

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

Competencies for Mackinac Island Girl Scout Members Of Troop 147

Troop 147, as a part of the Mackinac Island Scout Service Program, is a Girl Scout troop that offers a unique opportunity that differs from a traditional overnight camp. Girl Scouts of Troop 147 are required to embrace the responsibilities and actively contribute to the mission of the Mackinac State Historic Parks. The mission of the Mackinac State Historic Parks is to protect, preserve and present Mackinac's rich historical and natural resources to provide outstanding educational and recreational experiences for the public. While the camp will include Girl Scout sisterhood and bonding activities, you will be expected to be prepared for a meaningful experience focused on service rather than only entertainment.

Below you'll find a few key competencies that we ask of Girl Scout Members of Troop 147:

- Must have the ability to live in a community living situation with peers (living arrangements are a barracks area upstairs with bunk beds for 54 Girl Scouts; there are shared bathrooms and eating areas.)
- Must be physically and emotionally able to withstand the rigors of the island which can be at times a high stress environment (marching everywhere up and down hills, satisfying flag and guide duties, cleaning duties, adhere to the needs of multiple tourists, transition between duties without hesitation and various service projects.)
- Must be independent of their home nuclear family. Expectation is to not have to call home multiple times in a day in order to be able to function in your duties.
- Must be open to a new experience that challenges the Girl Scout and encourages growth.
- Must be cooperative and have the ability to work independently and take directions from peers, the Girl Leadership Team, the Adult Leadership, and be open to given directions.
- Must be able to reach out if they need help and feel comfortable requesting assistance and/or guidance.
- Must accept and act upon constructive criticisms to improve performance and/or attitude. This can come from Girl and/or Adult Leadership Teams.
- Must have the ability to communicate with the general public and be able to recognize potential unsafe or awkward situations with the public. They are allowed to walk away from this type of situation and find a member of the Girl or Adult Leadership Teams.
- Must conduct oneself in an age appropriate manner, including keeping conversations Girl Scout appropriate and being respectful of those around you when/if asked to change topics.
- If prone to anxiety episodes must have the ability to take direction from adults on self calming and be willing to work with the Adult Leadership Team to remain in the troop during the week of service.
- Must be willing and open to work through feelings of discomfort in new experiences.
- Must be able to complete several directives without requiring the direction being repeated.
- Must be able to remain focused with uncontrolled distractions for approx. 30 minutes during Guide Duty.
- Must know and act appropriately on social media, in particular where the Mackinac Island Scout Service Program – Girl Scout Honor Troop 147 or Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore are referenced.
- Must be able to read and interpret written directions and information. This troop will not discriminate based on reading skills and will work to get all Girl Scouts information in a form they can understand.

If you think your Girl Scout may have difficulty with any of these competencies, please communicate with a member of the Adult Leadership Team so they can actively participate and be successful in the Troop.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Girl Scout Signature: _____

Date: _____