Paid Environmental Internship at Lake Sebago in Harriman State Park
Organization: American Canoe Association

Summary of Position:
Gain valuable work experience in the field of conservation. Spend your summer weekends outdoors on the shore of Lake Sebago as a paid intern with the American Canoe Association (ACA). The ACA is taking part in the Lower Hudson PRISM’s (Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management) Watercraft Inspection Steward Program and is seeking an intern to lead this outreach effort. You would provide critical education and outreach to boaters on Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) identification and spread prevention methods while performing voluntary boat inspections and collecting data on boater habits. This job is on land; no canoeing experience is necessary.

As an intern you will receive training on public outreach, invasive species identification and management, principles and methods of watercraft inspection, digital data collection, and survey methods from experts at LH PRISM. You would also work with LH PRISM Aquatic Invasives Strike Force to conduct a survey of Lake Sebago to assess the current presence, absence and distribution of aquatic invasive species.

Hours and Compensation:
Pay is $15/hour. Work will be 8 hours a day on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays from May 28 - September 5. (With some flexibility of a few weekends off throughout the summer.) Additionally there will be 2-4 days of paid training before the May 28th start date.

Location:
Lake Sebago Boat Launch off Seven Lakes Drive, Ramapo, NY. Parking is available on site.

Duties and Responsibilities
● Educate boaters about AIS and teach clean boating practices, by distributing outreach and educational material to watercraft users while performing voluntary boat inspections
● Enter boat inspection data in a data collection app (equipment will be provided for this)
● Work with LH PRISM Aquatic Invasives Strike Force to conduct a survey of invasive species in Lake Sebago
● Perform outreach about AIS at the Youth Regatta canoe races on Lake Sebago and the ACA Camp at Lake Sebago during New York Invasive Species Awareness Week.

The ideal candidate will
● Have an interest in conservation and/or environmental education
● Be motivated to learn more about AIS management and education
● Be comfortable talking with visitors and taking part in outreach events
● Enjoy working outside and be able to maintain a positive attitude in a variety of conditions
● Have a reliable cell phone and mode of transportation to the public boat launch

To Apply
Send an email describing your interest in the position and your resume to Erin Thelen, Director of Conservation and Public Policy for the American Canoe Association Atlantic Division at conservation@aca-atlanticdivision.com
About the ACA
The American Canoe Association (ACA) connects diverse communities by fostering a shared commitment to safety and stewardship, and by providing opportunities for challenge, achievement, and fun through paddlesports. The ACA has a beautiful camp on Lake Sebago near Sloatsburg, New York, 32 miles north of New York City in Harriman State Park. It has been a facility of the ACA for more than eight decades. The camp has historically been a magnet for paddling in the New York vicinity and has been the training grounds for several canoe and kayak clubs. The lake itself is 315 acres of powerboat-free, pristine water.

The ACA Camp at Lake Sebago is committed to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for all individuals. The members of the ACA Camp at Lake Sebago value a diversity among our members and guests including people of different backgrounds, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental and physical ability and appearance, religion, and age. By committing to the values of the ACA—safety and instruction, stewardship, competition and community—we hope that our shared interests in paddling and the outdoors will bring us closer together, making the camp a better place for everyone.