

Steve Barnes Biography

Steve Barnes is a former reporter and photojournalist. He covered environmental, social and political issues for the Orlando Sentinel for more than a decade, and also wrote for the Associated Press, covering the space center, natural disasters and elections, including the 2000 Presidential recount.

The father of three daughters, Steve has also worked as a teacher and has been a volunteer with the Seminole County school system for many years. He currently serves as an officer with the Friends of the Environmental Studies Center, a private, non-profit group working to raise money for environmental science education programs. He also volunteers with the school board's Families in Transition program, which provides clothing and school supplies for the more than 1,000 homeless students enrolled in Seminole County schools.

As an avid kayaker and sailor, Steve has seen many changes in Florida during his 40 years in the state. His concern over those changes led him to resign from the Orlando Sentinel in May, 2008, in order to accept an appointment to the Seminole Soil and Water Conservation District. He was elected to a full term in November, 2008.