



Membership in the Friends of Georgia State Parks has its privileges! Members get free admission to all Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites, as well as a free night of camping or round of golf (without cart), tickets for the SAM Shortline Railroad, and discounts at state park shops.

A one-year individual membership is \$45 and includes a state park parking pass, an individual historic site pass, one night of camping or round of golf and one adult rail ticket. The family membership is \$70 and includes two park passes, up to six historic site passes, one adult and one child rail ticket, and two nights of camping or rounds of golf. There are also higher levels of membership with more perks. Being a Friend is a great value, as a state park pass alone costs \$50 as of May 20, 2009.

Members choose to be affiliated with a specific chapter. That chapter receives a portion of the membership fees to help the park.

To join, go to:
www.friendsofgastateparks.org
or call 770-975-7533.

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NEWNAN, Georgia — The interim board of directors of Friends of Chattahoochee Bend State Park is pleased to announce their **first annual meeting** and the **slate of nominees for the first elected board of directors** of the chapter.

Elections will be held when chapter members convene for the first Annual Meeting at 6:00 pm on June 6, 2009, at the Panther Creek Community Center in Sargent, GA. Chapter elections will be held first, followed immediately by a cookout.

The slate of 11 nominees is as follows:

Dean Jackson, current chapter President

Glenn Flake, current chapter Vice-President

Pamela Giles, current chapter Secretary

Robbie Hinely, current chapter Treasurer

Buck Altschul, current director

Stephen Bush, current director

Sarah Fay Campbell, current director

Monroe DeVos, current director

Tammy Lovvorn, new nominee

Steve St. Laurent, current director

Joe Thogmartin, current director

The general public is welcome to attend the meeting, but only dues-paid chapter members can cast votes. Chapter members may also submit nominees from the floor. Meeting attendees who are not members WILL be able to sign up for Friends membership prior to the formal introduction of nominees and hearing of nominations from the floor.

Questions regarding the elections and nominees may be directed to:
friendsofchattahoocheebend@gmail.com

Additional information about the Friend of Chattahoochee Bend chapter may be found on their website:
<http://www.friendsofgastateparks.org/friends/chattahoocheebend>

The Friends of Chattahoochee Bend was chartered in January, 2009 as a Chapter of the Friends of Georgia State Parks, to provide volunteer support for the Chattahoochee Bend State Park as it is developed and opened to the public. Phase I development of Georgia's newest state park—2,900 acres located along 7 miles of the Chattahoochee River in western Coweta County—is expected to begin in fall of 2009. The Chapter has already begun site clean-up and hiking excursion days at the park to involve volunteers interested in Chattahoochee Bend. The park will feature many miles of trails, river access points and camping sites.