

Who: Registered Girl Scouts, currently in 6th through 12th grade

What

Beginning in 1974, Girl Scouts have had the honor of serving in the Mackinac Island Scout Service Camp program. Selected applicants serve the State of Michigan for seven to ten days assuming tasks that include flag ceremonies, guide duties and service projects.

Why

Being a member of the Mackinac Island Governor’s Honor Guard 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.

*"It was through MISSP 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*



The skills learned by the Mackinac Island Governor’s Honor Guard participants tie in directly with the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Through community living, learning flag etiquette, public speaking, mentoring, interviewing, identifying community needs, and cooking, just to name a few. Girls will discover themselves, connect with others and take action to make the world a better place.

When (see attendance info below)

Dec 1, 2025	Apps due: Leadership & Returning Girls & Adults
Dec 25, 2025	Apps due: New Girls & Adults
Jan 9-11, 2026	Interviews
Feb 1, 2026	Online Leadership & Adult meeting
Feb 6-8, 2026	Weekend Training at Camp Linden (New Parent Meeting)
March 14, 2026	Day Training at Camp Linden
April 17-19, 2026	Weekend Training at Camp Linden
May 9, 2026	Day Training at Camp Linden
June 13, 2026	Day Training at Camp Linden
Aug 16, 2026	Leadership meeting and Luggage drop at Camp Linden
Aug 21, 2026	Trailer Packing at Camp Linden
Aug 22 – Aug 31, 2026 (A week between end July to End of Aug)	Expected Service dates on the Island
Nov 13-15, 2026	Reunion Camp Linden

How Much

****Financial Aid opportunities available.**

\$400 per girl: includes weekend training sites, food, transportation by bus to and from the island, and food while on the island.

\$300-\$400 per girl uniform: Girls are required to purchase a dress Unit A uniform and a causal Unit B uniform. Exact uniform requirements will be provided at the orientation meeting in January. The cost is approximately \$300-400 for all items except shoes.

Additional costs that are optional – Bike Ride \$25.00, spending island bank souvenir expenses.

How to apply

An application and two reference forms (3 references for Senior Patrol Leaders) must be submitted by the deadline for those who wish to apply. *The references must be from non-family members.* They should be from adults you have demonstrated your level of responsibility and maturity to. One reference should be from a Girl Scout advisor. A stamped addressed envelope should be given to each person you are requesting a reference from. These should **NOT** be returned to you, but mailed directly to the MISSP Director as indicted on the reference form. It is advised that you check with your references in a week or two to be sure that they have not forgotten to send a reference for you.

A Note on Attendance

If you are selected you must be committed to attending each of the training sessions. If after reviewing your schedule and current commitments, you have conflicting dates please be prepared to speak with the Director on what can be done to make up an absence.

Interviews

Interviews will be held the second weekend in January. 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.*



Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan

Mackinac Island Scout Service Program Leadership Application 2026

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

Attach Current
School Photo
Here (**please
paperclip**)

Name: _____ Current Grade: _____

Street Address: _____ Birth Date: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____ County: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____

Troop Leader(s): _____

Troop Number: _____ or Juliette

Names of Parents/Guardians: (1) _____

(2) _____

Additional sheets may be attached for more information.

1. List previous Girl Scout experiences (Mackinac Island, *destinations*, Great Escapes, etc.):

2. List community service activities you have participated in (Mackinac Island, food drives, etc.):

3. Briefly list Girl Scout awards and recognitions received (Silver Award, Gold Award, etc.):

4. I want to serve as a Mackinac Island Scout Service Program because: (*Attach a separate sheet as needed.*)

5. Do you have any physical, mental, medical conditions or disabilities that might affect your involvement in this program? Yes No

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

6. List the MISSP Interest Project Patches you have earned including American Patriotism:

7. Do you play an instrument? Yes No If "yes," please list: _____

8. Have you served in the MISSP in the past? Yes No If "yes," how many years and include dates and positions held:

9. List your leadership roles outside of MISSP that you think help demonstrate your qualifications for this leadership position and state why: _____

10. I would like to apply for the following:

- Senior Patrol Leader Patrol Leader
- Assistant Patrol Leader Assistant Patrol Leader Relief/Patrol Activity Leader

11. I would like to be in a leadership position for the following reasons: _____

12. Please list any experience as a Patrol Leader in other troops, or as a leader or officer of another group. Include troop number or group name, length of service, years served and a brief description of your duties.

13. Explain what you think should be the duties and responsibilities of the position for which you are applying.

14. Two references (three for Senior Patrol Leader) must be obtained. One reference should be from a Girl Scout adult. **None** may be from a family member. **Each should be mailed directly to the MISSP Director, by your reference, no later than the December deadline.**

I have asked the following persons to provide references for me (name and phone number):

(1) _____
(2) _____
(3) _____

15. How many years have you participated in MISSP? _____

16. Attendance is extremely important. Are you fully aware that you will not be allowed to miss Patrol Leader meetings or trainings? Yes No

17. If you are not chosen for the position you applied for, will you still want to participate in the MISSP? Yes No

Girl Commitment: I am interested in being a member of the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Mackinac Island Honor Scouts Patrol #7901. I understand, if selected, I will be required to participate in training sessions to prepare for the event. I agree to be a responsible group member and abide by the 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 Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian's Permission: I give _____ my permission to apply for the Mackinac Island Honor Scout program. I understand that it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to attend the orientation meeting; to provide transportation to trainings and to become familiar with Mackinac Island Honor Scout policies and procedures in order to assist my daughter in carrying out her responsibilities. I also understand the projected expenses. I understand that a complete medical history and physician's physical is also required within the 24 months preceding my daughter participation.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

This application must be returned to:

Alex Jeffery
GSHOM MISSP Director 7901
3322 Sue Nan Dr
Howell, MI 48843
abrewis1192@gmail.com

Deadline: Apps & references must be received by Dec 1, 2025

4. Check one rating in each category to assess the following qualities of the applicant:

5=Exceptional; 4=Above Average; 3=Average; 2=Below Average; 1=Don't Know

	5	4	3	2	1
Is dependable and responsible					
Has poise and ease in meeting people					
Accepts differences in people					
Is able to share ideas/feelings					
Is able to relate well to younger children					
Is able to relate well to peers					
Is able to relate well to adults					
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Shows humor and spontaneity					
Is physically fit					
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Signature: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

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