

Position Description: Field Work Coordinator for Removal of Invasive Water Chestnut

Seasonal position – 3-4 months, approximately May 1 – August 15 (15 weeks)

Up to 25 hours per week, up to 400 hours total @ \$30 per hour

Location: Middletown, Portland

The Jonah Center seeks an individual with interest and experience in boating and paddling to support volunteers and other paid staff and to participate in removing invasive water chestnut plants from the Mattabeset River and other waterways near Middletown and Portland, Connecticut. Scheduling flexibility is required, since this work depends on water level, weather, and tides.

The Field Work Coordinator will be guided and supported by the Executive Director in preparing for and leading paddle work parties to make these outings safe, efficient, and enjoyable for all involved. In addition to Saturday (or Sunday) morning outings with volunteers, summer field workers will go out as a team during the week (usually in the morning) to remove plants.

The Field Work Coordinator will communicate with partner organizations such as the Connecticut River Conservancy, whose volunteer and summer staff assist in this activity. Other tasks include planning work parties, making sure that project supplies are on-hand, attending to the limits of the project budget, and documenting the plant material removed and hours worked.

The ideal candidate will have a demonstrated passion for environmental protection; communication and interpersonal skills; comfort and ease with email and text communication, photos and maps; experience in water-related activities. There is a well-established set of practices that have worked well in previous seasons that will serve as a starting point for plans in the coming season.

Position Requirements:

Demonstrated ability to organize events and support volunteers

A valid driver's license and access to a motor vehicle that can transport a foldable kayak (30x32x10") and 8' oars.

Ability to swim and physical strength and health for strenuous activity, including lifting 40 lbs.

CT Safe Boating Certificate (may be obtained through DEEP by completing 8-hour course)

Paddling and/or motorboat experience

Application forms can be obtained by sending a message to the Jonah Center, using the ["Contact" form on our website here](#).