

To earn an Interest Project patch, you must complete at least seven (7) activities as follows:
2 Skill Builders, 1 Technology, 1 Service, 1 Career Exploration, 2 Activities from any category.

FORT MACKINAC #1

a focus on MIHS duty

Skill Builders

1. Find out more about the Mackinac Island Scout Service Camp. The first Scout Guard of Honor included a former President of the United States. Who was he? What year was it? How many were in the unit? What rank did they hold in Boy Scouts? What year was it when Girl Scouts were finally allowed to serve?
2. Tour the downtown duty posts to learn more about them. Tell at least three (3) interesting facts you learned. List the buildings and the streets where they can be found.
3. Tour the Fort grounds and visit each of the buildings. Tell at least three (3) interesting facts you learned. List all of the duty posts. Where is the new exhibit that opened in 1997 located? Tell when the following demonstrations can be seen: *Audio-Visual Program, Rifle Firing/Military Music, Cannon Firing/Guided Tour, Court Martial Re-enactment, Concert of Military Music and Firearms at Mackinac Program.*
4. Knowledge of and respect for the flag is an important part of your duty. What is the meaning of the term "flag's right?" What did the 15 star/15 stripe flag inspire Francis Scott Key to do? Name the three (3) flags flown at Fort Main. How is the flag at Post Cemetery always flown?
5. Good marching makes a good group look even better. In order to improve your marching, learn all of the calls and list them with the right marching procedure.
6. Many flags have flown over Fort Mackinac. Sketch the flag positions at the Avenue of Flags and South Sally Ramp. Label the flags with their name and country.
7. Your stay at Mackinac is evaluated at mid-week and week-end by the Scout Coordinator. Examine an evaluation. What was rated? How did your group do? Do you agree with the evaluation?
8. Read a book from our group's library, or other book concerning Mackinac Island, and submit a book report.

Technology

1. At some point you may have Guide Duty at a ticket booth. Find out how they keep track of visitors.
2. Learn about some of the technology used at the various duty posts. Describe at least two (2) examples. (Think about the way the building was built, how they cooked, how they obtained the things they needed for daily living, etc.)
3. The drink dispenser is used daily, and must be cleaned daily. Show that you know how to disassemble, clean and reassemble this piece of equipment.
4. While on Barracks Duty you will ensure the bathroom is in good shape. Show that you know how to fix a running toilet.

Service

1. Write and submit an original poem or song for our group's Poetry Book.
2. Volunteer for extra Guide Duty.
3. Mackinac Island Honor Scouts keep the "MIHS spirit" alive by visiting troops/groups and telling them about their week's experience. Write a one page summary of your experience that would encourage other Girl Scouts to apply or stay in Girl Scouts until they are old enough to apply for the MIHS program.
4. Being able to help an injured person is a wonderful service. Become CPR certified.

Career Exploration

1. Someday all of us will be older and no longer able to be a MIHS "Girl" Scout but might still want to be a part of the group. Find out more about being a member of the adult staff with MIHS. List all the positions available. Choose one you are interested in and interview an adult staff member. Find out how you apply and what the job description is.
2. Everyone has a boss in almost every career and is accountable to them. Know and list the Chain of Command. List the Girl Leadership positions. Choose one you are interested in and interview a Leadership Girl. Find out the following: How many years had she been a MIHS? How did she apply for her position and what qualifications did she need to have and what are her duties? What else do you think would be a necessary skill or requirement for this position?

Resources:

MIHS Resource Box

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