



# *Launch Steward Positions*

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<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Aquatic Invasive Species Resource Educator/ Launch Steward</b> (multiple positions available)
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Cayuga, Jefferson, Oswego & Wayne Counties
<b>DURATION:</b>	Seasonal May 20 - September 11, 2013
<b>APPLICATION DEADLINE:</b>	ongoing until positions are filled

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**Position Summary:** Spend your summer outdoors on some of NY's beautiful waters. Help keep NY's waters clean of aquatic invasive species (AIS) by teaching boaters how to look for, remove and dispose of unwanted aquatic hitchhikers. Stewards will provide public outreach (education) about local natural resources, threats of AIS to waterways, and ways to minimize/prevent the spread of AIS. They will help prevent the introduction and transport of unwanted aquatic hitchhikers by teaching boaters, by demonstration, how to visually inspect boats and trailers for debris. Using standard protocol, stewards will collect, enter and analyze boat inspection data. Stewards will submit weekly reports and time cards and attend weekly meetings. Work days will be spent outdoors, in all weather, and will include weekends and holidays. While on duty, successful candidates will wear a provided uniform.

**Primary Duties:** Boater interaction, development of media project, and outreach events targeting boaters and the general public.

**Media Project:** Stewards will develop a media project related to boat inspection/AIS. Traditional media project components include a newspaper article, education program and summary sheet. Stewards will follow and meet the media project protocol and deadlines.

**Assignment areas will include one or more of the following:** Lake Ontario and associated tributaries from Sodus Bay (Wayne County) to Henderson Harbor (Jefferson County), Oneida Lake, and the Salmon River Reservoir (Redfield NY).

Stewards are supervised by NYSG's Coastal Community Development Specialist and supervise no other employees; however, supervision of volunteers may be required.

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*The AIS/Launch Steward Program is managed by NYSG.*

***Duties include but are not limited to the following:***

1. Conduct one-on-one on site public education, outreach programs, monitor watercraft launch sites & assist boat owners with watercraft inspection (removal of AIS); develop educational materials, press releases and other materials as requested.
2. Educate the public about relevant topics.
3. Conduct informal and formal outreach programs for various audiences including boaters, students, and landowner associations.
4. Participate in special projects as identified by NYSG & partners (i.e. clean & safe boat, AIS hand-pulls, event fairs, etc.).
5. Monitor human/wildlife usage patterns, ecosystem condition/threats and progress of restoration projects. Report these data in a timely fashion according to prescribed protocols.
6. Attend meetings; prepare media project; submit reports; manage data collected.

***Knowledge/Skills:***

1. Mature personality with excellent communication (verbal and written) skills.
2. Minimum 2 years combined education and experience in environmental education, natural resources management, biology, environmental studies, or a related field preferred.
3. Ability to work independently and responsibly with minimal supervision.
4. Ability to accurately collect and summarize data according to established protocol.
5. Valid driver's license. Must provide own transportation to work sites and meeting locations.
6. Well organized and ability to coordinate multiple tasks.
7. Demonstrated interest in environmental work through education, volunteer work and/or hobbies.

***Additional Notes:***

Graduate students are encouraged to apply and use this opportunity to conduct their research. If you are interested in exploring the possibility of earning college credit (undergraduate/graduate) while gaining valuable employment experience, please apply.

***How to Apply:***

Cover letters, a list of five references, and resumes may be emailed to Mary Penney at mp357@cornell.edu. For each of your references include how you are affiliated with them and their contact information (email and phone number). Please be sure to include the following information in your cover letter:

- \* Available start date
- \* Date you can work until
- \* The locations you are interested in

***For more information please contact Mary Penney at mp357@cornell.edu or 315-312-3042.***

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