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High School Principal

We are inviting **highly motivated sophomores, juniors, and seniors** at Elk Rapids, Central Lake, Bellaire, Kalkaska, and Mancelona high schools to take part in the 2024 TLA High School Aquatic Science Summer Internship. Since 2002, TLA interns have studied the shoreline, cladophora, mussels, lake bottoms, E. coli, swimmer's itch, and many other topics.

Interns meet one morning a week from June through August to practice limnology sampling, data recording, species identification, study design, report writing, and water safety. We work as a team to collect the data, write a report, and develop a presentation. **Students are challenged and discover their strengths** while having a great time on the water. Their hours in the field create personal understanding of the watershed of the Lower Elk River Chain of Lakes.

Many of our interns have found this experience very valuable as they select programs of study after high school and apply for post-secondary opportunities. Students receive a stipend of \$550 after successful completion of the program. Additionally, at their discretion, schools often offer ½ credit of Environmental Science Independent Study for this internship.

Please post the enclosed flyer and share this opportunity with any student who might be interested.

The details of this year's project is available on our website:

<https://www.3lakes.com/tla-summer-internship/>

All applications must be submitted **electronically** through our website by May 13, 2024:

<https://www.3lakes.com/summer-internship-program-2024/>

We have found it useful to meet with science classrooms to inform them about the TLA High School Internship and will be reaching out to your teachers soon. **If you know a teacher who might be interested, please share this letter with them and reach out to us** to set up a 10-15 minute classroom visit in mid-late April.

We strive to serve our youth and be good partners to our local schools. Thank you for your support and please do not hesitate to reach out to discuss the project further.

Program specific questions can be directed to Jeanie Williams, Intern Program Lead, jwilliams.threelakes@gmail.com or 231.429.0492.

Please reach out to me, Lois, to schedule a time to connect with teachers for the classroom visit. Feel free to share this information with the teachers.

Sincerely,

Lois MacLean

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