**Adopt-A-Beach Volunteer**

**Job Description**

Volunteers for the Adopt-A-Beach (AAB) program are assigned a beach, which they “adopt”. They walk their beach once each month from May through October picking up litter and reporting findings on the Friends web site: [www.friendsofsleepingbear.org](http://www.friendsofsleepingbear.org).

Volunteers will be provided with training, checklists, Park Ambassador vests, free annual pass to Sleeping Bear Dunes.

The duties of the Adopt-A-Beach Volunteer include:

- Walk your “adopted” beach or any Lake Michigan beach within Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore at least once per month.
- Report your volunteer hours and the litter you picked up on Friends web site [www.friendsofsleepingbear.org](http://www.friendsofsleepingbear.org) after each beach walk.
- Report any dead birds and their location.
- Report any large items that have washed ashore, which are too big for the volunteer to remove.

For more information, click this link: [http://friendsofsleepingbear.org/projects/adopt-a-beach/](http://friendsofsleepingbear.org/projects/adopt-a-beach/)

**Required Experience**

Ability to walk 2 miles of Lake Michigan beach. Access to the internet to make reports of the beach walk on the friends web site.

**Required Training**

Annual training (done in May) is provided by the Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes, Sleeping Bear Dunes, and the Alliance for the Great Lakes.

**Time Commitment**

1-2 hours per beach walk.

Sometimes the Park Volunteer Coordinator will ask for assistance with school groups or scouts to do beach clean-ups in the spring or fall. This may take 4-6 hours per occasion.

During Low Season (October – April) very little time is required.