



# MACKINAC ISLAND SCOUT SERVICE TROOP 127

## Mackinac Island Scout Service Program

### What is this Troop?

Mackinac Island is one of the most visited spots in America. Mackinac Island is Michigan's Summer Capital, with the Governor in attendance some days. Because of the nature of this operation, our emphasis is on SERVICE.

Our contingent has been selected to serve the State of Michigan and the people that visit the Fort and the Island as guides. This places a heavy responsibility upon each scout and adult leader's appearance, conduct and performance of our assigned duties. Scouting is in the public eye. Scouting will be, and always has been, judged by the excellent or unfavorable impression each individual imparts to those with whom the scout comes in contact. There will never be a better opportunity to exemplify the living of the Scout Oath and Law than this service week on Mackinac Island.

### Where do the Scouts come from?

Our troop is made up of scouts from Michigan Crossroads Council. The sponsoring troop is Troop 127 from Lapeer. They meet at the Trinity United Methodist Church of Lapeer and are Chartered by the Lapeer Lions Club.

### What do they do on the island?

Each scout is required to learn the history of Mackinac Island and the surrounding area. While the fort is open they help the fort staff at different posts serving as guides to the public and whatever is needed.

During this time the scouts use their leadership skills and knowledge learned during the training period. The scouts will be learning many historical facts about the island during training and will be using this information to share with others. They will be developing their communication skills. They will have the opportunity to meet people from all over the world.

The scouts raise and lower the flags morning and night. The flags go up simultaneous and it is a beautiful site. They go down in the same manner. Each patrol also does a service project and a patrol cleans Marquette Park each day. They also help by offering to take pictures for families so the family can be together in their memory photos.

This program has been around for many years for the Boys Scouts starting in August of 1929 and the Girl Scouts have been a part of this since 1974. Since the BSA has become coed, Troop 127 is the first troop to go to the Island as a Coed Troop. The first contingents were made up of Eagle Scouts. Now any Michigan Scout can go with an existing Troop.

**The first troop had President Gerald R. Ford as a 16 year old youth and Eagle Scout.**

### Where can you get more information?

Go to our website: [www.misst127.com](http://www.misst127.com)

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