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Subject: History of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore

Acme – High above the sparkling blue waters on the eastern shore of Lake Michigan sits the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. Designated as a national park in 1970 by an Act of Congress, it is now considered a national treasure and gift to all for the purpose of recreation. The congress stated, “certain outstanding natural features, including forests, beaches, dune formations, and ancient glacial phenomena, exist along the mainland shore of Lake Michigan and on certain nearby islands in Benzie and Leelanau Counties, Michigan, and that such features ought to be preserved in their natural setting and protected from developments and uses which would destroy the scenic beauty and natural character of the area.”

For the answers to the questions of how the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore was created and what makes it unique, join its Director of Interpretation and Visitor Services, Park Ranger Merrith Baughman on Monday, August 12, 6 p.m., at Samaritas, 4354 Mt. Hope Road in Acme. Named after the Ojibwe legend of a sleeping bear, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore is one of our most visited national parks.

An optional dinner will be served at 5 p.m. for \$5. Advance registration and payment to the Senior Center for the dinner is required by Thursday, August 8.

For more information or to register, email dmikowski@grandtraverse.org or call the registration number at 231-922-2080

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