

# Mackinac Island Honor Troop 168

## Important Trip Information

1. The **Formal Class "A" Uniform** is the new style as introduced by BSA in August, 2008.
  - **Proper Uniforms are required** due to the large number of people with whom the Scouts make contact and the State of Michigan's requirements for service.
2. A comfortable pair of dark brown deck shoes is required for both guide and flag duty. Shoes can be dyed/stained dark brown if necessary.
3. Possession or use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, vaping, cell/smart phones, smart watches, or any device that can connect to the internet is forbidden. Smart devices may be in your possession while traveling, however, such devices must be surrendered to the Scoutmaster upon arrival to Mackinac Island.
4. All Scouts must shower daily. Cleanliness and a neat appearance while on duty are mandatory.
5. Work clothes are necessary and should be used on work assignments. **Note! These assignments often involve painting, staining, bleaching, or other such materials that may permanently stain clothing.**
6. **Mark all clothing and personal belongings** with Scout's name using a permanent marker or other marking device in an inconspicuous place.
7. Pack all clothing and personal belongings in a lockable footlocker, duffle bag, or suitcase. **Plastic garbage bags for luggage are forbidden on ferry boats and on horse drawn drays!**
8. Adult leaders are not responsible for Scout's missing uniforms, clothing, personal belongings, or electronics.
9. Pocket money should be limited to a maximum of \$50 to \$100. About \$15.00 dollars should be held in reserve for lunch on the return trip home. Optional expenses include Bike Night bike rental (\$20-\$25) and a traditional leader gift donation (\$5.00).
10. Absolutely no bikes shall be brought from home. **Scouts participating in Bike Night must bring a helmet!**
11. The Troop **does not** provide transportation to or from Mackinaw City. The Scout's parent/guardian is responsible for providing transportation. The Troop will be organizing carpooling on a volunteer basis and will need 15-20 drivers. The Troop does not reimburse for fuel. Scouts will be provided with a separate form for transportation. Each Scout must return the form indicating how he will be getting to and from Mackinaw City and indicating the Scout's parent/guardian's availability for carpooling.
12. Troop **will** provide all Scouts with ferry transportation to and from Mackinac Island.
13. Scouts will receive their MIHT 168 hat, neckerchief, nametag, and pocket patch in Mackinaw City on the day of departure prior to the ferry ride to the Island.
  - **Have your poncho and neckerchief slide in your pocket and ready to use in Mackinaw City before ferrying to the Island!**
14. Annual health physicals **are required**. The Annual BSA Health and Medical Record must be completed, signed by a licensed physician, and submitted to the Troop 168 on or before the last Troop meeting. No Scout will be permitted participate with the Troop on Mackinac Island without a current and properly completed health and medical record.
15. Medications are to be contained in a re-sealable plastic bag identified with the Scout's name. Include an itemized list of the Scout's current authorized medications and dosing instructions. **Scouts must be mature enough and responsible enough for their own administration and their own dosing of medications.** The Troop's Medical Officer is only responsible for securing and logging medications taken by the Scout, as authorized by the Scout's custodial parent/guardian or physician. Please advise the Troop's Medical Officer of any Scout with special medications, food/severe allergies, or medical issues. Insulin dependent Scouts are recommended to bring an extra vial of insulin. All medications (except EpiPens, rescue inhalers, or other on-person emergency medications) shall be surrendered to the Troop's medical officer upon arrival to the Scout Barracks.