

## **Balsam Lake (BLPRD) CBCW Script for 2009**

1. Welcome them to Balsam Lake and give your name and that you are a Unity High School student helping to support the Balsam Lake Clean Boats Clean Water Program
2. Indicate that the statewide CBCW program is intended to protect the lake from Aquatic Invasive species like Eurasian Water Milfoil, zebra mussels, and rusty crawfish plus many more. Once in a lake, they can create havoc and very hard to eradicate once here. Balsam Lake has an invasive species called Curly leaf pondweed so it is important to clean your trailer when leaving so it is not spread to other lakes.
3. **Our role is not to charge anyone with fines** – it is to educate boat users and to prevent new invasive species from entering the lake.
4. Ask if okay to ask them a few questions.
5. Collect information on the Watercraft form. Usually works best if one person asks the questions and the other person logs onto the sheet. Ask if okay to inspect their boat for plants and mud which can transport zebra mussels. . If you find something, do not remove it without the owner's permission. You can ask them to remove it or ask permission. Put anything removed in the trash can. **You do not get into the boat.**
6. Ask them if they have water either in the live wells or in minnow buckets. Per DNR regulations, in order to prevent VHS (viral hemorrhagic septicemia virus) ref attachment, you cannot leave or enter a water body with water in live wells or minnow buckets. The only except is you can transport up to 2 gallons for minnows if the water is from the bait dealer or if water from a lake, you must be returning to the same lake.
7. Ask if they are aware of the new Polk County Ordinance. It is illegal to transport any plants on your boat or trailer.
8. Give them available handouts.
9. Show them the Lake map.
10. Ask if they would like the **“Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers”** decal to indicate that they have had this CBCW orientation.
11. For people who refuse to take any vegetation off the trailer, **do not be confrontive.** (After they are away from the dock, take the trailer license plate number. Note on the data sheet).
12. **THANK THEM.**

### **For boats coming out of the water, suggest these words**

1. Make them aware of the Polk County Ordinance on illegal to transport any vegetation on the boat or trailer. Suggest they inspect and remove any vegetation. **You do not need to inspect**
2. Give them the hand out materials from above if they did not receive when launching

### **Some other helpful hints.**

- You are not an enforcer but an educator. If someone is not cooperative, back away and say Thank You
- Be polite and courteous
- Don't begin asking questions immediately – introduce yourself and tell about the program
- Avoid delaying boaters too much