

POSITION AVAILABLE – Crew Member

Discover Cayuga Lake Boat Tours & Floating Classroom provides recreational lake cruises and educational programs for Finger Lakes residents and visitors. Our programs emphasize human and natural history in a casual and engaging atmosphere on board our boat, the MV Teal. We seek outgoing individuals who support our non-profit mission and are able to assist with a range of events, from quiet sunset cruises to education classes for local students.

The Crew Member position encompasses three areas of responsibility, and we are seeking individuals capable of performing all of them as needed. Our cruises include a crew of 2-5 people under the supervision of the Ship's Captain and Program Directors. Effective working relationships are of utmost importance.

1. As deck hands, crew members will assist the captain in ensuring the safe and successful operation of the vessel, including management of lines and navigation aids during docking procedures. The crew member will also be responsible for informing guests of safety measures, and ensuring safe guests behaviors.
2. As interpreters, crew members will be responsible for presenting information on the sights and human and natural history of the lake and ensuring an overall pleasant visitor experience on board the boat. A core narrative is provided, which individuals are expected to master and personalize based on their own interests regarding watershed related themes.
3. As instructors, crew members will assist in the presentation of small-group activities related to lake ecology, physical and biological sciences, for audiences ranging from 5th grade to adult. Basic training on the subject material will be given.

Boat Safety & Condition: All crew members will share responsibility for the condition, cleanliness and safety of the boat when they are on-duty, and will be expected to be knowledgeable of all appropriate operational procedures. Training will be provided prior to the initiation of duties.

Experience: A general knowledge of boating, regional history and/or lake ecology, eco-tourism and comfort with public speaking, are required for this position. Academic/professional background in natural resources, education or related fields is a plus. Candidates need not have expertise in all areas, and will have opportunities to focus on areas of strength or to develop skills of interest.

Requirements: Candidates must be prepared to work on a moving boat, in a range of conditions, and must be capable of lifting 50 pounds, handling lines during docking, operations and safety drills.

- Must adhere to drug-free certification and random testing, as required by the US Coast Guard.
- First Aid certification will be offered; pre-existing CPR/1st Aid or lifeguard certification a plus.
- Must be 18 and able to provide own transportation.

General Information:

- Compensation: Starting at \$19/hr, commensurate with experience.
- Employment Status: Temporary/Seasonal, May-October. 20-40 hours/week, in 3-8 Hour shifts, on a weekly schedule. Hours are somewhat flexible; some weekend and evening availability is a must.
- Additional hours are available assisting with DCL bookings and customer service.

Deadline: Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Contact: Send resume and references to bill@discovercayugalake.org, or call 607-327-5253 for questions.

DCL is an equal opportunity employer. We are committed to being an inclusive organization and encourage people from diverse communities to apply.