, in response to line 11b.
 - g. "Yes" response to line 12c.
- h. Description of process for determining **compensation** in response to lines 15a and 15b.
- i. If applicable, in response to line 18, an explanation as to why the organization checked the *Other* box or didn't make any of Forms 1023, 1024, 990, or 990-T publicly available.
- j. Description of public disclosure of documents in response to line 19.
- 4. Part VII, Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors.
- a. Explain if reporting of compensation paid by a related organization is provided only for the period during which the related organization was related, not the entire calendar year ending with or within the tax year, and state the period during which the related organization was related.
- b. Description of reasonable efforts undertaken to obtain information on compensation paid by related organizations, if the organization is unable to obtain such information to report in column (E).
- 5. Explanation for Part IX, Statement of Functional Expenses, line 11g (other fees

for services), including the type and amount of each expense included in line 11g, if the amount in Part IX, line 11g, exceeds 10% of the amount in Part IX, line 25 (total functional expenses).

- 6. Explanation for Part IX, Statement of Functional Expenses, line 24e (all other expenses), including the type and amount of each expense included in line 24e, if the amount on line 24e exceeds 10% of the amount in Part IX, line 25 (total functional expenses).
- 7. Part XI, Reconciliation of Net Assets. Explain any other changes in net assets or fund balances reported on line 9.
- 8. Part XII, Financial Statements and Reporting.
- a. Change in accounting method or description of other accounting method used on line 1.
- b. Change in committee oversight review from prior year on line 2c.
 - c. "No" response to line 3b.

Form 990-EZ, Parts I, II, III, and V. Use Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) to provide any narrative information required for the following questions.

- 1. Part I, Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances.
- a. Description of other revenue, in response to line 8.
- b. List of grants and similar amounts paid, in response to line 10.
- c. Description of other expenses, in response to line 16.
- d. Explanation of other changes in net assets or fund balances, in response to line 20.
 - 2. Part II, Balance Sheets.
- a. Description of other assets, in response to line 24.
- b. Description of total liabilities, in response to line 26.
- 3. Description of other program services in response to Part III, *Statement of Program Service Accomplishments*, line 31.
 - 4. Part V, Other Information.
 - a. "Yes" response to line 33.
 - b. "Yes" response to line 34.
- c. Explanation of why organization didn't report unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more to the IRS on Form 990-T, in response to line 35b.
 - d. "No" response to line 44d.

Other. Use Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) to provide narrative explanations and descriptions in response to other specific questions. The narrative provided should refer and relate to a particular line and response on the form.



Don't include on Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) any social security number(s), because this schedule will be made available