

Summer LTE Positions Clean Boats, Clean Waters Watercraft Educators

The Green Lake Association is excited to offer summer opportunities for Watercraft Educators on Green Lake in 2025. The Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) program is an initiative to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) through boating and other recreational activities. The program focuses on educating boaters about the importance of preventing the spread of AIS between waterbodies and engaging them in responsible prevention methods, like Clean, Drain, Dry.

These individuals will engage in watercraft inspection, education and related tasks. These are limited-term employment positions that will run from late May through Labor Day weekend, with consideration for flexibility to accommodate school schedules. Inspectors will be required to work most weekends and summer holidays, including Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day. The Watercraft Educators will report to the Watershed Engagement Coordinator.

ABOUT THE GREEN LAKE ASSOCIATION

The Green Lake Association is an environmental non-profit safeguarding Big Green Lake, Wisconsin's deepest natural inland lake. This small, committed organization is tackling the greatest water quality challenge of our time to protect the lake our community depends on. Through phosphorus reduction and aquatic invasive species mitigation, the Green Lake Association is building a healthy, resilient watershed that creates a clean, restored Green Lake for years to come.

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The Watercraft Educators will primarily focus on watercraft inspection and education activities. These positions will report to the Watershed Engagement Coordinator and may work with the Watershed Support Intern throughout the season.

The typical responsibilities for this role include:

Watercraft Inspection & Education (90%)

- Inspect boats and trailers entering and leaving Green Lake for aquatic invasive species (AIS) and record boater responses for entry into the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' Surface Water Integrated Monitoring System (SWIMS) database.
- Educate boaters on AIS prevention methods.
- Hand out informational brochures on aquatic invasive species to boaters and other recreational users.
- Inform boaters about other AIS prevention tools on Green Lake, such as the Boat Wash Station at Dodge Memorial County Park and CD3 System at Horner's Landing.
- Perform additional education or outreach activities as needed.

Training & Data Reporting (10%)

• Attend a Clean Boats, Clean Waters training in Green Lake to learn watercraft inspection procedures. Training is completed prior to time at boat landings.

• Maintain inspection forms and regularly enter data into the SWIMS database.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Passionate about environmental education, community outreach, and protecting natural resources.
- Strong verbal communication skills.
- Ability to handle boaters with diverse attitudes on boat inspections.
- Comfortable working outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Ability to be prompt and work independently.
- Access to reliable transportation. Daily transportation to and from training or boat landings is not reimbursable.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Knowledge and understanding of aquatic invasive species.
- Experience with public communication, public service, and/or customer service.

In assessing candidates for this position, the Green Lake Association may consider a combination of education, training, and experience that equips the educators with the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities for the role.

BENEFITS & WORK ENVIRONMENT

These are limited-term employment positions spanning late May through Labor Day Weekend or approximately 16 weeks. Inspectors will be compensated \$15/hr, with a \$2/hr end-of-season bonus pay to result in \$17/hr upon completion of the season.

Positions are part-time (minimum of 12 hrs/week), but full-time hours will be considered (up to 40 hrs/week) if requested by applicant.

Educators will perform watercraft inspection at two or more of the public boat landings around Green Lake. Locations based on preference will be considered.

APPLICATION PROCESS

These positions were posted on December 20, 2024 and will remain open until filled. To apply, send the following materials to Emma Louise Berger, Watershed Engagement Coordinator, at emmalouise@greenlakeassociation.org:

- 1. A cover letter that describes why you are interested and qualified for the position.
- 2. A resume that summarizes relevant education and experience.

Applications will be acknowledged and reviewed when submitted. Interviews with the most qualified candidates will be scheduled on a mutually convenient date. Three references will be requested from top candidates. **Previous watercraft inspectors can forego the formal application process and instead contact the Watershed Engagement Coordinator directly.**