

President & Executive Director: Brad Carman

Brad grew up in Gainesville attending Littlewood Elementary, Fort Clark Middle and Buchholz High School. Brad's life in recreation started at a young age, while living in Gainesville Brad attended the NW Boys Club as a member and young athlete. During the summers Brad had opportunities to attend several summer camps through the Moral Welfare Recreation (MWR) Department. Two Summer Camps Brad attended were Mayport Naval Station Jacksonville, FL and Roosevelt Roads Naval Station Ceiba, Puerto Rico. While attending camp at Roosevelt Roads Brad became a Junior Counselor assisting the younger campers in daily activities. Brad also attended Camp Crystal out of Starke, Florida.

After returning to Gainesville Brad started in the leaders in training program at the North West Boys Club of Alachua County working as a volunteer with the UC Kiwanis basketball program. This was a position for teenagers to learn how to work with younger youth by assisting 5-6-year old's in learning the game of basketball. In 1987 Brad won youth of year for Boys Club of Alachua County. Brad continued working with the Boys Club becoming employed working in the Summer Camp and After School programs. He left the NW Boys Club in 1992 as Athletic Director.

In 1992, while attending the College of Business, Brad started working for a transportation company based out of Jacksonville Florida, called General Parcel Service (GPS). Through 12 years of employment with GPS Brad worked as a Driver, Lead Driver, Terminal Manager, and Area (Regional) Manager.

Brad returned to Recreation in 2004, hired by the City of Newberry as a Programs Director. He assisted the Recreation Director in growing the recreation programs in Newberry. During his tenor Newberry Recreation grew to a well-respected recreation program in Alachua County by obtaining the rights to manage and operate Diamond Sports Park, Building and operating Easton Newberry Sports Park and Archery Center, and building Nations Park. During his employment with the City of Newberry Brad served on the board of Gainesville Sports Commission as well as President of Alachua County Task Force on Recreation (ACTFOR). Brad left the City of Newberry in November 2017 as the Recreation Director.