

Who: Female adults, registered with Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan

**The Scout Barracks maintained by the State of Michigan does not meet Safety-Wise standards for co-ed housing. Applications from male volunteers for staff positions not serving on the Island are welcome.*

What

Beginning in 1974, Girl Scouts have had the honor of serving in the Mackinac Island Scout Service Camp program. Selected girl applicants serve the State of Michigan for seven to ten days assuming tasks that include flag ceremonies, guide duties and service projects. Adults selected for the program fill the following positions: Director, Assistant Director, Kitchen, Finance, First Aid (prefer an RN, must also be currently certified in CPR), Donations, Transportation, Group Activities, Uniforms and Recognitions. All positions are one-year appointments (January through December) and must be registered as GSHOM Girl Scout Members. Staff positions not requiring attendance on the island are available. If you are not interested in being part of the staff, but would like to help our fine group of girls, other assistance is also needed. All Staff must all provide a physical signed by a doctor that they can participate in this camp experience.

Why

It is truly an honor, for girls and adults, to be a part of the Mackinac Island Governor's Honor Guard. For a girl, being a member requires dedication, service, work, and a lot of fun, resulting in a memorable and valuable experience. Participants in the program make lifelong friends and gain practical life skills that will carry into their adulthood and careers. For adults, it is a challenge to help shape a group of girls into a working unit. It is hard work, but one of the most satisfying jobs you'll do in Girl Scouting.

"It was through MIHS that I learned to live cooperatively and to take responsibility for my own decisions.

-Christie, Troop 7901

"Mackinac Scouts is like having a second family."

-Chelsea, Troop 7901

"Being an Honor Scout is not all about work. Scouts have a lot of fun while on the island. We have nightly activities such as scavenger hunts, bike rides, boat rides and kick ball."

-Caitlin, Troop 7901



How to apply

An application, two references, and a background check must be submitted by the deadline for those who wish to apply. *The references must be from non-family members.* One reference should be from a Girl Scout adult. If you have not completed a background check prior to your interview, if you are offered a position with the program, the background check must be

completed prior to your time on the island. You will be emailed a link from which to complete your background check. There is a cost for the background check, which is good for four years that the applicant must pay.

When (see attendance info below)

Oct 19, 2024	Apps due: Leadership & Returning Girls & Adults
Nov 8, 2024	Apps due: New Girls & Adults
Dec 6-8, 2024	Interviews
Jan 19, 2025	Leadership & Adult meeting
Jan 25, 2025	First training and Parents' meeting
Feb 7-9, 2025	Weekend Training at Camp Linden
Mar 14-16, 2025	Weekend Training at Camp Linden
Apr 19, 2025	Day Training at Camp Linden
May 10, 2025	Day Training at Camp Linden
June 14, 2025	Day Training at Camp Linden
Aug 10, 2025	Leadership meeting at Camp Linden
Aug 20, 2025	Luggage drop at Camp Linden
Aug 23 - Sept 1, 2025 (A week between end July to End of Aug)	Expected Service dates on the Island
Nov 7-9, 2025	Reunion Camp Linden

A Note on Attendance

Mackinac Honor Guard Adult Staff are required to attend monthly staff meetings beginning in January, as well as attend all girl training events. Adult staff meeting dates will be determined in January. Times and locations will be included in acceptance letters.

As with any major program, there is a tremendous amount of pre-planning involved. Please note: **ALL Training sessions are MANDATORY.** When considering applying for this program, please give careful consideration to the time commitment this program requires.

Interviews

Interviews will be held in December. You will receive a phone call/email to set the time and location for your interview. Please reserve this weekend in your calendar. *This is the only time interviews will be conducted.*



Mackinac Island Scout Service Program

Adult Application 2025

Please type or print. Use black or blue ink only.

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Total Years in Girl Scouting: _____ Girl Years: _____ Adult Years: _____

What positions have you held in Girl Scouting as a girl/adult? _____

Have you attended Mackinac Scout Service Camp before? Yes No

If "yes," what years? _____ Position(s) held? _____

What position would you like to hold this year? _____

What expertise do you have to offer? _____

Briefly tell why you would like to participate as a staff member. _____

Do you have a daughter applying? Yes No

Do you have any marching experience? Yes No

If "yes," please explain. _____

Do you have any ceremony experience (i.e., flag)? Yes No

If "yes," please explain. _____

Please list any limitations that might affect your involvement in this program and what can be done to enhance your participation. _____

List two adult references (not related to you); one MUST be a Girl Scout adult.

Reference #1:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Preferred method of contact (circle one): phone email

Reference #2:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Preferred method of contact (circle one): phone email

This application and references must be returned to:

Alex Jeffery
GSHOM MISSP Director 7901
3322 Sue Nan Dr
Howell, MI 48843

Deadline: Apps & references must be received by Oct 19, 2024, for returning adults and November 8, 2024 for new applicants