

## Park to Host Barn Restoration Workshop for 2025

The Park will again be hosting our successful barn restoration workshop **June 09-13th** at the Ole Olson farm five (5) miles north of Glen Arbor, Michigan on M-22, turn onto Basch Road and follow the signs. This year marks the **29th 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 a variety of outbuildings from sheds, rabbit hutches, to chicken coops and a granary. There will also be a session on **Stone Masonry repair** on the large Barn. This is a good workshop for families, novice carpenters, as well as projects for more seasoned carpenters. A wide selection to keep everyone interested and socially distant if needed in smaller groups.

Topics such as “**Wood Siding Repair, Stone Masonry, Animal Stall Repair, Door and Window Repair, and much more.**” This workshop is again able to provide a unique experience for all participants with park staff who will show you how to make the repairs with the materials and tools provided.

The workshop begins on site at 9:00 a.m. each day. **There is no cost to participants.** 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.

Camping will be allowed on site at the Ole Olsen Farm 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.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Intend to camp onsite? 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 06, 2025. Late registration always accepted. Day of the workshop drop-ins and observers are also welcome.**