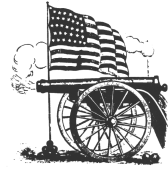


Mackinac Island Governor's Honor Guard 2010 Application Packet



Please read both sides of this form thoroughly.

The state of Michigan has selected the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Troop 609 to serve as one of the Mackinac Island Governor's Honor Guard again this year. This represents our 32nd year of service to the state of Michigan!

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The summer of 2010 will mark Troop 609's 32nd year of outstanding service to the Mackinac Island Scout Service Camp. Thousands of visitors from all over the world visit Mackinac Island each summer. As these visitors tour historic Fort Mackinac and the other state park buildings, they are greeted by Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops that are vital to the operations of the site. The people of Mackinac Island have pride in our standards and us. It is our responsibility to give them our very best!

In order to become a member of the Honor Guard, girls must be willing to dedicate themselves to serving the people and the state of Michigan. Girls must be willing to put service – flag duty, guide duty, service projects, and KP duties – before their personal free time and the other fun activities available during their stay on Mackinac Island.

INFORMATION NIGHTS

Girls who are interested in serving on the Mackinac Island Governor's Honor Guard or would like to learn more about this incredible opportunity, should attend one of the meetings listed below. They are not required, but are highly recommended!

- Lansing Regional Office, March 1, 2010, 6:30 p.m.
- Saginaw Regional Office, March 2, 2010, 6:30 p.m.
- Flint Regional Office, March 8, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

Information nights are free, but, space is limited and RSVP is required. Please RSVP with name(s) of those attending to honorguarddirector@yahoo.com

ELIGIBILITY

All registered Girl Scouts in grades six through 12 are eligible to apply. Girls must be full-time Michigan residents.

This is a very strenuous program. Girls should reconsider applying for this program if they have a serious medical condition that would prohibit them from walking long distances, both up and down steep hills (for example, severe uncontrolled asthma or the inability to walk unassisted).

MANDATORY DATES OF PROGRAM

Selection

April 16-17, 2010 7:00 p.m. Fri. – 1 p.m. Sat.
First United Methodist Church
315 W Larkin St, Midland, MI 48640

Planning

May 21-22, 2010 7:00 p.m. Fri. – 4 p.m. Sat.
First United Methodist Church
315 W Larkin St, Midland, MI 48640

June Training

June 26-27, 2010 11 a.m. Sat. – 4 p.m. Sun.
Camp Oak Hills
2651 E. Townline Lake Rd., Harrison, MI 48625

July Training

July 17-18, 2010 11 a.m. Sat. – 4 p.m. Sun.
Camp Oak Hills
2651 E. Townline Lake Rd., Harrison, MI 48625

Service Week

August 7th-14th 12 p.m. Sat. – 1 p.m. Sat.
Scout Service Camp
Mackinac Island

EVENT FEE

All girls – **\$225.00**

- After the selection weekend, girls will receive a letter notifying them of their status with the Honor Guard.
- **The full non-refundable event fee will be due with the Acceptance Letter by May 12, 2010.**
- Girls/parents may send in a copy of the financial assistance application as proof of pending payment.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If needed, you must apply for financial assistance by the acceptance letter deadline.

- **Heart of Michigan** – mail the original copy of your financial assistance application form with your acceptance letter.
- **Other Councils** – send a copy of your financial assistance application form with your acceptance letter. The original copy needs to be submitted to your council office by May 1, 2010.

UNIFORM

The uniform cost for new girls is approximately \$125. Some items are wearable outside of the program. Returning girls may need to update parts of their uniform as well, due to changes in the uniform. When you are no longer in the Honor Guard, you may sell uniform pieces to other girls in the program provided that the pieces you sell are current.

Some items have been donated from former Girl Scouts. They are available on a first come first serves basis at planning.

APPLICATION AND LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

An application and two letters of recommendation outlines are included in this packet. Missing photos or incomplete information will reflect negatively on girls' applications.

The letters of recommendation should be from non-family members only. This could be a teacher, Girl Scout adult, church member, family friend, or any other adult over the age of 18 who girls have known you for at least one year. References are to mail letters of recommendations directly to the address listed on the form.

Applications and letters of recommendation must be postmarked by MARCH 19, 2010.

BEFORE YOU APPLY

Please read and understand the entire application packet. Keep the following in mind:

1. This program is a privilege, not a right.
2. You may need to choose the Honor Guard program over other activities this summer.
3. Any absences you want excused (including leaving early or arriving late) need to be indicated on the application. Each case will be considered on an individual basis. Not all absences will be approved.
4. If you feel you cannot commit entirely to this program, please do not apply this year. You may try again next year.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions about the Honor Guard program or this application, contact director, Brenda Wright at:

honorguarddirector@yahoo.com

You can also call Pam Grubaugh at 800-968-1185 who will either answer your questions or forward them on to the director.

Attach school photo here.



Mackinac Island Governor's Honor Guard Troop 609

2010 APPLICATION

STAFF USE ONLY
Selected:
Yes____. No____.
Alternate____.
Date activated_____.

APPLICATION DEADLINE – March 19, 2010
(Must be postmarked by the deadline date)

Please type or print neatly.

Name _____

Address (during school year) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Phone _____ Grade _____ Troop _____ Birth Date _____

Name of GS council with which you are registered: _____

E-mail Address _____

Parents' or Guardians' Names and Phone Numbers

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Please answer the following questions honestly and completely:

1. Have you served with Troop 609 before? Yes [] No [] If yes, how many years? _____
Which years? _____

Previous Junior Leadership with Troop 609 positions _____

2. List previous Girl Scout Experiences, leadership/service activities, and Girl Scout awards/recognitions earned:

3. Have you ever spent more than one weekend away from home without your family (in or out of Girl Scouts)?
Yes [] No [] How Long? _____ Where? _____

4. **ABSENCE REQUEST:** Any absences (including arriving late or leaving early) you want excused must be listed below. Each case will be considered on an individual basis. Not all absences will be approved. **New girls MUST attend all of the weekends.**

Selection (7pm Fri – 1pm Sat) _____

Planning (7pm Fri – 4pm Sat) _____

June Training (11am Sat – 4pm Sun) _____

July Training (11am Sat – 4pm Sun) _____

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5. Do you play a musical instrument? Yes [] No []
If yes, please list _____

6. List any medical problems you may have _____

7. Complete the following statement: *I want to serve on the Mackinac Island Governor's Honor Guard because*

8. Two letters of recommendation must be obtained. Please list your reference's information below, and instruct the reference to mail the letter of recommendation to the address listed at the bottom.

1. Name _____ Phone Number _____

How do you know them? _____

2. Name _____ Phone Number _____

How do you know them? _____

Girl Commitment: I am interested in serving the state of Michigan as a part of the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Mackinac Island Governor's Honor Guard Troop 609. I have read and understand all the information in this application packet. I understand this program is a privilege, not a right. I understand if selected, I will be expected to participate in all of the mandatory dates listed on the front page. I understand any absences I want excused need to be indicated on the application, and that not all absences will be approved. I am prepared to choose the Honor Guard program over other activities I want to do this summer. I agree to be a responsible group member, abide by group decisions, and work with the girl and adult leadership for the event. I understand that service is the main responsibility of this program.

Girl's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's permission: I give my daughter/custodial child permission to apply to be part of the Mackinac Island Governor's Honor Guard and understand the projected expenses. I understand that if selected, the full non-refundable event fee is due with the acceptance letter. I understand that if selected, my daughter may apply for financial assistance through her own council office to help defray the event fee costs, and that a copy of this application must accompany the acceptance letter. I understand that a doctor's physical is also required within the 12 months preceding August 30, 2010, and that a school sports physical can be copied, but a physician must sign the physical form that is handed out at the May Planning Weekend.

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

The application and letter of recommendation must be mailed by the deadline date to:

MIGHG
PO Box 320605
Flint, MI 48532

Mackinac Island Governor's Honor Guard Troop 609
Letter of Recommendation Outline

Name of applicant: _____ Name of reference: _____ Phone number: _____

Please mail this letter of recommendation to the address below by March 19, 2010.

The above name applicant has applied to be a member of the Mackinac Island Governor's Honor Guard. The Honor Guard performs various duties on Mackinac Island and Fort Mackinac including flag ceremonies, guide duty and various service projects. If you have any questions about the program, please ask the applicant or contact the director at honorguarddirector@yahoo.com. Use additional paper if needed. Thank you for your assistance!

1. How long have you known the applicant? How do you know them? _____

2. How has she evidenced the following (give specific examples if possible):

a. Her interest in Girl Scouting? _____

b. Her ability to "get along with others"? _____

c. Her enthusiasm and initiative? _____

d. Her dependability and maturity? _____

3. Other comments _____

Signature _____ Date _____



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Signature _____ Date _____