

## Water Education Internship Position Description

**Title:** Waters Education Intern

**Overview:** The waters of Northern Wisconsin are one of our most valuable resources. This person will be responsible for educating the public on AIS (aquatic invasive species), lake level monitoring research, and implementing the Clean Boats, Clean Waters program.

**Hours:** 40 hours/ week. Flexible work week including weekends on a rotating schedule.

**Length of Service:** 12 weeks, approximately (May 29 – August 24)

**Compensation:** \$800 monthly salary + free shared intern housing

### Requirements:

- **General:** Excellent oral and written communication skills. Strong organizational skills. A cheerful, positive attitude. Reliable, self-motivated and independent. Basic office skills, data entry, and record keeping. CPR/ First Aid Certification (Lifeguard Certification strongly preferred). Valid driver's license.
- **Waters Education:** Major in limnology, fisheries, conservation biology, environmental education, natural resources, or a closely related field. Experience leading and/or teaching groups of all ages. Basic knowledge of limnological principles including chemistry, biology, conservation, and sampling methods. Basic non-motorized and motorized boating skills preferred but not required.

### Responsibilities and Opportunities:

This position is responsible for, and will gain experience in, the following four main areas:

**1. Delivering AIS programming to members and the community.**

Assist with implementation of AIS program including volunteer/ staff AIS monitoring and public education campaign. AIS surveys including aquatic plant surveys, snorkel surveys, crayfish trapping surveys, and water quality monitoring. Train and educate volunteers and the public about AIS including developing AIS educational materials. Identify and map areas of AIS infestations. Assist with non-chemical AIS control efforts including bio-control beetle rearing. Keep excellent records of activities.

**2. Sharing your knowledge of Wisconsin's AIS with the public for the Clean Boats, Clean Waters program.**

Conduct boat landing inspections educating boaters about AIS.

**3. Assist local citizens in an established long-term lake level monitoring program.**

Assist with coordinating installation and removal of monitoring equipment at sampling sites using surveying techniques. Compile data and follow up with participants as needed.

**4. Participate as part of the dedicated Education Team at the Discovery Center**

Work a flexible week including evenings and weekends depending on classes and schedule. Assist in programs, special events, and community outreach. Communicate needs to and be willing to help other staff members when needed.

**You will gain experience in:** Network development, community engagement, citizen-based science, volunteer training and supervision, data entry, record keeping, marketing.

Individuals interested in this position should send a letter of interest, résumé, and three references by March 1, 2012 to: P.O. Box 237, Manitowish Waters, WI 54545

Email applications to: [contact@discoverycenter.net](mailto:contact@discoverycenter.net)

(please include "Waters Education Internship" in title)

*The North Lakeland Discovery Center is a premier not-for-profit environmental education center located in Wisconsin's scenic Northwoods. Our 63-acre site is situated among forestland, wetlands, and wilderness lakes and rivers within the 240,000-acre North Highlands State Forest. The Discovery Center's activities and experiences promote stewardship of natural and cultural resources, and connect people to nature through education, recreation and research. Our events, facilities, recreation opportunities and engaging outdoor programs encourage lifelong learning and create a sense of community, well-being and fun!*