

# Mackinac Island Scout Service Program Troop 609 2024 Girl Leadership 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 at the Mackinac Island Scout Service Program again this year. This represents our **44<sup>th</sup> year** of service to the state of Michigan!

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The summer of 2024 will mark Troop 609's 44<sup>th</sup> year of outstanding service to the Mackinac Island Scout Service Program. 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

There will be a virtual information night held on Monday 10/23/23 and Thursday 11/16/23 at 7pm.

## ELIGIBILITY

If you are interested in registering for the information night please email Brenda Coleman at [honorguarddirector@yahoo.com](mailto:honorguarddirector@yahoo.com)

All 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, at the time of selection, registered Girl Scouts are eligible to apply. You must be a full time Michigan resident.

## 2024 DATES OF PROGRAM\*\*

### Zoom Selection Interviews February 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

#### **Basic Training: March 9<sup>th</sup>**

Required parent attendance for this meeting. All forms, changes, important information about the Service Week, uniform ordering etc. will be done during this time.

#### **1st year girls and any JL applicants 9am -5pm All other Returning girls 12pm -5pm**

Camp Linden  
5285 Hogan Rd, Linden MI 48451

#### **April Planning Weekend: April 13th – 14th 9:00am Saturday – 11am Sunday**

Camp Linden  
5285 Hogan Rd, Linden MI 48451

#### **May Training: May 17th – 19th 6:30pm Friday – 11am Sunday**

Camp Linden  
5285 Hogan Rd, Linden MI 48451

#### **June Training: June 21st -23rd 6:30pm Friday – 11am Sunday**

Camp Linden  
5285 Hogan Rd, Linden MI 48451

#### **July Training: July 13th 9am – 5pm Camp Linden**

5285 Hogan Rd, Linden MI 48451

#### **August 3rd – August 10th**

Scout Barracks, Mackinac Island

\*\*Times subject to change, dates will not

## EVENT FEE Returning

girls - \$325.00

- A \$25 deposit must accompany the application, this deposit will be refunded if a participant is not selected, however, the deposit will be forfeited if applicant drops out after being selected or does not show up to first training.
- Second payment of at least \$100, financial aid paperwork or any cookie cash is due at the March 3/9 Basic Training Meeting. The final balance is due by the May Training Weekend 5/17.
- Event fee is nonrefundable once the acceptance of responsibility is signed and submitted.
- As an alternate, any fees paid minus the \$25 deposit will be refunded when all items that were provided (uniform, program book etc) are returned.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If needed, you must apply for financial assistance from your own council.

- **GS Heart of Michigan** – Bring the original copy of your financial assistance application form with your acceptance letter to the March Basic Training Weekend

## UNIFORM

Uniform pieces that have been previously provided include a white nylon jacket, a clear poncho, and two uniform shirts. If you have outgrown your pieces bring them to the March Basic Training meeting to be exchanged for new pieces. If you have lost your pieces there is a fee to order new ones. Additional items that will need to be purchased include shorts, shoes, socks and watch. A current GSUSA approved vest is needed with a few minor modifications for Troop 609. All this information will be provided at the March meeting and full uniform is required by the May meeting.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

An interview will be conducted via zoom the weekend of February 16<sup>th</sup>. Interview times will be for thirty minutes. Emails will be sent to schedule

times for the interviews. Selection will be based on the application, references and the zoom interview.

## APPLICATION

The Junior Leadership Application is include in this packet. Missing photos or incomplete information will reflect negatively on you. Also, required to be submitted with this application is the roster of girls to whom the applicant spoke to regarding the Honor Guard. Previously completed Troop 609 Leadership IPP is required.

**Application must be received by February 1<sup>st</sup>!!**

## 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. You may need to choose Troop 609 over other activities you want to participate in this summer.
2. Any absences you want excused (including leaving early or arriving late) need to be indicated on the application.
3. Each case will be considered on an individual basis. Not all absences will be approved. If you will be missing a training, this could impact your JL selection.
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 Troop 609 or this application, contact the Director, Brenda Coleman, at:

honorguarddirector@yahoo.com

Or check out our website at  
<HTTPS://MIGHG-609.weebly.com>

Check list of items to include:

- Recent color photo
- \$25 Deposit
- All information filled out



Mackinac Island Scout Service Program Troop 609

This application is for any girl applying for a leadership position.

# 2024 Girl Leadership Application

**APPLICATION DEADLINE - February 1, 2024!!!**  
**(must be received by the deadline)**

*Please type or print neatly.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address (during school year) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday Date \_\_\_\_\_

Primary phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Email Address to use \_\_\_\_\_

Name of GS council you are registered with: \_\_\_\_\_ Troop # or Juliette? \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' or Guardians' Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer the following questions honestly and completely:**

1. How many years have you served with Troop 609 \_\_\_\_\_
2. **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.  
March Basic Training (9am - 5pm Sat) \_\_\_\_\_  
April Planning (7pm Fri - 5pm Sat) \_\_\_\_\_  
May Training (9am Sat - 4pm Sun) \_\_\_\_\_  
June Training (9am Sat - 11am Sun) \_\_\_\_\_  
July Training (9am - 5pm Sat) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Select preference for Zoom Interview  Friday Night  Saturday Morning  Saturday Afternoon  
 Saturday Evening
4. List any physical, mental, medical conditions or disabilities that might affect your involvement in this program? Include any allergies (food or other) for consideration when planning meals etc.  
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Please describe how the condition or disability might affect your involvement, and what can be done to enhance your participation: \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Do you play a musical instrument? Yes [  ] No [  ] If yes, please list \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Complete the following statement: *I want to serve in the Mackinac Island Scout Service Program because*

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7. List any community service you have participated in (within and outside of Girl Scouts)

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8. Have you served in a leadership position with in Troop 609? Yes [  ] No [  ] If yes, please list

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9. Why do you want to be in a leadership position \_\_\_\_\_

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10. What do you feel you have learned in your past years in Troop 609?

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11. What qualifications do you feel you have for the positions you applied for? What leadership roles have you had outside of Troop 609? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. If you have served in a leadership position in Troop 609, what do you feel you learned from serving in that capacity?

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13. If you have never served in a leadership position, what do you feel you can contribute to Junior leadership, and what will you gain from this experience?

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14. What is a mistake you have made in Troop 609, and what have you learned from it?

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15. What do you think is the most important thing to teach a new girl?

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16. What year did you earn the required Troop 609 Leadership IPP? \_\_\_\_\_

17. What did you do to promote Troop 609 after we left the island? What troop/group did you speak to?

(Attach the roster with this application)

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18. I would like to apply for the following:

- Senior Patrol Leader    Patrol Leader    Asst Patrol Leader    Marching Leader    Program Committee Leader

**Girl Commitment:** I am interested in serving the state of Michigan as a Junior Leadership member of the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Mackinac Island Scout Service Program 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. I understand that being a Junior Leader means I will have additional duties to be completed outside of trainings, during trainings and while on Mackinac Island.

Girl's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian's permission:** I give my daughter/custodial child permission to apply to be a member of the Mackinac Island Scout Service Program Troop 609 and understand the projected expenses. 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. I understand that if selected an Acceptance Letter, application for financial assistance and a partial payment will be required at the March Basic Training weekend. I understand a full uniform is expected by May Training. I agree to provide all medical history information and abide by all health and safety requests of Troop 609 while my daughter is a member. I understand that if my daughter is not able to comply with ALL Troop 609 rules and regulations during training's and on the island she can be dismissed at the digression of a Court of Honor. It can be any one infraction. I also understand that once on the Island if she can't perform her duties, not able to comply with Troop 609 island rules and regulations or becomes ill, I will receive a phone call asking me to pick my daughter up at my expense and within a **24 hour period**.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**This Application must be received by the 2/1/24 deadline to:  
Brenda Coleman, Troop 609, 3116 Blue Grass Lane, Swartz Creek MI 48473**