



# Three Lakes Association

High School Internship Program

2015

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# Three Lakes Association? (TLA)

TLA's mission is to provide leadership to preserve, protect, and improve the environmental quality of the Elk River Chain of Lakes Watershed for all generations, with emphasis on Lake Bellaire, Clam Lake, Torch Lake and their tributaries.

# TLA Summer Internship Program

Every summer since 2003, TLA has sponsored a student internship program.

The purpose of the program is twofold:

1. To enhance TLA's knowledge of Lake Bellaire, Clam Lake and Torch Lake and
2. To deepen the students' appreciation of the extraordinary water resources of Antrim County.

# TLA Summer Intern Program

Through a series of activities, the interns learn scientific field procedures and analyses while interacting with several scientists, agency representatives, and TLA volunteers.



# 2015 Program

- Macro Invertebrate sampling
- Fish Shocking
- E. coli Water Quality sampling
- Building/Manning a water quality booth at the Antrim County Fair
- Invasive Plant Surveillance on Torch Lake/Clam River plus construction, placement and assessments of the effects of Benthic Barriers on Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM)
- Use the Hydrolab, a Water Quality Monitoring Device, to re-assess established water points



# Fish Shocking

This safe technique allows us to determine the number and types of fish in our creeks – another indicator of stream health



# Antrim County Fair Booth

In 2012, the Interns met Governor Snyder.

We have over 2000 people stop by  
each summer.



# EWM Surveillance

Invasive species threaten native plants and animals. We diligently monitor each year.



# Added Bonus – Aerial Surveillance.



- Do you love the outdoors? Spending time on the water? Consider applying.
- The Internship runs throughout the summer – mid June to late August.
- Requires a commitment of 1 day per week and up to 3 hours “homework” each week.
- A final report will be generated. We use this report for determining future projects and as supporting documentation for grant applications. You can use it in your college portfolio.

# The TLA Benefit Package

Upon completion of the Internship, you will receive:

1. \$300 stipend
2. ½ credit in Environmental Science
3. A greater understanding of the watershed
4. ONE GREAT EXPERIENCE!

# Interested In More Information?

- Check out our website: 3lakes.com
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