



Summer Employment Do you love the Finger Lakes? Get paid to help protect them! Become a Watercraft Steward!

The Finger Lakes Institute at Hobart and William Smith Colleges is hiring **Watercraft Stewards** for Summer 2017.

Locations: Public boat launches on Otisco, Owasco, Cayuga, Seneca, Canandaigua, Honeoye, Conesus, Hemlock, and Canadice Lakes.

Time: 40 hrs/week, May 23 through Labor Day Weekend; must work weekends and holidays

Pay: \$12.50/hr

Job Description:

The Watercraft Stewards will be responsible for public outreach and education on slowing and preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species. Under the supervision of Finger Lakes Institute (FLI) at Hobart and William Smith Colleges staff, Watercraft Stewards will offer watercraft inspections to boaters at public launches and provide boaters with information about aquatic invasive species and protocol for preventing their spread. Watercraft inspections entail removing plants and other organic material from boats and trailers and identifying aquatic invasive species. Watercraft Stewards will collect daily data from their interactions with boaters. Weekly progress reports and data entry will be required that summarize this information. Training will be provided.

Duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Conduct public education and outreach programs regarding the significance of New York's aquatic ecosystems and the threat of the spread of invasive species at watercraft launch sites.
- Disseminate educational information, press releases, and other materials as requested.
- Perform watercraft inspections, collect data from inspections, and enter data electronically.
- Participate in FLI-hosted service events such as invasive species pulls, beach cleanups, etc.
- Attend weekly meetings with FLI staff to discuss progress and data collected.

Knowledge/Skills/Abilities:

- Excellent interpersonal communication skills. Must have the ability to successfully and clearly present information and ideas to a diverse audience, and to react in a positive, proactive manner in confrontational circumstances.
- College students or recent graduates with experience in environmental education, natural resources management, biology, ecology, environmental studies/science, or a related field are encouraged to apply.
- Familiarity with aquatic invasive species and the general ecology of the Great Lakes and Finger Lakes region is preferred.
- Ability to work independently and responsibly without direct supervision.
- Ability to accurately collect and summarize data according to established protocol.
- Valid Driver's license. Must provide own transportation to work sites and meeting locations.
- Ability to perform tasks requiring physical exertion, long hours in the sun, and traveling if necessary.

Successful candidates must show exceptional interpersonal skills as well as an enthusiasm for protecting aquatic ecosystems. Stewards will be required to attend a comprehensive training that will prepare them for the position.

Please email resume and cover letter to:

Sam Beck-Andersen - Watercraft Steward Project Manager, Finger Lakes Institute: BECK-ANDERSEN@HWS.EDU

Subject line: Watercraft steward applicant

Questions? Email BECK-ANDERSEN@HWS.EDU