



Mackinac Island Scout Service Troop 127 (MISST127)

Mackinac Island Scout Service Program 2025



May 26 – May 31, 2025

THE FACTS! Revised 1/12/25

MISST127 is a co-ed Scouting America (formerly Boy Scouts of America) service troop based in Lapeer, Michigan. The troop is sponsored by Troop 127 but is made up of Scouts from many area troops. We serve on Mackinac Island, Michigan's Summer Capital and one of the most visited spots in America.

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. This places a responsibility upon each Scout and adult leader's appearance, conduct and performance of our assigned duties. There will never be a better opportunity to exemplify the living of the Scout Oath and Law than your service week on Mackinac Island. ***This is a great opportunity to live the patrol method that Baden Powell envisioned when he started Scouting.***

SERVICE DATE: May 26 – May 31, 2025

COST: \$325.00 per Scout

TO APPLY: Go to www.misst127.com to fill out the online application. Our goal is to have all applications in by February 1, 2025. If you are unable to complete the application online or if you have questions, contact the Scoutmaster, Derek Forsythe via phone or text at 810-706-2523 or email at sm.misst127@gmail.com.

PAYMENT and FORMS Schedule: (Please submit all payments and forms to Gina Ribai.)

February 04, 2025: \$125 payment and Temporary Health Form required.

March 04, 2025: \$100 payment and Scout Signature Sheet required.

April 15, 2025: \$100 final payment, Health Form ABC & Working Weekend Permission Slip required.

Payment forms accepted: cash, checks or money orders payable to MISST 127. The cost includes: food, transportation, lodging, bolo, nametag, troop t-shirt, troop hat, troop picture, Mackinac Island Scout Service patch, and footlocker. Please direct questions regarding payments to Gina Ribai at 810-834-1871.

SIZE OF SERVICE TROOP: 42 - 54 Scouts & 8 - 10 adult leaders. Scouts will be divided into the number of patrols required. Youth leadership positions will be selected by the Senior Patrol Leader and adult leaders based on applications.

SCOUT REQUIREMENTS:

RANK: First Class (preferred) by May 26, 2025. Rank requirement may be waived for mature Scouts.

MINIMUM AGE: 13 years old by beginning of service, May 26, 2025. Younger Scouts will be considered based on maturity level, camping experience, interview and recommendation of home troop Scoutmaster.

SCOUTING TIME: One continuous Scouting year as of May 26, 2025.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: All Scouts will be asked to sign an agreement indicating that, while with MISST127, the Scout will live by the Scout Oath and Law and participate in the Patrol Method.

PHYSICAL EXAM: A completed copy of the Scouting America health form 680-001_ABC is required along with your medical insurance information. This is due to the Troop Health Officer by April 15, 2025.

CONDUCT: Scouts & adult leaders will live by the Scout Oath and Law and their behavior must reflect that.

UNIFORM: Full dress uniform required including: short-sleeved tan shirt (with appropriate patches), green Scout pants, green uniform belt, white t-shirt, green Scout socks, brown shoes with dark sole, and blue nylon Scout jacket (ordered through MISST127). A pen, bolo, hat, service patch and name tag will be provided with full payment. Uniforms are the responsibility of each Scout and **must be complete by April 15, 2025**. ABSOLUTELY NO gym shoes or hiking boots are to be worn while in uniform. Additional uniform / clothing information will be given during the training meetings.

DUTIES: The troop will raise flags in the morning and lower them in the evening at various locations throughout the Fort and nearby park buildings. Scouts also act as guides at locations throughout Fort Mackinac and nearby historic park buildings. Scout Guides mainly distribute information and answer questions from the public, as well as assist State Park personnel as required. Guide duty requires about three hours daily for four days; Scout Barracks duties will also be required. No guide duty is required the day of arrival and the departure day. Our troop will also be responsible for small service projects by each patrol while on the Island.

LIVING QUARTERS: All Scouts and adult leaders will occupy the Scout Barracks, a two-story building containing dormitory type sleeping quarters. There are separate sleeping areas for males and females and adult leaders. The Scout Barracks also houses a dining hall, kitchen, lavatory, showers and first aid room. Laundry facilities for uniforms are operated by the adult leaders. The Scout Barracks is located north of Fort Mackinac.

FREE TIME / RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES: There are plenty of opportunities for free time. Activities may include hiking, biking, sightseeing and indoor and outdoor games.

HOMEWORK / STUDY TIME: Our week of service occurs while some schools are still in session. In order to accommodate and express the importance of schoolwork, we close the dining hall nightly from 7 to 9 pm for the sole purpose of completing homework, rank advancement and merit badge work.

MACKINAC ISLAND DOWNTOWN AREA: All visits to the shops downtown will be done as a group with at least one adult leader present. All Scouts MUST be in full uniform when visiting downtown Mackinac Island.

TRANSPORTATION: The troop will depart near Flint, Michigan early Memorial Day morning. We will travel by bus to and from Mackinac City. Times will be finalized by May 06, 2025, or before.

SNACKS: If a Scout wants to bring snacks, a limited amount will be housed in the adult lodging area downstairs.

CONTACT INFO:

Gina Ribai, Troop Committee Chair – Phone (voice / text): (810) 834-1871. email: cc.misst127@gmail.com
Derek Forsythe, Scoutmaster - Phone (voice / text): (810) 706-2523, email: sm.misst127@gmail.com

Important dates - 2025 MISST 127

- Tuesday January 14: INFORMATION Meeting for new prospects – 7-8 pm
- Tuesday January 28: INFORMATION Meeting for new prospects – 7-8 pm

TRAINING MEETING DATES for 2025:

- Tuesday February 4: Troop Working Meeting – 1st Parents Meeting 7-9 pm [\$125 Deposit & Temporary Health Form due]
- Tuesday February 18: Troop Working Meeting – 2nd Parents Makeup Meeting 7-9 pm (if unable to make it to 2/4/25)
- Tuesday March 4: Patrol Working Meeting 7-9 pm [Scout signature sheet and \$100 payment due]
- Saturday March 22: Troop Working Meeting 8:30 am -5:00 pm
- Tuesday March 25: Troop Working Meeting 7-9 pm
- Tuesday April 8: Troop Working Meeting 7-9 pm
- Tuesday April 15: Troop Working Meeting 7-9 pm [Final payment, Health Form ABC & Working Weekend Perm. Slip due]
(Scout Physicals available, details will be shared at the Feb. 4 meeting.)
- Friday April 25 – Sunday April 27: Working Weekend (Arrival Friday, 6:00-8:00 pm ending Sunday 8:00 am sharp)
- Tuesday May 6: Troop Working Meeting 7-9 pm
- Tuesday May 13: Troop Working Meeting 7-9 pm
- Tuesday May 20: Final Marching Rehearsal 7-9 pm (Trunk Drop Off - Starting 6 pm – end by 6:50 pm)
- May 26 - May 31: Mackinac Island Scout Service Program

All MISST127 training meetings above are mandatory.

**All meetings will start in the Fellowship Hall of
Trinity Methodist Church (TMC)
1310 N Main St.
Lapeer, MI 48446**

Please enter thru the southwest doors on the lower level where the two wings meet.



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