

Project Mackinac  
Troop 3286  
Royal Oak, Michigan

### **A. Background**

During the summer, Mackinac Island accommodates at least 50 Michigan Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts each week. These scouts serve the state as the Mackinac Island Governor's Honor Guard. The program began in 1929, when the State Park Commission invited eight to serve as honor guards for the Michigan governor. In 1974, the program was expanded to include Girl Scouts. Scouts raise and lower all of the flags in the city and in Fort Mackinac, serve as guides, and complete service projects during their stay.

Project Mackinac has been lucky enough to be part of this elite group for 33 years. Project Mackinac began as a service project and is probably the longest lasting service project in Royal Oak. Troop 3286 takes between 54 -56 scouts each year. The girls complete a training program in Royal Oak before serving their week on the Island. Troop 3286 has also had the honor of serving during the week of July 4<sup>th</sup> for several years, which brings with it special responsibilities. Actual weeks for next year's assignment are given in December from the Mackinac State Historic Parks.

Once on the Island, the Troop stays in the Scout Barracks behind Fort Mackinac. The barrack houses a dining room, kitchen, infirmary, leaders' room, bathroom, Scout Coordinator's room and bunk beds upstairs for the girls. Our troop divides the scouts into four patrols. Each day three patrols are on guide duty and the fourth works in the kitchen. The girls also have some free time during the day to explore the Island. In the evenings, our senior leadership has planned activities.

### **B. Relevant Dates**

We will run Troop meetings from September 28, 2009 to March 22, 2010 at Keller Elementary School in Royal Oak. Meetings held from April 12 through May 24, 2010 are held at St. Paul's Lutheran School and outside of the City Hall in Royal Oak, in order that the girls can practice flag raising and lowering on flagpoles of appropriate height. Our final meeting, currently scheduled for June 7, 2010, is back at Keller Elementary School, where we will wrap up last-minute trip details.

Meeting or practice dates and times are as follows:

Keller Elementary School, 1505 N. Campbell Road, Royal Oak, MI 48067

September 13, 2009	Senior Leadership applications due	
September 15, 2009	Senior Leadership interviews	7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
September 28, 2009	Senior Leadership meeting	7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
November 9, 2009	Informational meeting*	7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
November 23, 2009	<b>Applications due</b>	
December 1, 2009	Interviews	7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
January 25, 2010	Staggered meeting	6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
February 9, 2010	Patrol Leaders, 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> year	

	Senior Leadership	7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
February 22, 2010		7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
March 8, 2010		7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
March 22, 2010		7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

St. Paul Lutheran School, 508 Williams Street, Royal Oak, MI 48067

April 12, 2010		7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
April 24, 2010		9:00 – 12:00 p.m.
May 11, 2010		7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
May 24, 2010		7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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June 7, 2010	Parents and Scouts	7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
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**Senior Leadership and Patrol Leaders will meet ½ hour before meetings.**

**C. Application Process**

The application process is straightforward, and blank application forms can be secured by e-mailing Wendy Wallace at [Mackinac2000@yahoo.com](mailto:Mackinac2000@yahoo.com). Once completed,

1. \*Girls are asked to either mail an application prior to the November 9, 2009 meeting to:  
Project Mackinac  
927 N. Washington Ave.  
Royal Oak, MI 48067
2. Or, the girls should bring the application in person to the November 9, 2009 meeting.
3. Girls unable to attend the November 9, 2009 meeting applications are due November 30
4. All applications must be hard copy

**D. Contact Information**

Applicants for the Troop or Senior Leadership positions can contact Wendy Wallace or Karen Kaiser at [Mackinac2000@yahoo.com](mailto:Mackinac2000@yahoo.com).

Or, telephone calls can be directed to:

Karen Kaiser  
(248) 544-4040  
927 N. Washington Avenue  
Royal Oak, Michigan 48067