



Aquatic Invasive Species Technician

POSTING DATE

February 10, 2020

DETAILS

24 hrs/week for 14 weeks: Week of May 25th – Week of August 31st; \$12-\$13/hr commensurate with experience

POSITION SUMMARY

We are hiring 3 Aquatic Invasive Species Technicians for the 2020 field season.

This position requires a genuine enthusiasm for the Benzie Conservation District's (BCD's) mission to *preserve and enhance the natural resources of Benzie County*, and beyond. The Technician will assist the BCD staff in the (aquatic) field at a variety of locations across Benzie, Grand Traverse, Leelanau, and Manistee counties to complete objectives set for the Aquatic Invasive Species Pathways Program. Through a recent funding award by the *Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program*, this BCD program is looking forward to a busy field season. Each Technician will support a range of activities – lake monitoring, public outreach and educational events, aquatic invasive species surveys and boat decontamination, related data entry and equipment care. Strong interpersonal skills, a willingness to work outdoors in a variety of conditions, confidence working on or around water, attention to detail and a background in the natural sciences are preferred.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Works with BCD staff to provide educational boat wash events
- Receives training for proper use of boat wash unit by BCD staff
- Assists BCD staff in conducting lake monitoring on five inland lakes
- Receives training for proper lake monitoring protocols through BCD staff
- Tows mobile boat wash trailer and BCD boat (~14' Lund) to different work sites, with BCD vehicle
- Can navigate routes to different work sites with ease
- Records data from public surveys and boat wash events, completes data entry in Excel
- Works with volunteers and partner organizations, both in boat washing and lake monitoring
- Involved in providing educational programs to various community groups
- Communicates well about aquatic invasive species, prevention and detection

KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE & PREFERRED SKILLS

- Valid driver's license and upstanding driving record
- Must be a high school graduate
- Credits toward a Bachelor's of Science in Environmental Science, Limnology, Environmental Education or related science preferred
- Willingness to work outside under a variety of conditions, including weekends and holidays
- Willingness to conduct monitoring from a boat, and willingness to launch (or learn to launch) the BCD's trailered boat
- Highly reliable and punctual
- Team player and self-motivated
- Excellent personal communication skills needed, experience working in public outreach desirable
- Demonstrated ability to organize and carry out basic data sampling, data management, and computer skills
- Knowledge of aquatic invasive species and/or experience with aquatic species identification preferred

Please send **1-page cover letter** detailing why you're interested in this position, and **resumé** to Tad Peacock (Benzie Conservation District Executive Director) at: tad@benziecd.org by **March 9th**, by **5PM** – interview invitations will be sent out March 13th for selected applicants.