

Invasive Plant Brigade Volunteer

Job Description

Volunteers for the Invasive Plant Brigade are assigned a location where the invasive plant, baby's breath, requires removal (e.g. Peterson Beach, Good Harbor Beach, Sleeping Bear Point, etc.). They will manually remove baby's breath, an invasive plant that thrives in dune habitats and crowds out native plants. Volunteers will work on their own schedule. Baby's breath removal is done between late June and end of August.

Volunteers will be provided training, tools, a Park Ambassador vest, and a FREE annual pass to the Park.

Duties of the Invasive Plant Brigade Volunteer include:

- Identify baby's breath plants and manually remove them.
- Record your time on site, number of visitor contacts, and other observations. Submit a report on the friendsofsleepingbear.org web site after each work period.

More information about this program is available XXXXX

Required Abilities

Manually removing baby's breath is physically demanding. It is up to each individual to work at a safe pace. This work requires walking on uneven ground, often sand dunes in direct sunlight and possibly high heat and humidity.

Access to the internet is required to enter the volunteer report.

Required Training

Training and equipment will be provided by Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Invasive Plant Department.

Time Commitment

Each time in the field will require between 1 and 3 hours. We would like to have volunteers in the field at least 5 times during the removal period (end of June to end of August).

Some 'dig-a-thon' events may be scheduled through the removal period, and volunteers would be encouraged to attend and perhaps lead small groups of first-time volunteers.