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TITLE: **Watercraft Inspector: Chippewa Rod and Gun Landing
Lake Wissota, Chippewa County**

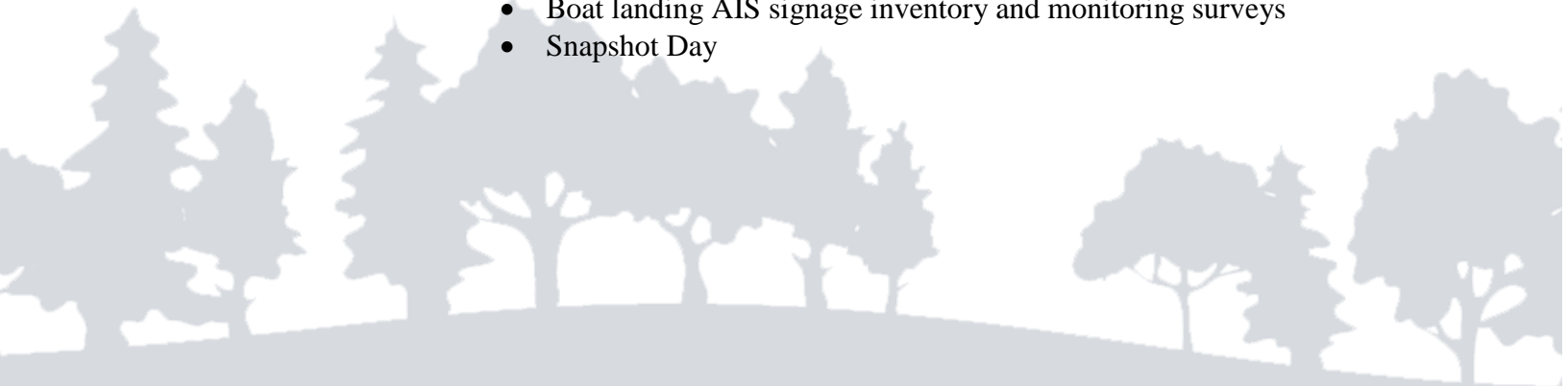
FACILITY: Beaver Creek Reserve Citizen Science Center is seeking an enthusiastic intern to assist with aquatic invasive species (AIS) prevention and education. The main duties of a Watercraft Inspector are to increase awareness of AIS by sharing information, laws and prevention steps with boaters, anglers and boat landing visitors. Inspectors help individuals check their watercraft and equipment for aquatic plants and animals before they enter and upon leaving the water.

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

- Successfully complete a Clean Boats, Clean Waters training session.
- Disseminate information to boat landing visitors on AIS and prevention.
- Conduct watercraft inspections, record data and report the data in a Wisconsin DNR online database.
- Participate in statewide education strategies including Drain Campaign and Landing Blitz.
- Keep in regular contact with Chippewa Rod and Gun Club contacts.
- Meet monthly with AIS Coordinator.
- Participate in water related outreach programs.
- Attend AIS trainings as they arise.
- End of the season presentation to Lake Group and AIS Coordinator.

ADDITIONAL AIS OPPORTUNITIES: Under the direction of the regional AIS coordinator, additional work opportunities may arise. Such opportunities include, but are not limited to assistance with AIS related projects such as:

- Project Riverine Early Detection surveys
- AIS programming, virtual and in person
- Purple loosestrife biological control program
- AIS lake and shoreline surveys
- Field day events including AIS eradication or control
- AIS outreach events including fishing tournaments, waterfowl hunters, public library programs
- AIS/water related social media contributions
- Boat landing AIS signage inventory and monitoring surveys
- Snapshot Day



QUALIFICATIONS:

- Be at least 16 years of age with a valid driver's license. Use of personal vehicle required.
- Be willing and able to approach, engage and educate diverse citizens at boat landings to encourage a change in behavior and instill a sense of personal responsibility to prevent spread of AIS.
- Have good verbal and written communication skills to communicate with a variety of audiences.
- Be able and willing to work outdoors in variable weather conditions.
- Be well-organized, self-motivated, able to multi-task, and able to work independently.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Strong candidates will be students pursuing biology, natural resources, or ecology based coursework. However high school students with an interest and passion for the outdoors are encouraged to apply! This job is an excellent opportunity to learn about career paths based in the field of natural resources and is a great first step towards that kind of career. Motivation to learn and be a reliable employee are the most important factors here.

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

The water craft inspector work will be conducted at a public boat landing on Lake Wissota in Chippewa County. Qualified candidates will be comfortable spending their days outside in a variety of weather conditions.

LENGTH OF POSITION: May 23rd - September 5th

WEEKLY WATER CRAFT INSPECTION SCHEDULE: 20 hours per week. Weekend and holiday work required. Weekly schedule is Saturday and Sunday 11 am – 7 pm and 4 hours on a weekday of choice. Holiday schedule will include: Memorial Day weekend, 4th of July, and Labor Day

WAGES: \$11.50/hour

TO APPLY:

Application Deadline is 06/07/2022. Please submit your resume and cover letter to lia@beavercreekreserve.org or mail to:

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