

Hello fellow Scouts and Scouters, my name is Cameron Turner and I have been given the honor of serving as your SPL for 2023 MISST127 Honor Guard this year. One of the most important parts in preparing to serve as a member in the Mackinac Island Scout Service Program is learning and practicing what we do on the island. Below are multiple examples of things you can do, on your own, to help prepare before going to the island. In order to become a successful troop on the island, It is very important to practice and review these items. There are videos for all of these located on the MISST127.com website.

- **Flag Folding:** When we are on the island, we will raise and lower the flags each day. This is something that we can always be working on and perfecting. You can easily do this at home, with anyone willing to help practice folding with you, by using a bed sheet or pillowcase cut to a 4x6 size.
- **Mini Manual:** The mini manual is a booklet that contains all the information you will need to know for when we go to the island. Both new and experienced scouts should read the mini manual to freshen up their knowledge about the island.
- **Marching:** Marching is a very important thing to work on - almost all of the places we go on the island, we will be marching to. Some parts of marching you can be worked on at home. Halting and turning are two examples of these. A lot of new scouts can struggle on the turns, so it really helps if you can practice this at home. This will free up time at the troop working meetings and allow us to focus on other things.
- **Virtual tour:** The virtual tour is a way for you to experience the duty stations we will be working at. This is helpful so you can get an idea of where things are before we go to the island. This can also help make sense of some things in the mini manual and help you gain a better understanding of what is expected at the fort.

If you have questions, would like more information, or would like additional assistance on things pertaining to the MISST 127 experience, please feel free to contact me or any of the adult leadership. Please remember that when contacting adult leadership, you will need to CC at least one other adult on the message.

Looking forward to working with all of you this year,
Cameron Turner