

Hello Fellow scouts, I am your SPL Sam Levi, as you know we are working towards going to Mackinac Island and working as the governor's honor guard. Training is the most important part of our journey leading up to the island, so below are some ways that you can work on practicing even when we can't be together. It has been a couple of years since we have been able to go up, so I want to make sure that we are the best we can be and prove that nothing can stop us. For the newer scouts this can be a bit overwhelming but trust me, we have all been there. As scouts, we are supposed to be prepared for this time and we are going to get prepared while we are at home. If all of us do these things at home it will help further our training helping us to be prepared on the island. The list goes as following:

- Mini Manual: New and experienced scouts the mini manual is an extremely important source for all of the information you will need to know about the island and the fort. Experienced scouts you should reread the mini manual because there has been new information added from all the previous years. Also, leadership will be sending out mini tests to help you get to know some of the really important information though all of it is important to be successful.
- Flag Folding: Scouts it is important that we work on folding and raising flags! The island really wants us to work on this more than anything. Attached is a video of Eagle Scout Alumnis Zac Riedel and Adam Riedel. They will show you how to fold the American flag and any other flag on the island. Try practicing this with a sibling or a parent. A 4x6 sheet or cut one out from an old sheet or pillowcase.
- Virtual tour: The virtual tour is to help see where all of the different duty stations are along with trash cans for fort cleanup. It is helpful to watch to see roughly where everything is when it's talked about in the mini manual. Mr. Forsythe will be the one guiding you on your adventure through the fort and where everything is for your experience to be successful.
- Marching: Marching is also very important because when traveling in uniform you are almost always marching. Alumni Trevor Forsythe will be showing you on how to do some of the marching like halting, turning, and what to do when you have halted. Try practicing at home to get better at it.

If you have any questions or want guidance on something feel free to get a hold of one of the leadership I will be checking my inbox for emails. If you do email an adult make sure you have another adult in the CC. If you want help or want to make sure you are doing the marching or flag folding right you can feel free to video tape it and send it to me or one of the ASPL's.

Yours in scouting, Sam Levi