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**TITLE:**

**Aquatic Invasive Species Technician**

**FACILITY:**

Beaver Creek Reserve Citizen Science Center is seeking an intern to assist with aquatic invasive species (AIS) prevention and education. This full-time internship will work alongside the AIS Coordinator to conduct monitoring on regional lakes and rivers and to work with local stakeholder groups on AIS control efforts within a 6-county region (Buffalo, Chippewa, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pepin & Rusk Counties). This internship position will include working on the weekends as a watercraft inspector at a boat landing in Chippewa County.

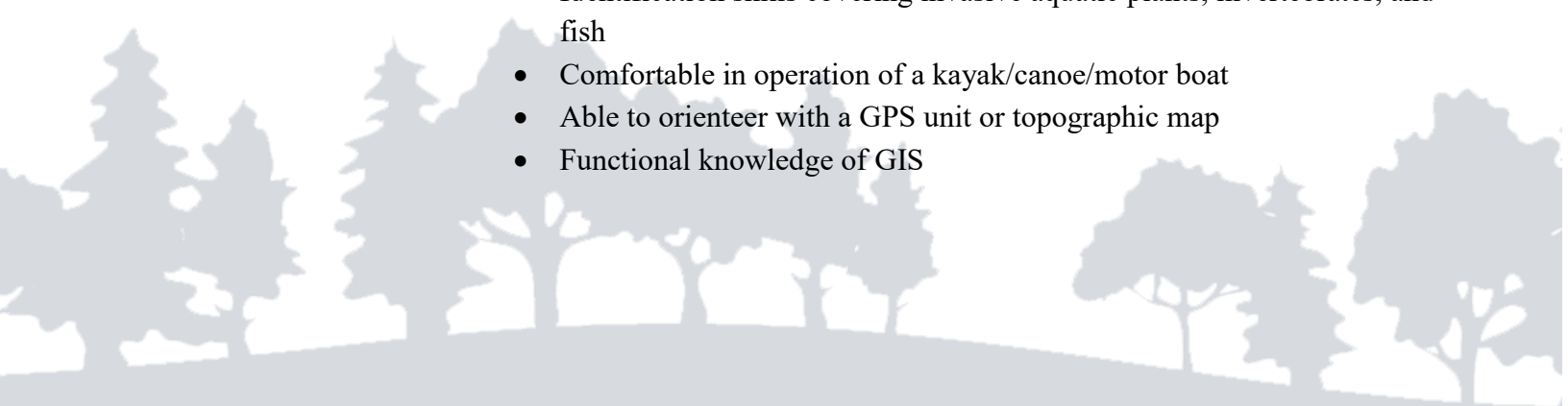
**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Responsibilities will be focused on several specific objectives with additional responsibilities that may arise. The main duties of this position will include:

- Conduct surveys and proper identification techniques for invasive species with the AIS Coordinator and volunteers
- Create professional level monitoring reports and maps of AIS within the survey locations
- Assist with the Mussel Monitoring of Eau Claire County project including surveying, identification, volunteer coordination, and data collection
- Keep regular communication with AIS Coordinator and volunteers
- Transfer field data into the WDNR surface water database
- Disseminate information to boat landing visitors on AIS and prevention
- Conduct watercraft inspections, record data and report the data to the WDNR surface water database
- Participate in statewide education strategies including Draining Campaign and Landing Blitz
- Keep in regular contact with the lake group where watercraft inspection duties are conducted
- Assist with invasive species control efforts including special removal projects and assistance with WDNR and county partners
- Assist with miscellaneous projects and activities as they arise

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Currently enrolled in/completed B.S. natural resource related field
- Good verbal and written communication skills
- Possess a valid driver's license and vehicle for work use
- Identification skills covering invasive aquatic plants, invertebrates, and fish
- Comfortable in operation of a kayak/canoe/motor boat
- Able to orienteer with a GPS unit or topographic map
- Functional knowledge of GIS



- Knowledge of MS Office including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Publisher
- Able to work effectively with volunteers of all ages
- Able to work in varying environmental conditions
- Requires ability to work with limited supervision

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Knowledge of aquatic ecology, the impacts that aquatic invasive species can have on lakes, streams and wetlands, and ways to reduce the spread of AIS
- Experience recruiting and managing volunteers

**WORK ENVIRONMENT:**

Much of the work will be outdoors. Comfort working on/in the water, remote places, and in variable weather conditions is important. Some office work will include sitting and lifting.

**LENGTH OF POSITION:**

Late May-August (can be flexible)

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

35 hours a week average. Weekend work required. Weekly schedule will be 3 days from Monday-Friday and Saturdays and Sundays from either 8am-3pm or 9am-4pm.

**WAGES:**

\$15.00/hour

**HOUSING:**

Onsite housing may be available with additional duties.

**TO APPLY:**

**Application Deadline is 03/26/2023. Interviews will be scheduled on April 3<sup>rd</sup> through April 6<sup>th</sup>. Please submit your resume, references, and cover letter to [lia@beavercreekreserve.org](mailto:lia@beavercreekreserve.org) or mail to:**

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