

2017 Application Packet

The Program

The Mackinac State Historic Parks sponsors a program each summer for Girl and Boy Scout Troops. Troop 147 is now in its 41st year and is looking for new members. This is a scout service camp and members must be willing to put service *first*. While on the island, troop members are responsible for raising and lowering flags at the 28 stations (this happens at the same exact time) and serve as guides at the historical buildings downtown and in the fort. The troop also serves as the Governor's Honor Guard. There is plenty of time to explore the island and participate in other troop activities. The troop lives in the scout barracks for the week, which is located behind Fort Mackinac. The barracks include a modern kitchen, infirmary, dining hall, and sleeping quarters.

Eligibility

Any registered Girl Scout from Michigan Shore to Shore Council who is in the 7th-12th grade may apply. This is a physically strenuous program. Scouts need to be in good physical condition and be able to walk long distances on uneven terrain, including very steep hills. Scouts are also required to stand for several hours, with breaks, without fidgeting. Please see the list of core competencies on the next page to determine if this program is a good fit for you. There are a limited number of positions available each year and the selection is very competitive. An interview is not guaranteed. Interview dates for the 2017 service year are either October 29 or November 4, 2016, at the Betsy Cutler House in Muskegon, MI. Candidates must be able to attend one of the two dates.

Costs

There is a \$10 training fee that is due with the acceptance paperwork. The camp fee is \$220 and includes a unit photo and one week food and lodging on the island. Uniform costs vary. They will be assessed separately.

Financial assistance is available, please see council for applications, and Cookie Cash (Cookie Dough) can also be used. More detail will be provided at the MANDATORY PARENT MEETING on February 11.

Training: Takes place at the Betsy Cutler House, in Muskegon, Michigan and dates are TENTATIVE as the week of service has not yet been determined.

- October 29, 2016 (interviews)-or-November 5, 2016 (interviews)
- January 21, 2017 (leadership only)
- February 11, 2017
- March 18, 2017
- April 22, 2017
- May 20, 2017
- June 24, 2017
- July 8, 2017 (tentative)
- July 15, 2017 (tentative)

Please complete the application and mail it to the address listed by the due dates. Incomplete applications will reflect negatively. Late post marks will not be accepted. Letters of recommendation ***should not be from family*** members and should be mailed separately to the address listed. You are encouraged to file your application electronically, to ensure readability.

Thank you,

Dana Gomez, MIHS Troop 147 Director, gomezdanaL@gmail.com
Andrea Hornby, GSMISTS, ahornby@gsmists.org

Competencies for Mackinac Island Honor Scouts

Candidates applying for a position in M.I.H.S. troop #147 should have the ability:

- To complete a minimum of three directives without requiring the directions to be repeated.
- To go above and beyond the directives given, when necessary.
- To know when they need help and feel comfortable requesting assistance and/or guidance.
- To take direction and offer direction to other Scouts, when needed.
- To accept and act upon constructive criticisms to improve performance and/or attitude.
- To learn and retain multiple responsibilities and tasks.
- To function in a high stress environment (i.e. feel comfortable living with 60 girls in a small space, adhere to the needs to multiple tourists, transition between duties without hesitation, etc.).
- To remain focused in situations with uncontrollable distractions for approx. 30 minutes (Guide Duty).
- To know & act appropriately on social media, in particular where MIHS Troop 147 & Scouts are referenced.
- To read and interpret written directions and information.*

*Mackinac Island Honor Scouts will not discriminate based on reading skills and will work to get all Honor Scouts a manual and other information in a form they can understand.

*If you think your scout may have difficulty with any of these competencies, please communicate with us so she can actively participate and be successful in our unit.

Mackinac Island Honor Scouts Troop #147 Application

Directions: Please answer all questions. Feel free to attach separate sheets, making sure to number your answers. Applications are scored on neatness and must be postmarked by **October 16, OR electronically by 5:00 pm October 17, 2016** (If you do not receive confirmation that your electronic application has been received within 24 hours, call Dana Gomez 248.310.4929). An electronic version of this application can be found in the Document Archive section of the Troop website – <https://m.facebook.com/MIHS147>

Name of Applicant: _____

Birthdate: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Guardian: _____ Email: _____

Address/City/Zip: _____ Age: _____

Registered Girl Scout: Yes, GSUAS# _____ No, will register by October 31, 2016

Girl Scout Status: Cadette Senior Ambassador # Years in Girl Scouts: _____

Girl Scout Service Unit: _____ Troop # (or indicate non-Troop): _____

Troop Leader's Name and Phone Number: _____

*Please mail or email your
application to:*

*Dana Gomez
789 N Wilco Rd
Baldwin, MI 49304
gomezdanaL@gmail.com*

1) What interests you about being a Mackinac Island Honor Scout?

2) What do you feel you will gain from this experience?

3) Explain your community service participation (Through Girl Scouts, School, Youth Group, Extra Curricular, Etc.) – including any flag ceremony experience.

- 4) List your overnight or camping experiences. Include the types of camping you have done (Day Camp, Band Camp, Girl Scout Camp, Resident Camp, Etc.) and the number of times.

- 5) The goals of Mackinac Island Honor Scouts are diversity, service, and leadership. What will you contribute to promoting **each** of these goals if selected for the program? Please be specific.

- 6) Do you have any special medical or physical needs that could affect your ability to march, to stand duty for several hours per day, or to live in an open dormitory setting? If so, please elaborate on the support you will need to serve successfully.

- 7) Do you play any brass instruments? If so, please list them and the number of years you have played.

I have asked the following persons to provide a reference for me:

Name: _____ Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Relationship: _____

Girl Commitment: I am interested in service to the State of Michigan as part of Mackinac Island Honor Scout Troop #147. I understand that the Mackinac Island Honor Scouts (MIHS) have a series of training sessions held approximately every six weeks, and that attendance for trainings is expected for all unit members. I understand that the MIHS unit will serve for seven days on Mackinac Island next summer and that I must have the capabilities to perform all marching, flag, and guide duty responsibilities. I understand that I am required to be present for the full week of service and that this program is a privilege, not a right. I agree to abide by group decisions and work with the girl and adult leadership program for this Troop. I understand that service is the main responsibility of this program.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian 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 the troop's policies and procedures in order to assist my daughter in carrying out her responsibilities. I also understand the projected expenses and that a complete medical history and physician's physical is required for my daughter to participate.

Signature of Guardian: _____ Date: _____

***** Please Note: Interviews for 2017 MIHS will be either October 29 or November 4, 2016; you must attend either option to be considered for the 2017 year.**

Mackinac Island Honor Scout Reference Form

Applicant's Name: _____ Applicant's Telephone: _____

I am applying for a position with the Mackinac Island Honor Scout program, which is a Scout Service Camp held each summer at Fort Mackinac. The training for this program involves a series of training sessions, where I will learn flag procedures, marching, and island history. During my week of service, I will be living in the Scout Barracks at Fort Mackinac with 65 other Girl Scouts. Among our daily duties will be flag ceremonies, guide post duty (tour guides) at various history sites, and service projects. Would you please complete this reference form for me and return it via mail **by October 16, OR electronically by 5pm October 17, 2016** to Dana Gomez MIHS Director, 789 N Wilco Rd, Baldwin, MI 49304, gomezdanaL@gmail.com

Reference Name: _____ Reference Telephone: _____

Signature: _____

Please rate the applicant on the following abilities using the scale provided:

1 2 3 4 5
(Poor) (Average) (Excellent)

- _____ Acceptance of diverse populations (economic, racial, religion, ability)
- _____ Leadership ability
- _____ Interest in or commitment to community service
- _____ Ability to resolve conflict
- _____ Communication skills with adults
- _____ Ability to take initiative/is self-motivated
- _____ Ability to assume responsibility
- _____ Ability to live in a community setting
- _____ Poise and ease in meeting people
- _____ Ability to follow an active, structured daily schedule

Please describe how this applicant will contribute to the goals of service, leadership, and diversity, in addition to the strengths and skills you feel she can contribute to this program (continue on back of form, if necessary).

