



North Lakeland

Discovery Center

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To Enrich Lives and Inspire an Ethic of Care of Wisconsin's Northwoods, through the Facilitation of Connections among Nature, People and Community

## Water Monitoring/Outreach Internship

### Position Description

(1-2 positions available)

**Overview:** During summers at the Discovery Center, located in the heart of Wisconsin's Northwoods within 1600-lake Vilas County, the Water Monitoring/Outreach Intern(s) are key member(s) in our water-related education, outreach, and monitoring efforts. Assist in projects including aquatic invasive species (AIS), lake level monitoring, and water quality assessment.

**Hours:** At least 40 hours/ week with standard Tuesday-Saturday work week that includes a good deal of flexibility and will include some required evenings

**Length of Service:** up to 14 weeks, approximately May 22– August 25

**Compensation:** \$850 monthly stipend plus free shared onsite housing

### Requirements:

- General: Excellent oral and written communication skills. Strong organizational skills. A cheerful, positive attitude. Reliability and the ability to self-motivate and work independently. Basic office skills, data entry, and record keeping. CPR and First Aid certification are a mandatory requirement for this position, and proof of current certification is required on file prior to start date. Valid driver's license.
- Waters Education: Major in limnology, fisheries, conservation biology, environmental education, natural resources, or a closely related field. Basic knowledge of limnological principles including aquatic invasive species, chemistry, biology, conservation, and sampling methods. Boat experience preferred (please indicate relevant experience and WI Boater Safety Certificate on application, if applicable.)

### Expectations and Opportunities:

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

#### 1. ***Delivering water-related programming to members, user groups, and the community.***

Assist with citizen science AIS monitoring and public education efforts through outreach, program delivery, and training. Conduct or assist with aquatic plant surveys, bio-control beetle rearing, water quality monitoring, snorkel surveys, and crayfish trapping. Identify and map areas of AIS infestations.

#### 2. ***Assist citizens in an established long-term lake level monitoring program.***

Collecting and entering data; and assisting in communicating results with citizen monitors and public.

#### 3. ***Sharing your passion and knowledge of Wisconsin's AIS and lake health challenges and successes.***

Conduct boat landing inspections educating boaters about AIS.

#### 4. ***Participate as part of the dedicated Water Program Team at the Discovery Center***

Work a flexible week including evenings and weekends depending on schedule. Assist in programs, special events and fundraisers, and community outreach. Communicate needs to and be willing to help other staff members as needed. Assist with storytelling initiatives for the organization, through social media, photos, and presentations. If school internship credit through completion of a project is needed, we are happy to accommodate and work out details based on interest.

**You will gain experience in:** Citizen-Based Monitoring Programs, Surveying, Data Entry Teaching, Program Delivery and Outreach Communications, Volunteer Supervision and Coordination.

### To apply:

Send a letter of interest, résumé, and three references by March 6, 2017 to: P.O. Box 237, Manitowish Waters, WI 54545 (Attn: Water Program); or go online to fill out the application form and upload documents:  
<https://discoverycenter.net/about-discovery-center/employment/>

*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!*