



Position Opening: 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
- Survey the Lower Hudson Valley for aquatic invasive species

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 to and from work locations
- Must have a reliable cell phone
- Must be least 18 years of age
- Must attend mandatory training (May 24-25)

Job Details:

Stewards will be placed at boat launches in Croton, Haverstraw, Highland, Kingston, Ossining, and Staatsburg NY. Please state your site preference in your cover letter.

This is a part-time, seasonal position. Stewards are required to work on Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day. Stewards will work Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 8am-4pm each week. The end date is flexible if the steward is returning to college prior to September 3. There will be a mandatory 2-day training prior to the start of the position. Stewards will be paid \$13/hour.

To Apply: Please send a resume, cover letter, and three references to invasives@clearwater.org. Preference will be given to those who apply by March 2, 2018 at 11:59pm. Contact Samantha Epstein at (845) 265-8080 x7114 or invasives@clearwater.org with any questions.