

## **Adopt-A-River Volunteer**

### **Job Description**

Volunteers for the Adopt-A-River (AAR) program are assigned either the Platte River or Crystal River, which they “adopt”. They paddle (kayak or canoe) their river at least once each month from June through September picking up litter and reporting findings on the Friends web site: [www.friendsofsleepingbear.org](http://www.friendsofsleepingbear.org).

Volunteers will be provided with training and a free annual pass to Sleeping Bear Dunes.

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

- Paddle your “adopted” river at least once per month.
- Pick up litter from river bottom, edges, and parking areas.
- Report your volunteer hours and any maintenance issues that require Park Service Crew (large trees down across the river, major erosion) on Friends web site [www.friendsofsleepingbear.org](http://www.friendsofsleepingbear.org) after each paddle.

For more information, click this link:

<http://friendsofsleepingbear.org/projects/adopt-a-river/>

### **Required Experience**

- Ability to paddle the Crystal River or Platte River.
- You must have your own boat, PFD, and other safety equipment.
- Access to the internet to make reports of the trail 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.

### **Time Commitment**

2-4 hours per paddle depending on the section of river you are assigned.