POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Executive Director
Southeast Georgia

- *Stewardship*
- *Environmental Education*
- *Wildlife Refuge*

Overview. The Board of Trustees of the Okefenokee Swamp Park is seeking a professional who has the ability to build upon the stewardship and educational foundation of North America's largest blackwater swamp and to take the Park to the next level. The board has retained the services of The Chason Group (www.thechasongroup.com) to lead this executive search.

About The Okefenokee Swamp. The swamp, which is a part of the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, is a 700 square mile watershed in the United States located in the southeastern corner of the state of Georgia, along the Florida/Georgia border. The swamp is believed to have been formed approximately 6,500 years ago, when peat had accumulated in a shallow basin, after an ancient Atlantic Ocean had receded. The name 'Okefenokee' originated from the Native Americans that inhabited the region, translating as the "Land of the Trembling Earth." Within the Okefenokee Swamp lie cypress swamps, floating peat mats (trembling earth), winding natural waterways and endangered species of plants, insects, birds and animals that must be protected and are a pleasure to encounter.

About the Okefenokee Swamp Park, Inc. The OSP is a 501(c)3 non-profit that operates the northern visitor entrance to the refuge under long-term leases with the state and federal governments. The Board of Trustees, composed of business, civic and regional leaders, provides oversight to the vision and strategies for developing this natural wonder into a better environmental education learning ground for all ages.

The Position. The executive director will have several key responsibilities, including: staffing and leadership of the operations; serving as the key spokesperson for OSP; developing and implementing strategic goals mutually agreed upon by the Board of Trustees; and working as a development officer to increase funding for the organization.

Key character traits required for the position are excellent communication skills – written, verbal and social media; proven leadership abilities; and a true commitment to environmental education. Candidates should have a four year degree from an accredited college; be willing to live within reasonable commuting distance of the OSP; have knowledge and experience of how non-profit organizations can succeed effectively; and an ability to market to various types of individuals and organizations. Experience in the Nature Center world is important but not essential.

How to apply? For more information regarding the search process for the executive director's position with the Okefenokee Swamp Park, please contact Tim Chason at 404/735-0540 or Randy Cardoza at 404/661-9438. A cover letter and resume may be uploaded at www.thechasongroup.com. Resumes and cover letters will be accepted until the position is filled.

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