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## AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES INTERNSHIP

### POSTING DATE

March 2, 2018

### DETAILS

24 hrs/week from June – August; summer stipend \$11/hr

### POSITION SUMMARY

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 Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Intern will support a range of activities associated with the BCD's "Aquatic Invasive Species Pathways Project" – an outreach program which increases public awareness on AIS issues and provides educational boat decontamination at public launches. The AIS Intern will primarily assist the AIS Educator and AIS Coordinator in the field at a variety of locations throughout Benzie, Leelanau and Manistee counties. Strong interpersonal skills, a willingness to work outdoors in a variety of conditions, attention to detail and a background in the natural sciences are essential.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Works with AIS Educator and Coordinator to provide educational boat wash events
- Receives training for proper use of boat wash unit by District staff
- Helps tow mobile boat wash trailer to different work sites, with BCD vehicle
- Records data from public surveys and wash events, completes data entry in Excel
- Works with volunteers and partner organizations to provide educational materials at boat wash events
- Properly identifies aquatic organisms at work sites, and reports found AIS online
- Helps maintain records of expenditures, locations visited, public feedback
- Promotes the AIS Pathways Project program through social media, newspapers etc.
- Potential involvement in other freshwater outreach and education projects

### KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE & PREFERRED SKILLS

- Must be a high school graduate
- Valid driver's license
- Credits toward a Bachelors of Science in Environmental Science, Limnology, Environmental Education or related science preferred
- Willingness to work outside under a variety of conditions, sometimes weekends and holidays
- Highly reliable and able to work independently
- Excellent personal communication skills required, experience working in public outreach desirable
- Demonstrated ability to organize and carry out basic data sampling and management

Please send **1 page cover letter** of why you're interested in this position, and **resume** to Jane Perrino (AIS Coordinator) at: [jane@benziecd.org](mailto:jane@benziecd.org) by **March 14<sup>th</sup> 5PM** – interviews will take place week of March 19<sup>th</sup> for selected applicants.