Adopt-A-River Volunteer

Job Description

Volunteers for the Adopt-A-River (AAR) program paddle (kayak or canoe) either the Platte or Crystal River at least a couple of times from June through September picking up litter and reporting findings on the Friends web site: www.friendsofsleepingbear.org.

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

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

• Attend at least one group River Clean-up and paddle your “adopted” river at least a couple more times during the summer.
• Model safety for the waterborne park visitors. That includes wearing a Personal Floatation Device (PFD).
• Increase visibility by wearing your NPS Ambassador vest (obtained at the training session) over your PFD.
• Pick up litter from river bottom, edges, and parking areas and deposit this in bags in or near NPS garbage containers.
• Provide assistance to Park visitors if requested.
• Report your volunteer hours and any maintenance or safety issues on Friends web site 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 Friends web site to make reports after your river patrol.

Required Training

Annual training (done in June) 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 paddle.