

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, 2026	Apps due: Leadership & Returning Girls & Adults
Dec 25, 2026	Apps due: New Girls & Adults
Jan 15-17, 2027	Interviews
Feb 5-7, 2027	Weekend Training at Camp Linden (New Parent Meeting)
March 13, 2027	Day Training at Ann Arbor Regional Center
April 23-25, 2027	Weekend Training at Camp Linden
May 15, 2027	Day Training at Ann Arbor Regional Center
June 12, 2027	Day Training at Ann Arbor Regional Center
Aug 16, 2027	Luggage drop at Camp Linden
Aug 22, 2027	Trailer Packing at Camp Linden (optional)
Aug 28– Sept. 6, 2027 (A week between end July to End of Aug)	Expected Service dates on the Island
Nov 12-14, 2027	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. The troop has a uniform exchange available, where returning girls can exchange gently used uniform parts for a reduced fee.

Additional costs that are optional – Bike Ride \$25.00, Grand Hotel Lunch \$41.00, spending island bank souvenir expenses.

How to apply

An application and two reference forms 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 adult supervisor. 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 Staff Advisor 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 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.*



Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan

Mackinac Island Scout Service Program Girl Application 2027

Please type or print. 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 Number: _____ or ☐ Juliette

Troop Leader(s): _____

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. Have you ever spent more than a weekend away from home ***without family*** before?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Where? _____ How long? _____

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

8. Have you served in MISSP in the past? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "yes," how many years and include dates: _____

9. Two references must be obtained. One reference should be from a Girl Scout adult. **Neither** may be from a family member. **Each should be mailed to the MISSP Director by your reference no later than Dec. 1, 2026 (for returning applications) or Dec. 25, 2026 (for new applications).**

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

(1) _____

(2) _____

Girl Commitment: I am interested in being a member of the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Mackinac Island Scout Service Program #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 Scout Service 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 Scout Service Program 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's participation.

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

This application must be returned to:

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

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Mackinac Island Scout Service Program

Reference Form 2027

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You will be of great help to both the applicant and the adult staff by answering the following questionnaire in a candid manner and returning this to the address listed on the next page by Dec 1 (for returning girls) and by Dec 25, 2026 (for new girls).

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Reference: _____ Date: _____

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1. How long have you known the applicant? _____

What is your relationship to the applicant? _____

2. Describe the applicant's special strengths and/or skills as they relate to the Mackinac Honor Guard program. Please give specific examples. You may use additional sheets if necessary.

3. Why would you or would you not recommend this applicant for potential success as a participant in this Mackinac Honor Guard program?

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
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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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Is physically fit					
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