

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 or twice each month from May through October (although some continue walking their beach through the entire year) picking up litter and reporting findings on the Friends website: www.friendsofsleepingbear.org.

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

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 website 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/>

Required Experience

Ability to walk two miles of Lake Michigan beach.

Access to the internet to make reports of the beach walk on the Friends website.

Required Training

Annual training (done in May or June) is provided by the Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, 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.