

TROOP 271 Mackinac Island Scout Service Camp Selection Policy

Goal: To provide the maximum opportunity for Scouts to participate in the Mackinac Island Scout Service Camp.

Purpose: To provide a uniform policy that ensures the fairness and integrity of our Troop's processes.

Policy:

1. Any Scout who desires to attend Mackinac Island Scout Service Camp (MISSC) must meet the following criteria to be eligible:
 - a. Be an active Scout in good standing. Active shall mean that they have attended 50% of the troop meetings and activities for the past year unless the Scout is 16 years of age or older-and requested by MISSC Committee.
 - b. Be at least 13 years old and not older than 14 years old if attending for the first time, but not more than 18 years old by the date the MISSC begins (If attending as a returning scout)-and requested by the MISSC Committee;
 - c. Attained the rank of First Class prior to the earliest date the registration is due;
 - d. Been a member of the Troop for at least 1 year;
 - e. Attended at least 1 summer camp with the Troop;
 - f. Sign up on the MISSC sign-up sheet;
 - g. Participate in the Troop's interview process; and
 - h. Must be a full time Michigan Resident-unless waived by the MISSC Committee.

2. Process
 - a. After the MISSC Committee makes his requests, the remaining slots will be decided by a Selection Committee.
 - b. The Troop shall select a committee ("Selection Committee") consisting of 3 adults whose child is not participating in MISSC selection process. The committee will consist of the Committee Chair or Assistant Scoutmaster (whoever does not have a son up for a slot) a first year parent, to get the same perspective as a random tourist would get, and a MISSC expert (ie: previous scout or parent who knows the program well).
 - c. The Selection Committee shall announce the policy and scoring system one week prior to the interview process. The Selection Committee shall rank each Scout's performance after the selection process, but shall award maximum points for any satisfactory uniform inspection or response. The Selection Committee shall determine, in advance, the preferred response. Any deductions shall be agreed upon by the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee may do a mock interview to demonstrate

for the Scouts the preferred response and any deductions. The mock interview will consist of different questions but will be similar in content.

3. The Selection Committee shall determine eligibility requirements are met by interviewing each candidate. The Committee shall allow up to 5 minutes for the each Scout. The interview shall take place at a normal troop meeting or neutral location and time decided upon by all involved. The interview process shall be ordered and scored as follows:

a. Each Scout shall greet and introduce themselves to the Selection Committee

(Handshake, Smile, Eye Contact) ... up to 10 pts

b. Each Scout shall answer 2 Interview Questions ... up to 10 pts each

a. Questions will be for new scouts "Why do you feel you deserve to go to Mackinaw?"

b. Question will be for returning scouts "What does MISSC mean to you?"

C. Each scout will be asked a question on directions (10 Points)

a. How do I get to Mies Park from St. Michael parking lot? (or similar question to not isolate scouts that do not live near St. Michaels) The direction question is more aimed on how specific the scout is on delivering directions and not meant to be a geography question.

D. Uniform Inspection per BSA Guidelines (Up to 10 points)

a. Chart attached

E. Rank Advancement

b. First Class ... 0 pts

c. Star Scout ... 3 pts

d. Life Scout ... 6 pts

e. Eagle Scout ... 9.0 pts

f. For serving as Troop SPL...10.0 pts

F. If a Scout had previously gone and had an unsatisfactory rating ... -5.0 pts

G. Scoutmaster Intangible (maturity, personal discipline, cooperation, age, opportunity etc.) ... 5.0 pts

4. The Selection Committee shall return each member's scoring sheet to the Scoutmaster who shall tabulate the average scores with the Selection Committee. This group shall tabulate the average scores to determine the final scoring results.

5. If two or more Scouts receive an identical score, the Scoutmaster shall enter those scouts into a lottery and pull the scouts names out to rank the scouts. The top five new scouts are not guaranteed to

attend MISSC, but will be selected based on the number of envelopes offered to Troop 271 and their rankings.

6. If MISSC Committee desires alternative scout, they can elect any scout(s) pre interview to fill as many slots as desired. These selections supersede the policy. Spots remaining after MISSC's selections then fall under the jurisdiction of the policy.

7. Policy will stand for three years at which point another committee will be chosen. The new committee will consist of the current Scoutmaster, current SPL, a first year parent without other scout in the process, an experienced MISSC scout or former scout, and general committee member without a scout in the process.

8. Any changes before the three year term will take effect one year later with the approval of subcommittee and a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the troop committee when at least 12 members are present to vote.

9. Emergency changes to the policy to take effect immediately will do so only with $\frac{4}{5}$ subcommittee vote, and $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the troop committee when at least 12 members are present to vote.

10. "Requested by MISSC Committee" means that they say they want this specific scout. The scoutmaster is allowed and encouraged to talk directly to the MISSC Committee and obtain a list of requested scouts.

11. In the event that the Assistant Scoutmaster and Committee Chair both have sons in the process, the following hierarchy will be followed to fill the spot on the committee: Quartermaster, Camping Chair, then Treasurer

12. Interviews are to determine eligibility to ensure highest caliber of scouts will be attending, it is not intended to penalize scouts. Ties are acceptable, and shall be entered into the lottery per the policy.

Boy Scout/Varsity Scout Uniform Inspection Sheet

Official Placement of Insignia

Conduct the uniform inspection with common sense; the basic rule is neatness.

Merit Badge Sash

- 5 pts. If worn, **merit badges** are attached to front (and back, if needed) of sash.
- Venture/Varsity letter** is attached at bottom front corner.
- Temporary insignia** may be worn on back.
- Notes _____

Shoulder Epaulets

- 5 pts. Green shoulder loops identify Boy Scouting (all members of a troop).
- Blaze (orange) loops identify Varsity Scouting.
- Notes _____

Right Sleeve

- 5 pts. **U.S. flag emblem** centered directly below shoulder seam. Only the most recently earned **Centennial Quality Unit Award** may be worn below patrol emblem or below the National Honor Patrol star.
- Musician badge**, if in band or drum corps, is worn ½ inch below patrol emblem.
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Left Sleeve

- 5 pts. **Council shoulder emblem**, unit numeral, and veteran unit bar are worn as shown snug up, and touching each other.
- On the official shirt, the **badge of office** is centered on the pocket, as shown. On the official uniform shirt, the **badge of office** is centered and touching the unit numeral, or centered 4 inches below the shoulder seam.
- On the shirt, the **Trained Leader emblem** is centered as shown at the top of the pocket flap. On the official uniform shirt the **veteran unit bar** (25, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, or 80 years) is positioned above and touching troop numeral and in turn touching council emblem.
- Den chief cord** is worn over the left shoulder, under epaulet.
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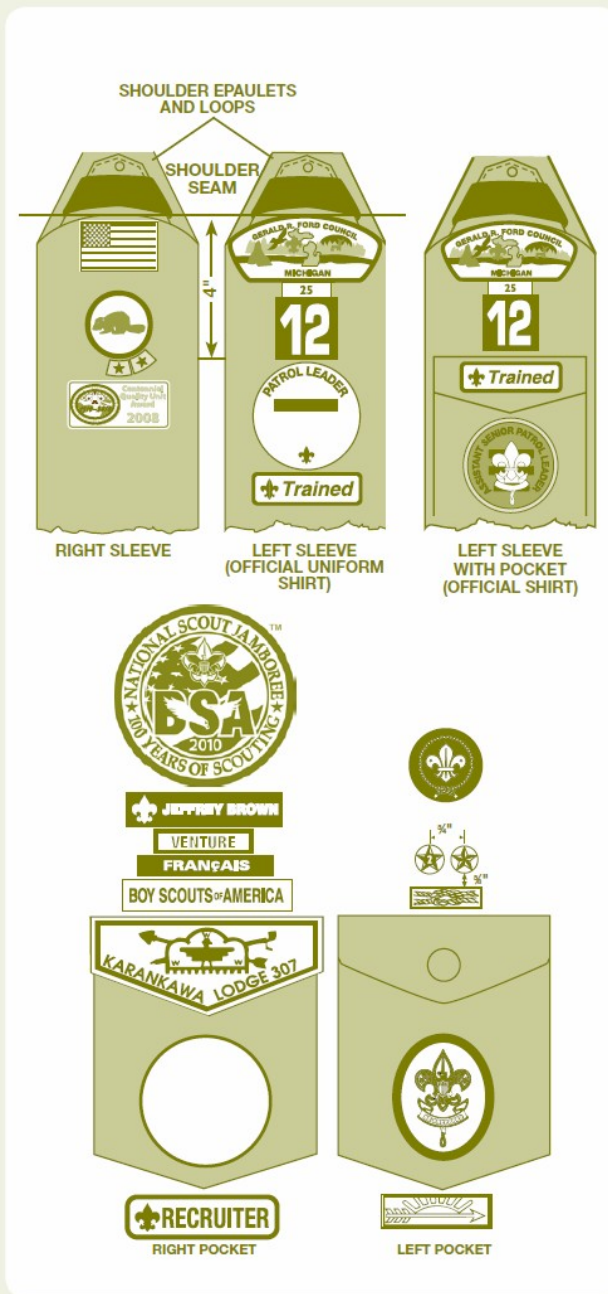
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- Order of the Arrow lodge insignia** worn on pocket flap.
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- The **Varsity or Venture strip** is worn above the BSA strip or above the interpreter strip.
- Nameplate**, if worn, is centered above the BSA strip, interpreter strip, and Venture or Varsity strip. If no Order of the Arrow lodge emblem is worn, the name plate is centered on the pocket flap.
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- 5 pts. **Service stars** are centered above the pocket, ¼ inch from top point to top point and ¼ inch from either the pocket or embroidered knots.
- Embroidered square knots** are worn centered above the pocket in rows of three.
- Not more than five medals may be worn, pinned centered immediately above the pocket (extending over knots if both are worn).
- The wearing sequence for knots or medals is at the wearer's discretion and lead color is to the wearer's right.
- Badges of rank** are worn centered on the pocket above the Arrow of Light Award, as shown.
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Total Insignia Score (transfer to other side)

30 pts.



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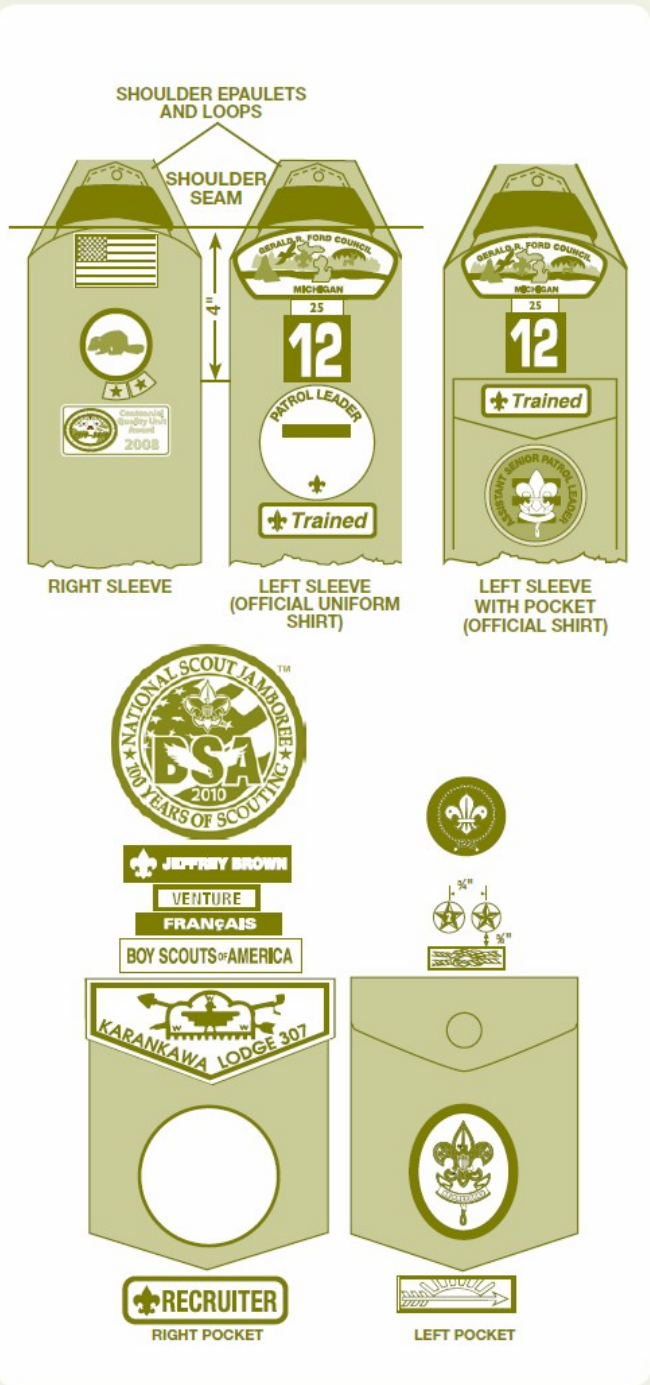
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