

## **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 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 National Lakeshore.

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

- Attend at least one group River Clean-up and paddle your “adopted” river or park water body 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.
- Periodically 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](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 Friends web site to make reports after your river patrol.

### **Required Training**

Annual training (done in June or at the scheduled river clean-up events) 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 or water bodies you paddle.