

**Laura Ann Johnson****Candidate for Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes Board of Directors**

Laura Ann is excited to be a member of the Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes Board to help visitors and locals alike have positive experiences in the national park in hopes they will want to protect it for the future. Laura Ann grew up outside of Chicago and spent 20 summers on the shores of Lake Michigan attending Camp Kohahna at Pyramid Point. Camp is where she gained a true love of nature and the outdoors.

After graduating from DePauw University in Indiana, Laura Ann pursued her Educational Studies degree by interning at Yellowstone National Park and then became the Director of the Leelanau Outdoor Center for a little over 5 years. There she continued to teach kids and adults of all ages the magic of Leelanau County and the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore through character education and hands-on science. Laura Ann the Training Specialist at Cherry Republic. She loves to garden and do anything outside with her family Tom, Abner, Florence and Pepper the dog.