Mackinac Island Governor's Honor Guard
2013 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 **35th year** of service to the state of Michigan!

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The summer of 2013 will mark Troop 609's 35th 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, you must be willing to dedicate yourself to serving the people and the State of Michigan. You must be willing to put service – flag duty, guide duty, service projects, and KP duties – before your own personal free time and the other fun you may participate in during your stay on Mackinac Island.

INFORMATION NIGHTS

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

- Lansing Regional Office 2/26/13 7:00pm
- Saginaw Regional Office 2/27/13 7:00pm
- Kalamazoo Regional Office 2/28/13 7:00pm

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

**If schools are closed due to weather, the information nights will be canceled

ELIGIBILITY

All 6th – 12th grade registered Girl Scouts are eligible to apply. You must be a full time Michigan resident.

This is a very strenuous program. You should reconsider applying for this program if you have a serious medical condition that would prohibit you 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 19-20th, 2013 7:00 pm Fri. – 1pm Sat.
First United Methodist Church
315 W Larkin St, Midland, MI 48640

Planning
May 10- 11th, 2013 7:00 pm Fri. – 4pm Sat.
First United Methodist Church
315 W Larkin St, Midland, MI 48640

June Training
June 22 – 23rd, 2013 10am Sat. – 3pm Sun.
Camp Oak Hills
2651 E. Townline Lake Rd., Harrison, MI 48625

July Training
July 13-14th, 2013 10am Sat. – 3pm Sun.
Camp Oak Hills
2651 E. Townline Lake Rd., Harrison, MI 48625

Service Week
TBD week in August 12pm Sat. – 1pm 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.
- An Acceptance of Responsibility form will be due by planning weekend.
- **The full non-refundable event fee will be due by May 31th, 2013.**
- You 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 date.

- **Heart of Michigan** – mail the original copy of your financial assistance application form with your acceptance letter.

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 pieces to girls in the program if they are still a part of the current uniform.

Some items have been donated from former scouts. They will be available on a first come first serve basis at planning

SELECTION CRITERIA

Within two weeks of the application deadline a packet of information will be mailed to all applicants inviting them to selection weekend at the date and time listed on the front of this packet. During selection weekend girls will participate in various activities including marching, flag folding, interview and teambuilding. Girls will be graded on application content, reference materials, performance at selection weekend as well as previous year's performance if applicable. The week after selection letters will be mailed to all applicants letting them know if they were selected and information needed for the following training.

APPLICATION AND TWO CONFIDENTAL REFERENCES

An application and two confidential references are included in this packet. Missing photos or incomplete information will reflect negatively on you.

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

Application and confidential references must be postmarked by MARCH 15th, 2013

BEFORE YOU APPLY

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

1. This program is a privilege, not a right.
2. You may need to choose the Honor Guard program over other activities you want to participate in 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. No absences will be allowed for July Training.
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 the Director, Brenda Coleman, at:

honorguarddirector@yahoo.com

You can also call Michelle Holmes at 800-968-1185 who will either answer your questions or forward it on to the Director.

Attach recent photo here.

Mackinac Island Governor's Honor Guard Troop 609
Based in Saginaw Michigan

STAFF USE ONLY

Selected:

Yes_____. No_____.

Alternate_____.

Date activated_____.

2013 APPLICATION

APPLICATION DEADLINE – March 15th, 2013
(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 you are registered with: _____

Email 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:

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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? _____

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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. No Absences will be granted for July.**

   Selection (7pm Fri – 1pm Sat)_____

   Planning (7pm Fri – 4pm Sat)_____

   June Training (10am Sat – 3pm Sun)_____

   July Training (10am Sat – 3pm Sun)_____

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

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6. List any medical problems you may have _____

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

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8. Two Confidential References must be obtained. Please list your reference's information below, and instruct the reference to mail their letter directly to the address listed at the bottom

   1. Name _____ Phone Number _____

   How do you know them?_____

   2. Name _____ Phone Number _____

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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 am aware 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 30th of this summer, 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 _____

This application must be mailed by the postmarked deadline to:

MIGHG
PO Box 320605
Flint, MI 48532

Mackinac Island Governor's Honor Guard Troop 609
Confidential Reference Outline

Name of applicant: _____ Name of reference: _____Phone number:_____

Please mail this Reference <u>to the address below</u> by March 15th, 2013.

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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