



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

Position: Watercraft Steward

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

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

Pay: \$13.25 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.
- Disseminate educational information, press releases, and other materials as requested.
- Participate in service events such as invasive species pulls, Invasive Species Awareness Week, etc.
- Attend meetings with Lead Watercraft Steward and/or CCE staff.
- Attend two-day training session at the Finger Lakes Institute (FLI) in Geneva, NY on May 19th-20th

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.
- 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