



**Position Title:** Watercraft Inspector, Sand Lake, Chippewa and Rusk Counties

**Hourly rate of pay:** \$12.00 per hour

**Length of Position:** May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019

**Work Schedule:** 16 hours/week. Weekend work required.

Weekly schedule will be Saturdays and Sundays, 8 am – 4pm or 9am – 5pm (depending on boat traffic). Work begins Memorial Day weekend and continues for 13 consecutive weekends. Total hours not to exceed 232.

**Location:** Based at Sand Lake, located North of Bloomer in Chippewa and Rusk Counties with regular travel to Beaver Creek Reserve located in Fall Creek, WI.

**Position open until filled.**

**Position Description:** 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.

**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. As a Watercraft Inspector, you will aid the state's invasive species prevention efforts, thereby playing an important role in preserving Wisconsin's water bodies for future generations.

**Primary Responsibilities:**

- 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 an online database.
- Participate in statewide education strategies including Draining Campaign and Landing Blitz.
- Keep in regular contact with Sand Lake Association.
- Meet regularly with supervisor to discuss and review inspection schedule.

**Required Qualifications:**

- Be at least 18 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 both independently.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- Have a good working knowledge of aquatic ecology, of the impacts that aquatic invasive species can have on lakes, streams and wetlands, and of the ways to reduce the spread of aquatic invasive species.
- Be skilled at identification of aquatic plants and animals and be able to work with experts in the state and region.
- Natural Resources, Education, or related class and/or work experience preferred.

**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](mailto:csc@beavercreekreserve.org). Position opened until filled.