



# ForestWatch Faces

Get to know the folks who make it happen

This web feature spotlights some of the special folks behind the scenes of Georgia ForestWatch. If you'd like to nominate someone for ForestWatch Faces, please contact our office by clicking the e-mail link below.

## Meet Robin Hitner, Board Member, District Leader, and Go-To Guy!

How many board members sleep on the floor at the ForestWatch office for weeks on end? Robin did! How many district leaders clean the kitchen cupboards and windows? Robin did! Robin also opened mail, posted contributions, sorted through the files, and oh so much more. Robin is the member that every non-profit needs. (Okay, so he didn't really sleep on the floor – it was in a sleeping bag on an air mattress on the floor. But he truly did live at the Georgia ForestWatch office several days a week for roughly two months.) He was filling in some of the gaps after we lost first our office manager, and then our outreach director in a 1-2 punch to the organization. Robin did yeoman's duty, and all without pay. Thank you Robin!

But wait, there's more! Robin chaired the 2010 Fall Retreat, and is chairing it again for 2011. Member feedback rated the 2010 retreat as the best ever. Of course he didn't do it alone – there was help from lots of people—but Robin steered the wagon and kept it on track. As if that is not enough, Robin serves on the Board Personnel committee. With over 28 years experience in Human Resources, he's the right guy to review our vacation and pay policies; investigate insurance for our staff; and interview candidates for the staff. He also recently agreed to be the Board liaison to EarthShare, filling a need we've had for several years. To do that, he plowed through the annual EarthShare application process and read the EarthShare policy guidelines before attending an EarthShare meeting in Atlanta. When not wearing his Board Member clothes, Robin changes into his District Leader costume and flies out into the woods in the Armuchee District, and attends District Leader meetings.

So who is this masked man? Robin Hitner previously worked as the Human Resources Manager at MEAG Power for 14 years in Atlanta. He now lives near Chattanooga with his wife Janet, and is a father of three and grandfather of two. In his free time (how does he have free time?) he and Janet like to hang out at his rustic cabin and hike around their property near Ellijay. He is also hiking the Pinhoti Trail in sections in the Armuchee District. Robin has an infectious laugh, a courteous manner, and the curiosity and energy needed to do all he does.

Thanks to Robin, Georgia ForestWatch got through some rough times and came out stronger.

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