

FYRES Coordinator 2014-2015

Catherine Hillbrands



Catherine is an Environmental Studies major with a Geography concentration, and is also studying Social Work and International Development. She is a senior from Grand Rapids, and is returning to Calvin this fall after through hiking the Appalachian Trail. This year she serves as the FYRES Coordinator, working alongside Professor van Dijk and the other mentors. As one of the first FYRES students she researched the effectiveness of management efforts at North Beach Park, and is excited to return to the program. She hopes to learn more about

how to effectively run, organize, and administer programs. Although more of her work will be on a computer than in the research process, she hopes to make several trips to the Michigan dunes this fall.

As a FYRES Coordinator, Catherine helps prepare for labs through coordinating transportation/equipment, updating the website, and also working on various forms of publicity.