



Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition

A cooperative partnership managing invasive species in Dickinson, Menominee (MI), Florence, Forest, and Marinette Counties (WI)

2017 Seasonal Invasive Species Technician Positions

The Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC) is a cooperative group consisting of several state, federal, and local partners across the counties of Florence, Forest, Marinette (WI), Dickinson, and Menominee (MI). WRISC is looking to hire multiple **seasonal** positions for 2017 to conduct various invasive species activities, including education, outreach, mapping, and control work. The positions will be funded by multiple grants and be hired through the Dickinson Conservation District (the WRISC fiscal agent).

Workers will operate out of the Dickinson Conservation District office in Kingsford, MI, but conduct work duties across the five county area using District vehicles.

Duties: Work under the direction of the WRISC Coordinator and/or Project Manager. Survey and identify invasive plant species (primarily terrestrial/wetland species) and record locations using a handheld GPS unit. Conduct manual and chemical control of invasive plants on private and public land (including garlic mustard, Japanese knotweed, leafy spurge, wild parsnip, phragmites, and purple loosestrife). Conduct Clean Boats Clean Waters outreach and watercraft inspections at boat landings and operate a portable heated high-pressure washer to clean watercraft. Collect required information on paper forms and integrate into WRISC computer records, submit Clean Boats Clean Waters data online. Responsibly operate and maintain all provided equipment and materials, including the towing of the trailer-mounted boatwash unit. Participate in various water quality monitoring activities, utilizing a variety of watercraft and tools. Communicate with the WRISC Coordinator, and other WRISC Partners as needed, in regards to work activities. Assist as needed at volunteer workdays, trainings, and other outreach events.

Qualifications:

- Must have a valid state driver's license and good driving record
- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Be able to work in a variety of outdoor terrain and weather conditions
- Safely carry a 3 gallon backpack sprayer for extended periods of time and able to lift 50 pounds
- Capable of operating both motorized and non-motorized watercraft
- At least survival swimming skills
- Ability to work on a team and independently
- Outgoing personality (able to converse with strangers and fellow workers in a friendly, positive manner)
- Ability to operate mechanical equipment in a safe and responsible manner
- General knowledge of the threat posed by invasive species
- Experience with plant identification and GPS use preferred (training provided)

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- GIS experience preferred but not required
- Michigan or Wisconsin Pesticide Applicator Certification or ability to obtain certification by start date (may not be required for all seasonal employees)

Work Period: May/June – August/October; 30-40hrs/wk

Start and end dates are variable, although we would prefer employees begin in late May and end in August/September. We may hire one longer-term position to begin early May, and end sometime in October.

Hours and weekly work schedules will also be flexible. As these positions are almost entirely field based, with some office data entry work, applicants should recognize that hours per week and schedules may often change last minute due to weather. Schedules will be variable and will include work on most weekends at boat landings and/or outreach events.

Pay: \$12-\$14/hr. *Pay will be based on experience, qualifications, and start/end date availability.

To Apply: Submit resume, cover letter, and three references to:

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Applications are due **March 18, 2016**. *Note: Applications will be reviewed as they are received and positions filled as suitable applicants are found.*