



Aquatic Invasive Species Intern Position Announcement

Position Title: Aquatic Invasive Species Intern

Hourly Rate of Pay: \$12.00/Hour

Length of Position: May 20th --- September 3rd 2019. End date flexible based on funding

Work Schedule: 35 hours/week with weekend hours.

Weekly Schedule: Wednesdays-Fridays, 9 am-5 pm, Saturdays and Sundays 9am- 2 pm.

Location: Based at Beaver Creek Reserve, in Fall Creek WI, with regular travel to field sites throughout Buffalo, Chippewa, Dunn, Eau Claire, and Pepin Counties.

Position Summary: Beaver Creek Reserve Citizen Science Center is seeking an enthusiastic 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. This intern position will often work alongside trained volunteers to complete these projects. The intern will also work on weekends as a watercraft inspector for Lake Wissota in Chippewa County.

Background: Aquatic invasive species have the potential to negatively affect our ecosystems, economy and recreational opportunities. With over 15,000 lakes and 5.3 million acres of wetlands, Wisconsin waters are an extremely valuable natural resource. This position will aid statewide invasive species prevention efforts, thereby playing an important role in preserving Wisconsin's water bodies for future generations.

Responsibilities:

- Conduct surveys for invasive species with the AIS Coordinator and volunteers.
- Regular communication with AIS Coordinator and volunteers.
- Transfer field data into digital formats.
- Create a professional level monitoring report and maps of AIS within the survey locations.
- Disseminate information to boat landing visitors on AIS and prevention.
- Conduct watercraft inspections, record data and report the data in an online database.
- Participate in statewide education strategies including Draining Campaign and Landing Blitz.
- Keep in regular contact with the Lake Wissota Improvement and Protection Association
- Assist with invasive species control efforts.
- Assist with miscellaneous projects and activities as they arise.
- Other duties as assigned

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.
- Able and willing to work outdoors in variable weather conditions.
- Comfortable working on/in the water and in remote places.
- Able to successfully operate a canoe/motor boat.
- Able to orienteer with a gazetteer, topo map, and GPS unit.
- Functional knowledge of GIS.
- Knowledge of MS Office including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Publisher.
- Able to work effectively with volunteers of all ages.
- 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.

To Apply and Deadline:

Please send a cover letter and resume to: Beaver Creek Reserve, c/o Jeanette Kelly, S1 County Highway K, Fall Creek, WI 54742 or email csc@beavercreekreserve.org. Position opened until filled.