

Lake Champlain Basin Program - NEIWPCC LCBP Boat Launch Stewards

Hours: 40 hours per week; not to exceed 1000 hours in 12 months

Duration: Mid-May-Labor Day/Mid-September 2020

Background Information: NEIWPCC is a regional commission that helps the states of the Northeast preserve and advance water quality. We engage and convene water quality professionals and other interested parties from New England and New York to collaborate on water, wastewater, and environmental science challenges across the regions, ecosystems, and areas of expertise.

Location of Job: Stewards will work at various public boat launches around the US-portion of Lake Champlain. Stewards will generally be assigned to launches closest to their place of residence.

Compensation and Benefits: Stewards will be paid hourly at a rate to be determined based on the experience of the selected candidates. Benefits are not provided with the exception of social security, unemployment and workers compensation insurance, sick leave as determined by the state of Vermont, and the elective deferral portion of the 403(b) plan.

Job Description: Boat Launch Stewards will be trained to greet visitors to Lake Champlain and familiarize the public with aquatic invasive species information, enter lake-user information on mobile tablets, and inspect watercraft, trailers, and recreational equipment for aquatic organisms. Stewards will also be trained to conduct hot water high pressure decontaminations as needed and to set up, operate, break down, and properly store the decontamination units. Stewards will be required to work eight-hour days for approximately forty hours per week Thursday through Monday and holidays at select boat launches around Lake Champlain from Memorial Day to Labor Day weekend; weekend work is required. Time off by prior arrangement can be accommodated.

Skills/Interests Needed:

- Excellent communication skills, with prior experience working with the public preferred.
- Strong organization skills.
- High level of motivation and enthusiasm.
- Demonstrated skill in collecting and recording data and using tablets.
- Physical ability to crouch and reach under watercraft and experience working outdoors
- Experience operating watercraft and/or motorized equipment along with the basics of boating, angling, and common outdoor recreation equipment are a plus.
- Familiarity with the aquatic invasive species (AIS) in Lake Champlain and methods used to prevent further spread of AIS is highly desirable.
- Valid driver's license

Additional Information: Successful candidates will be required to attend paid training that will take place the week of May 11th, 2020 for one day in Vermont and the week of May 18th for three days at the LCBP office in Grand Isle, Vermont, and at the Paul Smith's College Adirondack Watershed Institute in Paul Smiths, New York.

For more information about the Lake Champlain Basin Program, visit www.lcbp.org. For more information about New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission, visit www.neiwpc.org.