

# Lake Monitoring Newsletter

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## Welcome Back!

The spring of 2010 was off to a warm and sunny start, giving the ice on the lakes a run for its money. It is a bit cooler now, but life on the lakes is returning in addition to lake projects.

The Watercraft Inspection grant has begun its second season. Several lake groups hosted trainings to learn how to conduct Watercraft Inspections and include: Cedar Lake, Bass Lake, Lake Mallalieu, Lake Menomin, Tainter Lake, Mead Lake, and Lake Eau Claire. The trainings have typically been about 3 hours, but can be tailored to the amount of time your group has available. Training participants learned how to identify common aquatic invasive species (AIS) in their area, hands on ID training with live plants, information about the watercraft inspection program and how to conduct watercraft inspections at local boat landings.

New for the Citizen Science Center this year is the Citizen Lake Monitoring Network (CLMN) program. Beaver Creek Reserve will be working with and training the West Central Wisconsin participants of this program during the summer of 2010. Participants in the CLMN program collect a unique set of parameters (one or many) from their lake, such as Secchi disk readings, dissolved oxygen, temperature profiles, phosphorus, chlorophyll, lake water level and any number of AIS that may be in their lake. Anyone can monitor water clarity readings with a Secchi disk on their lake or look for AIS, but other parameters such as phosphorus and chlorophyll can only be done on the request of the WI Department of Natural Resources. If your lake group would like to schedule a Watercraft Inspection or CLMN training, please contact me to set something up!

--Anna Mares

You're receiving this newsletter because you are either a volunteer for the Clean Boats, Clean Waters Project; a volunteer for the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Monitoring Project; or a landowner / resident of one of the listed lakes. This newsletter, produced biweekly by Beaver Creek Reserve Citizen Science Center, is designed to keep you updated throughout the summer about these projects, whether as a volunteer or an interested party.



New watercraft inspectors participate in a team building activity during training.

## Lake Spotlight

### ~New Watercraft Inspectors~

This week's Lake Spotlight shines on the new Watercraft Inspectors hired by Beaver Creek Reserve for the 2010 summer season: Corey Hayden, Eau Claire County; Amber Wood, Chippewa County; Travis Jones, Dunn County; Allison Schwiezer, St. Croix County; John Bowman, Lake Eau Claire; Jim Schwiebert, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties. This great team of folks will be conducting watercraft inspections at multiple boat landings within their respective counties and will be assisting lake groups with volunteer recruitment and retention. If you would like to volunteer with the watercraft inspector for your county, give us a call and we can set something up! They always like to have lake friends at the landings with them!

## Announcements

We are excited to announce that in late June we will be receiving 2-3 additional watercraft inspectors to assist with work on lakes in Chippewa, Dunn, and Eau Claire counties. These watercraft inspectors will be brought to us courtesy of the Department of Workforce Development. We'll have more information about them in future newsletters!

## Volunteer Needs

We are looking for individuals to participate in the Watercraft Inspection program. Join your watercraft inspector at the landing! If you are unaware of anyone monitoring your lake as part of the CLMN program and would like to start monitoring, please let us know. We will put you in contact with the people monitoring on your lake or get you trained to do monitoring if your lake is new to CLMN.

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