

Watercraft Inspectors Wanted—Clean Boats Clean Water program

Birch Island Lake Association
Webster, WI

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\$12 an hour
Part-time, Internship

Opportunity for High School or College Student, Retired Individual or Other interested party. - Student inspectors may receive college credit for internship. Check with your institution for applicability.

Birch Island Lake Association (BILA) is seeking enthusiastic individuals interested in assisting with aquatic invasive species prevention, education, and research for the summer season. The main duties of a Watercraft Inspector are to increase awareness of aquatic invasive species by sharing information about aquatic invasive species regulations, laws, and prevention steps with boaters, anglers, and other visitors the boat landing and to help these individuals check their watercraft and equipment for aquatic plants and animals before they enter the water and after they leave the landing. During these checks, inspectors collect valuable data on boater behaviors and knowledge and regularly report the data in the online database.

Aquatic invasive species (AIS) have the potential to negatively affect our ecosystems, economy, and recreational opportunities, and in some parts of our state, lakes and those who care about them are already experiencing these effects. As a Watercraft Inspector, you will aid the state's invasive species prevention efforts by conducting watercraft inspections and monitoring in a specified Department of Natural Resources (DNR) region, thereby playing an important role in preserving Wisconsin's water bodies for future generations.

Required Qualifications:

- *Be at least 16 years of age with a valid driver's license and private vehicle.
- *Be able and willing to work early mornings, evenings, weekends, and holidays, including Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day, to match peak use of public boat landing.
- *Be willing and able to approach, engage, and educate diverse citizens at boat landing 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, including boaters, the media, and various user groups.
- *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 and as part of a team. Be able to accurately record data.

Preferred Qualifications (not required):

- *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. Natural resources, education, or related class and/or work experience preferred but not required.

Training provided!

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Salary: \$12.00 /hour
Drivers License (Required) and transportation

If interested, please email Lynn at lao50@yahoo.com with a brief description of your interest, background, and availability.
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