

Mackinac Island Honor Scout Troop 147

2012 Application Packet

The Program

The Mackinac State Historic Parks sponsors a program each summer for Girl and Boy Scout troops. Troop 147 is now in its 36th year and is looking for new members. This is a scout service camp and members must be willing to put service first. While on the island, troop members are responsible for raising and lowering flags at 26 flag stations (this all happens at precisely the same time) and serve as guides at the historical buildings downtown and in the fort. The troop also serves as the Governor's Honor Guard. There is also plenty of free time to explore the island and participate in troop activities. The troop lives in the scout barracks which are located behind Fort Mackinac. The barracks include a modern kitchen, infirmary, dining hall and sleeping quarters.

Eligibility

Any registered Girl Scout from Michigan Shore to Shore Council who is in 7th-12th grade may apply. This is a physically strenuous program. Scouts need to be in good physical condition and able to walk long distances on uneven terrain, including very steep hills. Scouts are also required to stand for several hours, with breaks, without fidgeting. Please see the list of core competencies to determine if this program is a good fit. There are a limited number of positions available each year and selection is highly competitive. An interview is not guaranteed. **Interview date is November 12, 2011 at the Betsy Cutler House in Muskegon.**

Costs

There is a \$10.00 training fee that is due with the acceptance paperwork. The camp fee is \$200.00. Uniform costs will vary by member and will be assessed separately.

Training Dates

All training takes place at the GSMISTS Betsy Cutler House in Muskegon.

February 18, 2012 – all new members, all leadership, all adults (not for returning scouts)

March 17, 2012

April 14, 2012

May 12, 2012

June 9, 2012

July 7, 2012

Tentative week of service: July 14-21
OR July 21-28

Financial Assistance

If needed, you may apply to the council for assistance. Cookie cash may also be used to pay for this program.

Application

Please complete the application and mail to the address listed by the due date. Applications that are incomplete will reflect negatively on you. Late postmarks will not be accepted. Letter of recommendation should not be from a family member. Letter should be mailed to the address listed .

Contact Information

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MACKINAC ISLAND HONOR SCOUT APPLICATION

7th -12th GRADE CADETTE, SENIOR & AMBASSADOR

GIRL SCOUTS NEW TO MIHS

Please use ink or type to complete this application.

Applications and reference letters Pam Meier - *MIHS Director*
must be postmarked by **October 28, 2011** to: *2729 Boston SE*
Grand Rapids, Mi. 49506

Name of applicant (first, middle initial, last)			Area Code/Home Telephone
Email Address			Parent Name/Email Address
Home Address (number, street, city, zip code)			
Date of Birth	Age	Present Grade in School	Girl Scout Service Unit
Are you currently a registered Girl Scout? *Must be registered by October 31, 2011 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			Please indicate: <input type="checkbox"/> Cadette <input type="checkbox"/> Senior <input type="checkbox"/> Ambassador
Have you ever applied for MIHS before? Indicate the years you have applied:			How many years have you been a Girl Scout? Include this year:
Troop No. (or indicate non-troop)		Troop Leader's Name & Telephone Number:	
Ethnicity: <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American Check all that apply <input type="checkbox"/> African American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> European American <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please indicate			
1.) What interests you about being a Mackinac Island Honor Scout? What do you feel you will gain from this experience?			
2.) Explain your community service participation; including flag ceremony experience.			
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please complete reverse side of this application</i></p> 3.) List your camping/overnight 4.) experiences. Include the types of camping you have done (day, troop, Girl Scout or other resident camp, family camping) and number of times.			

4.) The goals of Mackinac are diversity, service and leadership. What qualities will you contribute to promoting each of these goals if selected for the program?

5.) Do you have any special medical or physical needs that could affect your ability to march, to stand duty for several hours per day, or to live in an open dormitory setting? If so, please elaborate on the support you will need to serve.

6.) Do you play any brass instruments? If so, please list them and the number of years played.

I have asked the following persons to provide a reference for me:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Girl Commitment: I am interested in service the State of Michigan as part of Mackinac Island Honor Scout troop 147. I understand that the Mackinac Island Honor Scouts has a series of training sessions held approximately every six weeks, and that attendance for trainings is expected for all unit members. I understand that the MIHS Unit will serve for seven days on Mackinac Island next summer and that I must have the capabilities to perform all marching, flag, and guide duty responsibilities. I understand that I am required to be present for the full week of service and that this program is a privilege, not a right. I agree to abide by the group decisions and work with the girl and adult leadership for this program. I understand that service is the main responsibility of this program.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date _____

Parent/guardian's permission: I give _____ my permission to apply for the Mackinac Island Honor Scout program. I understand that it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to attend the orientation meeting; to provide transportation to trainings, and to become familiar with the troops policies and procedures in order to assist my daughter in carrying out her responsibilities. I also understand the projected expenses and that a complete medical history and physician's physical is required for my daughter to participate.

Signature of parent or guardian: _____ Date _____

****Please note: Interviews for 2011 MIHS openings will be held on Sat., Nov. 12, 2010 at the Betsy Cutler House in Muskegon.**

MACKINAC ISLAND HONOR SCOUT REFERENCE FORM

Applicant's Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address/City/Zip _____

I am applying for a position with the Mackinac Island Honor Scout program, which is a Scout Service Camp held each summer at Fort Mackinac. The training for this program involves a series of training sessions, where I will learn flag procedures, marching, and island history. During my week of service, I will be living in the Scout Barracks at Fort Mackinac with 65 other Girl Scouts. Among our daily duties will be flag ceremonies, guide post duty (tour guides) at various history sites, and service projects. Would you please complete this reference form for me and return it by 10-28-11 to:

MIHS Director, 2729 Boston SE, Grand Rapids, Mi 49506.

Rating Scale:	1	2	3	4	5
	Poor		Average		Excellent

- _____ Acceptance of diverse populations (economic, racial, religion, ability)
- _____ Leadership ability
- _____ Interest in or commitment to community service
- _____ Ability to resolve conflict/problem solve
- _____ Communications skills with adults
- _____ Ability to take initiative/is self-motivated
- _____ Ability to assume responsibility
- _____ Ability to live in a community setting
- _____ Poise and ease in meeting people
- _____ Ability to follow an active, structured daily schedule

Please describe how this applicant will contribute to the goals of Service, Leadership and Diversity, in addition to the strength and skills you feel they can contribute to this program.

(On the back of this form, please feel free to add any additional comments)

Reference Signature: _____

Telephone: _____

Address/City/Zip _____