2008 Mackinac Island Scout Service Camp

Governor's Honor Guard

Service Dates: May 31 to June 7, 2008

Host Troop: Troop 411, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Escanaba, MI, Hiawathaland Council

Cost: \$155 for first year Scouts. \$135 if Scouts has a footlocker from previous year.

Size of Service Troop: 56 Scouts, 10 Adults. The Troop will consist of four patrols.

Scout Requirements: Second Class preferred. One year in Boy Scouting is acceptable if Scoutmaster approves. Under the age of 18. Scouts will be asked to sign a contract indicating that while with the Mackinac Island Service Camp, he will live by the Scout Law and the Scout Oath and participate in the Patrol Method. A competed Scout Camp Physical form (a copy is OK) is required before leaving for MISSC.

Conduct and Appearance: Mackinac Island is one of the most visited spots in America. The week of May 31-June 7 is the first of 14 service weeks at the island. 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. This places a heavy responsibility upon each Scout's appearance, conduct, and performance of our assigned duties. Each Scout will be required to march and stand at attention as part of the flag corp and assist tourist with fort and island information. There will never be a better opportunity to exemplify the living of the Scout Oath and Law than your service week on Mackinac Island.

Duties: The troop will raise and lower 22 flags and at locations throughout the Fort Macinac and nearby State Historic Park buildings. Scouts also act as guides at ten locations throughout the Fort. Scout guides mainly distribute information and answer questions from the public, as well as assist State Park personnel as required. Our troop will also be responsible for a service project on the island.

Uniforms: Full dress uniform with both short and long trousers will be required for all Scouts during flags, guide duty, and while visiting the village. Black or brown leather dress shoes or leather deck shoes will be worn – no tennis shoes or hiking boots. Each Scout will be provided council shoulder patches and event patches that must be sewn onto the uniform. Each Scout will also be provided a bolo tie. Uniforms will also be worn while visiting Fort Mackinac, and Grand Hotel facility, and upon arrival and departure. Additional uniform information will be given when details are available. Uniforms are the responsibility of each Scout. While enjoying the island, Scouts can wear Class B uniforms. A Troop T-shirt will be provided.

Training: Two mandatory training sessions will be held; March 14-16 and May 2-4, 2008, both in Escanaba. Training will include marching, flag duty, guide duty and other related topics pertinent to your duties on the island. Both sessions will be full weekends.

Living Quarters: Scouts and adult leaders will occupy the Scout Barracks, a two-story building with dormitory-style sleeping quarters, dining hall, kitchen, lavatory, showers and first aid room. A washer and dryer are available at the barracks. The barracks is located north of Fort Mackinac.

Recreational Activities: A baseball diamond and horseshoe court are at the barracks. Scouts can also play volleyball, tennis, and hike or bike the island. Renting horses for riding is only allowed with written permission from parents. Scouts are also allowed to swim at the Grand Hotel pool and shop downtown.

Contact: Craig Woerpel, email <u>craig@woerpelimages.com</u>, office 906-789-7710, cell 906-280-0936.

More information will be provided when the Scout is accepted to serve. If you have questions about the Mackinac experience, or need more forms, check out www.upscouting.org.