

**Mackinac Island Scout
Service Program - Girl Scout
Honor Troop 147**

2023 Application Information

THE PROGRAM

The Mackinac State Historic Parks sponsors a program each summer for Girl and Boy Scout troops. Troop 147 is now in its 48th 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 27 flag stations (this all happens at precisely the same time) and serve as guides at the historical buildings downtown and in the fort. 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 Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore who is in 7th-12th grade may apply. This is a physically strenuous program. Girl Scout need to be in good physical condition and able to walk long distances on uneven terrain, including very steep hills. Girl Scouts are also required to stand for several hours, with breaks, without fidgeting. There are a limited number of positions available each year and selection is highly competitive. An interview is not guaranteed. **Interview date is October 28, 2023, at the Betsy Cutler House in Muskegon.**

COSTS

There is a \$20.00 training fee that is due with the acceptance paperwork. The camp fee is \$300 and includes a unit photo. Uniform costs will vary by member and will be assessed separately.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Cookie Dough may be used to pay for this program.

TRAINING DATES

All training takes place at Betsy Cutler House in Muskegon.

February 10, 2024 – all new members, all leadership, all adults (not for returning members)

March 16, 2024

April 13, 2024

May 4, 2024

June 15, 2024

June 29, 2024 OR July 13, 2024

Tentative week of service: July or August 2024

APPLICATION

Please complete the application and mail/e-mail to the address provided by the due date – Oct. 18, 2023. Applications that are incomplete will reflect negatively on you. Late postmarks will not be accepted. Letters of Recommendation should not be from a family member. Letters should be mailed to the address listed.

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