



Position Opening: Traveling Watercraft Inspection Steward

Overview:

Clearwater's longtime strategy of inspiring, educating, and activating people is still a powerful formula for success. Utilizing the greatest natural resource in the region – the Hudson River – Clearwater has become the grassroots model for producing changes to protect our planet. Clearwater is recruiting five Watercraft Inspection Stewards as part of the *Watercraft Inspection Steward Program* – an education-based program designed to inform boaters and other recreational water users about aquatic invasive species (AIS) identification, negative impacts, and spread prevention through voluntary watercraft inspections.

Steward Duties and Responsibilities:

- Educate boaters about aquatic invasive species and teach clean boating practices
- Distribute outreach and educational material to watercraft users
- Perform voluntary boat inspections before boats enter and after they exit a body of water
- Inspect watercrafts for and remove aquatic invasive plants and animals
- Conduct boater-habit surveys and collect data to determine boat launch use patterns
- Travel between 3-5 boat launch sites each week

Minimum Qualifications:

- Completed or pursuing a degree in biology, environmental science, natural resources, or related field
- Available to work weekends and holidays on a regular basis throughout employment (8:00 am - 4:00 pm)
- Strong verbal communication skills and ability to interact with the public
- Capable of working independently and during a variety of weather conditions (rain, wind, etc.)
- Basic knowledge of aquatic invasive species and identification is preferred
- Valid Class D Driver's License and reliable transportation
- Must have a reliable cell phone
- Must be least 18 years of age
- Must attend mandatory training (May 22-24)

Job Details:

The steward will travel between boat launches in Croton, Esopus, Haverstraw, Ossining, Saugerties, and Staatsburg, NY. Travel expenses are included (mileage and tolls).

This is a part-time seasonal position. Stewards are required to work on Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day. Stewards will work four 8-hour days each week (Thursday - Sunday) from May 22 – September 4, 2016 (with the exception of holiday weekends when stewards will work Saturday - Monday). The end date is flexible if the steward is returning to college prior to September 4. There will be a mandatory 3-day training prior to the start of the position. The pay rate is \$14/hour.

To Apply: Please send a resume, cover letter, and three references to Epstein@clearwater.org. Preference will be given to those who apply by March 3, 2017 at 11:59pm. Contact Samantha Epstein at (845) 265-8080 x7114 or Epstein@clearwater.org with any questions.