

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Employment Opportunity

Environmental Educator

Contracted Seasonal Employees

Agency Name:	Dept. of Conservation and Recreation
Official Title:	Contracted Seasonal Employees
Functional Title:	Environmental Educator
Occupational Group:	Not Used
Position Type:	Contracted
Full-Time or Part-Time:	Full-Time
Salary Range:	\$13.00 to \$15.00 Hourly
Bargaining Unit:	N/A
Shift:	Multiple
Confidential:	No
Number Of Vacancies:	9
City/Town:	Statewide
Region:	N/A
Facility Location:	Water Supply and Protection Division, Water Resources - Lakes and Ponds. See specific locations below:
Application Deadline:	04-12-2010
Apply Online:	No
Posting ID:	J20724

This position is funded from the Commonwealth's capital budget.

Duties:

DCR is looking for qualified applicants for nine seasonal positions. These positions require an eight hour work day, five days a week including every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and including Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day. For the two positions posted for Laurel Lake in Lee, the estimated start date is April 15th and end date is October 15th. For all other positions, the estimated period of employment is the last week in May until Labor Day (Sept 6). The educator will be stationed at boat ramps in selected Department of Conservation and Recreation's (DCR) facilities or at Office of Fishing and Boating Access ramps listed above. The Educator will report to DCR Lakes and Ponds Program staff, and will coordinate additional activities with DCR Lakes and Ponds Program, as assigned.

As part of the Commonwealth's effort to control the spread of non-native aquatic invasive species (AIS) in our lakes and ponds, the educator will perform voluntary inspections on boats,

trailers and gear. Ramp monitors will look for, and remove, any hitchhiking plants or animals and will distribute educational materials to boaters. In addition, boat ramp monitors will conduct a brief survey of boaters that use the facilities. Occasionally the educator may be requested to visit nearby boat ramps, or work an additional day, if a fishing derby or other high use event is scheduled at that facility. Boat ramp monitors may also be offered the opportunity to participate in various DCR Lakes and Ponds AIS programs including, but not limited to, the Zebra Mussel Outreach Program, the Didymo Outreach Program and the Water Chestnut Pulling Program (with the US Fish and Wildlife Service).

Specific Duties:

1. Prior to starting work, the Educators must participate in training conducted by the DCR Lakes and Ponds staff on the identification of invasive aquatic species, the procedure for conducting boat inspections and the procedures for decontaminating boats that have been exposed to zebra mussels or other AIS.

2. Conduct voluntary boat inspections for aquatic plants or animals attached to the boats/trailers/gear. Boat inspections will be conducted only on the boats of individuals that have agreed to participate, and will be limited to the external portions of the boat and trailer. Boat ramp monitors may ask boaters if they are willing to empty bait buckets, live-wells and cooling water on dry land away from shore.

3. Distribute educational materials including but not limited to materials on aquatic invasive species, boater safety and boat decontamination. Provide information regarding boat inspections and boat washing to boaters that agree to participate in the program.

4. Conduct a brief survey of boater's awareness of invasive aquatic species and their spread.

5. As time permits, work on specific water quality issues that will be identified by Lakes and Ponds Program staff (for example participating in the Zebra Mussel Outreach Program, Didymo Outreach Program or in the Water Chestnut Pulling Program).

6. Duties specific to Laurel Lake in Lee: Because Laurel Lake in Lee/Lenox is known to have an established population of zebra mussels, the boat ramp monitor must distribute and check all clean boat certification forms, provide guidance on decontamination as boats exit the lake, and conduct voluntary chlorine rinse for exiting boats.

7. Duties specific to Onota, Pontoosuc, Stockbridge, Buel, Cheshire, and Richmond Pond: Because these lakes are at high risk for colonization by zebra mussels, the boat ramp monitor must distribute and check all clean boat certification forms which are required at these lakes.

Qualifications:

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Must be a high school graduate.

Ability to travel to the work location and willingness to work outside under a variety of weather conditions, and on all weekends and holidays.

Excellent personal communication skills required.

Highly reliable, self-starter and able to work independently.

Experience and willingness to work in an outdoor setting for significant periods of the day.

Preferred Qualifications:

Credits towards a Bachelors of Science in Limnology, Environmental Science, Environmental Education or related science preferred.

Demonstrated ability to organize and carry out data sampling and management.

Knowledge of a second language (Spanish, Russian etc) is highly desirable but not required.

Comments:

SPECIFIC LOCATIONS:

1. Lee: Laurel Lake [Mid-April to Oct-15]
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3. Pittsfield: Pontoosuc Lake [May-29 to Labor Day]
4. Pittsfield: Onota Lake [May-29 to Labor Day]
5. Monterey & Stockbridge: Stockbridge Bowl/Lake Buel [May-29 to Labor Day]
6. Richmond & Cheshire: Richmond Pond/Cheshire Res [May-29 to Labor Day]
7. Erving & Shutesbury: Laurel Lake/Lake Wyola [May-29 to Labor Day]
8. Douglas: Wallum Lake, Douglas State Forest [May-29 to Labor Day]
9. Concord & Natick: Walden Pond/Cochituate State Park [May-29 to Labor Day]

How To Apply:

Interested persons should respond in writing, accompanied by a resume, cover letter and a DCR application for employment, no later than 5:00 p.m. on the closing date to:

Patricia N. Vantine, Director of Administration and Finance
Department of Conservation and Recreation
251 Causeway Street, Suite 600
Boston, MA 02114

Attn: Harry Pierre-Mike

An application must be completed and returned with a resume. Resumes will not be considered without an application. Applications are available on the DCR WEB site at WWW.state.ma.us/DCR.

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Agency Web Address:

<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/>

Diversity Officer:

Ms. Agatha Summons-McGuire, (617) 626-1282

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