

Cornell Cooperative Extension Yates County



Love the Finger Lakes? Become a Watercraft Steward & get paid to help protect them! Summer 2019

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 25th through August 31st; must work weekends and holidays; seasonal (summer) position

Pay: \$13 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 CCE Natural Resources Educator, Watercraft Stewards will offer watercraft inspections at public launches and provide educational information about aquatic invasive species and protocol for preventing their spread. 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. Training will be provided.

Duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Conduct public education and outreach programs regarding the significance of New York's aquatic ecosystems and the threat of the spread of invasive species at watercraft launch sites.
- Perform watercraft inspections, collect data from inspections, and enter data electronically.
- Attend monthly meetings with Lead Watercraft Steward and CCE staff to discuss progress and data collected.
- Two-day training session May 21st and 22nd at the Finger Lakes Institute

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 education, natural resources management, biology, ecology, environmental studies/science, or a related field are encouraged to apply.
- Knowledge or willingness to learn about aquatic invasive species and general ecology of the Finger Lakes region.
- Ability to work independently and responsibly without direct supervision.
- Ability to accurately collect and summarize data according to established protocol using tablets.
- 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 a resume to CCE- Yates Natural Resources Educator, Laura Bailey, at lb698@cornell.edu by May 15th. If you have a question or need assistance supplying application materials, please contact CCE- Yates Natural Resources Educator at (315) 536-5123.

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