

Mackinac Island Scout Service Camp Troop 609

2026 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 Camp again this year. This represents our 46th year of service to the state of Michigan!

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The summer of 2026 will mark Troop 609's 46th 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 Scout Service Camp, 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 1/12/26, Thursday 1/22/26 and Wednesday 1/28/26.

If you are interested in registering for any of the information nights please email Brenda Coleman at honorguarddirector@yahoo.com

ELIGIBILITY

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

2026 DATES OF PROGRAM**

Application deadline: 2/20/26

Selection Day March 28th

12:00-5:30pm

Camp Linden – 5285 Hogan Rd, Linden MI 48451

Basic Training: April 25

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

8:30am - 5:15pm

Camp Linden - 5285 Hogan Rd, Linden MI 48451

May Planning Weekend: May 16-17

9am Saturday – 12:15pm Sunday

Camp Linden - 5285 Hogan Rd, Linden MI 48451

June Training: June 19-21

6:30pm Friday night– 12:15pm Sunday

Camp Linden - 5285 Hogan Rd, Linden MI 48451

July Training: July 18

9am – 5:15pm

Camp Linden - 5285 Hogan Rd, Linden MI 48451

Service Week

TBD, 11am – 1pm

Scout Barracks, Mackinac Island

Date will be announced by the end of the year

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

ATTENDANCE POLICY

It is important to have the entire troop together for trainings. We are a team that depends on each other to accomplish our duties. To be part of Junior Leadership it is required to be present at each training weekend. As a member of JL you can have one conflict by leaving early or coming late, but must attend a portion of every training.

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PROGRAM FEE

Returning girls - \$325.00

- A \$50 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.
- Payment schedule:
 - Deposit due (\$50) with application
 - Payment of \$275 for returning girls, cookie cash and/or Financial Aid is due on 4/25 at the Basic Training Weekend.
- Program fee is nonrefundable once the acceptance of responsibility is signed and submitted.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If needed, you must apply for financial assistance from your own council. **GS Heart of Michigan** – a link to the application will be provided upon acceptance into the program as needed

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 April 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 April meeting and full uniform is required by the May meeting.

APPLICATION

The Junior Leadership Application is include in this packet. Also, required to be submitted with this application is the roster of girls to whom the applicant spoke to regarding the MISSC. Completed Troop 609 Leadership Badge is required. Leadership Badge can be submitted with application or any time prior.

Application must be received by February 20th!!

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 the selection day, 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 emailed to all applicants letting them know if they were selected and information needed for the following training.

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 Troop 609 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. 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](https://MIGHG-609.weebly.com)

COMMUNICATION

Communication will be done via email prior to the Basic Training. Please ensure that an email that is checked frequently is provided in the primary email place. The second means of communication will be

the primary phone number, ensure that is a number that will be the best for contact.

Checklist of items to include:

- Recent color photo
- \$50 Deposit
- All information completed
- Leadership badge if not already turned in
- Documentation of requirement to speak to a group/troop etc.



Mackinac Island Scout Service Camp Troop 609

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

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Girl Leadership Application

APPLICATION DEADLINE – February 20 2026!!!

(must be received by the deadline)

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 _____

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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) need to be noted below. To be considered for JL a full training cannot be missed. Not all absences will be approved.

Selection: (12:00 – 5:30 Sat) _____

April Basic Training (8:30am – 5:15pm Sat) _____

May Planning (9am Sat – 12:15pm Sun) _____

June Training (6:30 Friday– 12:15pm Sun) _____

July Training (9am – 5:15pm Sat) _____

3. 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. _____

Please describe how the condition or disability might affect your involvement, and what can be done to enhance your participation: _____

4. Do you play a musical instrument? Yes [] No [] If yes, please list _____
5. Complete the following statement: *I want to serve with Troop 609 for the the Mackinac Island Scout Service Camp*
because _____

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

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

8. Why do you want to be in a leadership position? _____

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

10. What qualifications do you feel you have for the positions you applied for? What leadership roles have you had outside of Troop 609? _____

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

12. 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? _____

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

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

15. What year did you earn the required Troop 609 Leadership Badge? _____

16. 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) _____

17. 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 Camp 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 understand this program is complex and I agree to attend any meetings and participate in the communication platform to obtain all the necessary information needed to be successful. I understand that being a member of Junior Leadership has additional duties outside of trainings and the island that I am committing to. I am prepared to choose Troop 609 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 Camp 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, Health Information, Program payment will be required at the April 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 this program is complex and I agree to attend any meetings and participate in the communication platform to obtain all the necessary information needed for my Girl Scout to be successful. I understand that if my daughter is not able to comply with ALL Troop 609 rules and regulations during training and on the island she can be dismissed at the discretion 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/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

<p>This Application must be received by the 2/20/26 deadline to: Brenda Coleman, Troop 609, 3116 Blue Grass Lane, Swartz Creek MI 48473</p>
