



## ***Love the Finger Lakes? Become a Watercraft Steward & get paid to help protect them! Summer 2020***

**Position:** Lead Watercraft Steward/Coordinator

**Locations:** Keuka Lake launches including the Village of Penn Yan, Keuka Lake State Park, and Town of Urbana

**Time:** 40 hrs/week, May 22<sup>nd</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>; must work weekends and holidays; seasonal (summer) position; reduced/flexible hours beginning mid-August

**Pay:** \$13.75 per hour; non-benefits-eligible position

**Job Description:** The Watercraft Stewards will be responsible for public outreach and education on slowing and preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species. Under supervision of Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Yates County Natural Resources Educator, Watercraft Stewards will offer watercraft inspections, provide educational information about aquatic invasive species, and protocol for preventing their spread at public launches. Watercraft inspections involve removal of plants and other organic material from boats and trailers and identifying aquatic invasive species. Watercraft Stewards will collect daily data from their interactions with watercraft users using tablets and electronic data-entry software.

### **Duties include, but are not limited to:**

- Perform watercraft inspections, collect data from inspections, and enter data electronically.
- Conduct public outreach programs about the spread of invasive species at watercraft launch sites.
- Schedule Watercraft Steward shifts and record and report watercraft steward hours.
- Ensure that Watercraft Stewards have the proper supplies.
- Ensure that Watercraft Stewards enter their field data correctly and in a timely manner.
- Disseminate educational information, press releases, and other materials as requested.
- Provide additional assistance and training to Watercraft Stewards as needed.
- Participate in service events such as invasive species pulls, Invasive Species Awareness Week, etc.
- Attend and assist in organizing meetings with Watercraft Stewards and CCE staff.
- Attend supervisory meetings with CCE staff.
- Attend two-day training session at the Finger Lakes Institute (FLI) in Geneva, NY on May 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Excellent interpersonal communication skills. Must have the ability to successfully and clearly present information and ideas to a diverse audience, and to react in a positive, proactive manner in confrontational circumstances.
- College students or recent graduates with experience in environmental science, natural resources or related field is preferred.
- Familiarity with aquatic invasive species and the Finger Lakes region is preferred.
- Ability to work independently and responsibly without direct supervision.
- Ability to supervise others, including managing schedules, communicating duties, and managing conflicts.
- Valid Driver's license. Must provide own transportation to work sites and meeting locations.
- Ability to perform tasks requiring physical exertion, long hours in the sun, and traveling if necessary.

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:** Please email resume to Natural Resources Educator, Laura Bailey at lb698@cornell.edu or mail to CCE Yates, 417 Liberty St., Suite 1024, Attn: Laura Bailey, Penn Yan, NY 14527. If you need additional information, please email or call (315) 536-5123