



# North Lakeland Discovery Center

## Summer Water Staff

Please join us in welcoming the 2017 summer water staff! They will be working to monitor the waters and provide outreach in the Manitowish Waters, Boulder Junction, and Winchester areas, as well as inspecting boats through the Clean Boats Clean Waters program at Van Vliet, Presque Isle, Big, Rest, and Clear Lakes. If you see them out on the water, please stop and introduce yourself!



**John Tesensky**

Hello! My name is John Tesensky and I'm a senior at Cornell College in Iowa. In May, I'll graduate with a degree in Environmental Studies with a concentration in Freshwater Biology/Aquatic Ecology. I'm excited to work at NLDC because I'm passionate about environmental concerns and water resources. This summer, I'm looking forward to meeting new people, working to promote and preserve Wisconsin's natural resources, and experiencing and learning as much as I can in Vilas County. It's a tremendous opportunity to educate and work with Wisconsin's water resources... I can't wait to start! My interests include fishing, hiking, baseball, barbershop quartet harmonies, and mint chocolate chip ice cream! Oh, and the Green Bay Packers!

**Heather Platt**

My name is Heather Platt, and I just graduated from SUNY College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry. I was born and raised in New York City, and although I grew up in a major city, I have always been someone much more into the outside world, and understanding how to keep what resources we have left as pristine as possible. I have always had an affinity towards wetlands, and working to keep such diverse and important ecosystems is a mission of mine. I wish to return to graduate school within the next five years, but before I do so I am looking for a thesis question, something that will drive me to truly unlock more knowledge. I have been drawn towards working at the North Lakeland Discovery Center because I truly believe I can learn more about working in wetlands and lakes and carry that knowledge as I continue to grow and expand my works.



**Brandon Oberleitner**

Hello, I'm Brandon Oberleitner. I'm from the small town of Wabeno in Northern Wisconsin. Ever since I was a child nature has fascinated me, and I have maintained that fascination up to this day. Whether it was fishing with my father and grandfather, catching frogs, turtles, or snakes, or merely sitting outside, I constantly find myself being drawn to the outdoors. I love to kayak, camp, fish, bike, and hike. I graduated from Nicolet Area Technical College in Rhinelander WI with an Associates of Science of Liberal Arts degree with Natural Resources emphasis. I'm currently attending UWSP for a Bachelor degree in Fisheries and Aquatic Science. I look forward to gaining experience in working with invasive species and the public this summer at the Discovery Center.



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*Our mission: To enrich lives and inspire an ethic of care for Wisconsin's Northwoods, through the facilitation of connections among nature, people and community.*

**A Natural Destination for Discovery!**