



## Park to Host Barn Restoration Workshop for 2019

The park will again be hosting our successful barn restoration workshop **June 17-22nd** at the Miller Barn four (4) miles north of Glen Arbor, Michigan on M-22, turn onto Port Oneida Road and follow the signs. This year marks the **23rd year** that Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore has hosted and developed this series of “hands-on” workshops which started in 1997. The park maintenance staff is providing the skilled labor to put on this workshop.

The workshop will address repairing “**Hewn Wood Sills, Concrete Door Threshold, Loft Structural Repairs.**” The course will include 1) preparing hewn sills including the detail notching to assemble, 2) forming and concrete pour door threshold, 3) repairing structural decay at a small loft area, and 4) tool safety while completing the task presented. This workshop is again able to provide a unique experience for all participants.

The course is set up so participants receive “hands on” training of all techniques. The workshop begins on site at 9:00 a.m. each day. **There is no cost to participants.** Tools and materials will be provided. Participants should wear boots, gloves, and bring a sack lunch for each day that they attend. Participants can sign up for any number of days.

Workers are not required to be skilled in the building trades, though experience will be helpful and appreciated. The purpose of the workshop is to teach the techniques and train owners and those interested how to do restoration work on timber and frame structures, including concrete and stonework. Past workshop attendees have ranged in age from 7 to 75 with each contributing their own unique skills to the project.

Camping will be allowed on site at the Miller Barn during the barn workshop for all registered participants interested in doing so. Amenities will be provided on site, including access to showers at park campgrounds. *(More details on next page about camping options.)*

Interested parties should contact the park historical architect, Kimberly Mann (231)326-4771, to sign up for the workshop. To sign up by email: [kimberly\\_mann@nps.gov](mailto:kimberly_mann@nps.gov).

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**Clip and Return to: Kimberly Mann, Sleeping Bear Dunes N.L., 9922 Front St., Empire, MI 49630**

Name(s) of Attendee(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Need a camp site? Y or N

Circle one: (Tent, RV, Trailer, Pickup Camper) **Length** of RV/Trailer: \_\_\_\_\_

**So organizers can determine an approximate number of participants, please return form, call or email your intent to participate by June 10, 2019. (If you need extra time, remember late registration is always accepted. Day of the workshop drop-ins and observers are also welcome.)**

## **Sleeping Bear Barn Restoration Project – June 17-22, 2019**

### **Camping Information**

The Miller Barn has a nice open green field near the barn where campers, trailers, tents, pop-ups, etc. can be assembled during the week. Porta Johns, water, portable fire ring, solar showers, are some of the options that will be made available to use on site. Bring your solar shower, portable fire ring, if you have one. We'll make this as comfortable as possible for you in a space where no one else gets to camp. **Indicate on the form if interested in camping at the Miller Barn.**

Showers will also be made available at park campgrounds as well.

If you want to reserve a space in either Platte River or D.H. Day Campgrounds, do so immediately. I have already been told that if you plan to attend the entire week, Platte River Campground will not be able to accommodate you due to the fact that the contract to make Accessibility Improvements in the campground will have one or more loops closed for construction during the Barn Workshop.

You can also check the D.H. Day Campground for availability. There is one shower available for volunteers, but you will need a park campground host to get you into the maintenance structure to use the shower.

You can also look at combinations staying on the Miller Barn site, at D.H. Day and Platte River based on open campsite dates, if you don't mind tearing down and reassembling your campsite throughout the week. Check [reservations.gov](https://www.reservations.gov) for availability if you prefer a campsite. You will be required to pay for the campsite, but will be reimbursed in June when you arrive to attend the barn workshop. **Indicate on the form if you have days you will be in the campground versus at the Miller Barn site.**

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