

Position Description: Summer Field Worker for Removal of Invasive Water Chestnut

Seasonal part-time position – 3-4 months, approximately May 15 – August 15 (13 weeks)
15-20 hours per week, up to 260 hours total @ \$21 per hour
Saturday and Sunday morning availability required, plus 3 weekday mornings
Location: Middletown and Portland

The Jonah Center is seeking motivated individuals to serve as field workers to remove invasive aquatic water chestnut plants from the Mattabesset and Connecticut Rivers near Middletown and Portland, Connecticut. Field workers will be led by the Field Work Coordinator to assist with volunteer work parties on Saturday (or Sunday) mornings and will work as a team on several weekday mornings. Tasks include paddling; pulling plants; disposing of plant material on shore; helping volunteers unload, launch, and carry kayaks and canoes back to vehicles; assisting and guiding volunteers on the water; and monitoring the operations for safety and productivity.

The weekday schedule will be determined by the field worker team, but work times will be somewhat variable, depending on the weather, tides, water level, wind, water cleanliness, and other factors.

Ideal candidates will have a demonstrated passion for environmental protection, some experience paddling, love of the outdoors, and a desire to help volunteers be productive while enjoying the sociability of the activity.

Ability to operate a small motorboat and possession of a CT Safe Boating Certificate is useful but not required. Ownership of a kayak and ability to transport it is helpful but not required.

Position Requirements:

Valid driver's license and access to a motor vehicle to transport a foldable kayak (32x30x10").

Ability to swim

Physical strength and health for strenuous activity, including lifting 40 lbs.

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