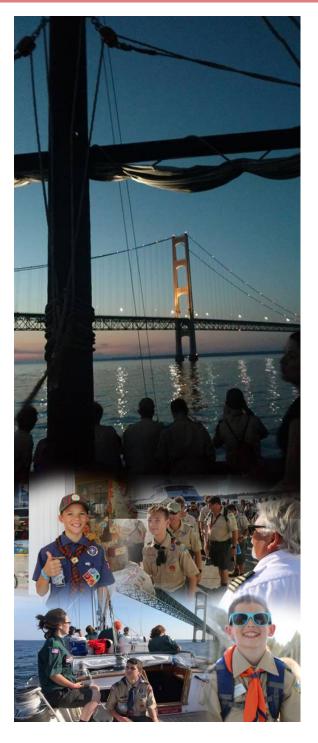
Mackinac Rendezvous XIX

Sept. 16 – 18, 2023

Island Adventure Program





Contents

We	elcor	ne to Mackinac Rendezvous XIX2				
1.	His	story of Mackinac Rendezvous4				
2.	Isla	and Adventure History & Overview5				
3.	Qu	ick Facts6				
4.	Pro	Program Highlights				
5.	Ge	neral Information				
6.	Isla	and Adventure IV Daily Schedule9				
7.	Planning Committee & Contacts 12					
8.	Fac	cilities & Safety13				
9.	Frequently Asked Questions14					
APPENDIX						
	l.	Directions to Campground 15				
	II.	A Scout is Clean!				
	III.	Friendly, Courteous, Kind16				
	IV.	Scout Uniforms17				
	V.	Suggested Packing List17				

Welcome to Mackinac Rendezvous XIX

The Michigan Crossroads Council is proud to host Mackinac Rendezvous XIX and provides this Leader's Guide to ensure you and your units have the best experience possible. *Please carefully read all the information and share with your unit families!*

The Mackinac region of Michigan is rich in American history, and Mackinac Rendezvous gives you the opportunity to visit many incredible places and experience several historical gems in the region! In addition to many traditional activities, this year's event incorporates new and expanded programing.

On behalf of MCC, the Mackinac Rendezvous XIX Planning Committee welcomes you to this premier Council event for your Scouts and Leaders!



1. History of Mackinac Rendezvous

In the summer of 1986, Scout Executive Dick Miller and the council's Activities Committee were searching for a place to hold a council fall camporee. Miller had visited Mackinac Island and suggested it as a challenging but rewarding destination. The committee agreed, and the very first Mackinac Rendezvous took place in 1987.

From the start, the idea was to run a simpler, smarter, better fall camping event. It needed to have stellar programming and be a financial success.

That inaugural year, Scouts camped at St. Ignace State Park in the Upper Peninsula. The Michigan National Guard provided manned army field kitchens to prepare all the meals for the Rendezvous.

Many Units began their journey north Friday morning because many schools were willing to excuse the Scouts based on the educational and historical value of this event.

Many Mackinac Island storefronts displayed "Welcome Boy Scouts" signs and Scouts enjoyed a grand and glorious day on the island. After the ferry ride back to St. Ignace, buses took Scouts back to camp. That evening, the Scouts marched across I-75, where traffic was stopped both ways, to Father Marquette State Park for a campfire program.

The event was such a success, participating unit leaders all but demanded a return engagement in 1989! And the biannual tradition has continued ever since.

In 2001, Mackinac Rendezvous was scheduled on Sept. 29 - two weeks after 9/11, Despite the nation's pain and angst, the Rendezvous went forward, if somewhat subdued. It was a difficult year, but everyone pulled together and made it a success.

In 2005, the National Guard was unavailable to provide meals, so units cooked for themselves in their campsites. Four years later, a new tradition was born – a catered meal on Saturday night!

Over the years, Mackinac Rendezvous moved south of the bridge with an enduring partnership with Mill Creek Campground that started in 2009. Because of many long-lasting partnerships – Star Lines ferry service, Michigan State Historic Parks, the shops of Mackinac Island, buses from Cheboygan Area Schools – Mackinac Rendezvous has become an enduring success.

As you enjoy your time at Mackinac Rendezvous, know that your experience rests on the sturdy shoulders of a long and storied history.

2. Island Adventure History & Overview

In 2017, the Island Adventure Program was added to Mackinac Rendezvous to provide a challenge for BSA Scouts and Venturers age of 14 and older. This unique high adventure program gives participants an opportunity to take part in high impact activities on and around Mackinac Island.

This year's Island Adventure IV program is limited to 75 participants! The Island Adventure is designed for youth, and they can participate by patrol, crew, or stand alone. Adults are welcome, but not required, and please keep in mind adults can't participate in the Young Eagles program, and sailing on the Retriever is only if there is space available. Island Adventure provides an up close and personal adventure of historic Mackinac Island, during which participants will spend approximately 17 hours on the Island (including plenty of free time to explore places that most visitors never see!).

This exceptional Island adventure includes flying around the Straits of Mackinac with the Young Eagles* flight program, sailing in the Straits of Mackinac on the Retriever** (42-foot ketch sailing vessel), and an exclusive bike and hike tour of Mackinac Island. Bikes are a mandatory part of this program and are your ticket to exploring the Island - please bring your own bike, helmet, and bike lock (rentals are available on the Island for \$65.00).

Island Adventure III participants will spend most of the day Friday, September 15, 2023 and all day Saturday, September 16, 2023 on Mackinac Island. The big adventure will end with a fabulous cruise under the Mackinac Bridge and an amazing Basecamp Pizza Party.

All participants must be checked in and set up in the Island Adventure Basecamp at the Mackinaw Mill Creek Campground no later than 12:00 PM on Friday, September 15, 2023. Check-in will be open from 10:00 AM until 11:30 AM for Island Adventure participants.

NOTICE: *Young Eagles flights are weather dependent. **Sailing on the Retriever is weather dependent.



3. Quick Facts

WHEN: Friday, September 15 – Sunday, September 17, 2023

Check-in on Friday is between 10:00 AM & 11:30 AM

Check-out on Sunday is AFTER the Closing Ceremony, Base Camp inspection by Staff, and official check-out with the Registration Team

WHERE: Mackinaw Mill Creek Campground, 9730 US Hwy 23, Mackinaw City

Check-in Staff with direct you to the Island Adventure IV Base Camp

COST: Regular Registration = \$150.00 through August 15st

Late Registration = \$165.00 from August 16th to August 31st

NO REGISTRATIONS AFTER THIS DATE

Register online through the events page at michiganscouting.org

PARTICIPANTS: The Island Adventure program is *limited to 75 Venturers and Scouts BSA participants, 14 years and older*. Leaders are welcome, but not required. Youth can participate as a Patrol, Crew, or standalone Scout. Adults may not participate in Young Eagles and the Retriever is subject to space available.

NOTE: This is a High Adventure program! ALL PARTICIPANTS NEED TO BE PROFICIENT AND COMFORTABLE RIDING BIKES ON MACKINAC ISLAND'S AMAZING HILLY LANDSCAPE AND TRAILS.

NOTE: Young Eagle flights are restricted to youth participants aged 14-20 (as per service provider).

NOTE: Adult participants are permitted to sail on the GLSA Retriever only if there is room after youth assignments.

FEES INCLUDE: Campsite, Ferry transportation (includes bicycle transport fee), Fort Mackinac tour, Saturday – Sunday meals (including a Friday night Hot Dog roast at 10:00 PM), Saturday night entertainment, Mackinac Rendezvous collector's patch, sailing on the Retriever (42-foot ketch sailing vessel), Straits of Mackinaw tour flight with the Young Eagles, Haunted House fun, and the Great Donut Stop!

Please bring your own bike and helmet (rentals are available on the Island for \$65.00).

QUESTIONS: macrenteam@gmail.com

LATE ARRIVAL: Contact Bruce Emaus at <u>divehi@mybrokentoes.com</u>, (H) 231-539-8707, or (C) 231-881-6406 (cell phone only during the event).

4. Program Highlights*

- Awesome Basecamp at the scenic Mackinaw Mill Creek Campground on the shores of Lake Huron, with views of the Straits of Mackinac, Mackinac Bridge, and Mackinac Island!
- The amazing Island 360 Bike Tour!
- Fort Mackinac, Fort Holmes, and historical Island building tours!
- One of a kind 314-foot selfie at Fort Holmes!
- Best bike and hike challenges found in beautiful Northern Michigan!
- Sailing with the MCC Great Lakes Sailing Adventure training vessel, "The Retriever"!
- The great "Mighty Mack" ferry cruise under the bridge!
- More time on Mackinac Island than the other Rendezvous programs!
- Fly with the Young Eagles around the Straits of Mackinac!
- The Great Porter Hanks Bike Challenge deep into Mackinac Island!
- Trading post including the Mackinac Rendezvous XIX limited edition collector's patch!
- Honored Eagle Ceremony!
- Incredible Saturday night entertainment on the Mackinac Rendezvous main event stage!

^{*}Activities subject to change.

COME JOIN THE HIGH ADVENTURE FUN!

General Information

REGISTRATION

All participants must be registered for the Mackinac Rendezvous event. Parents or guardians of a registered Scout may attend but must also be registered in Scouting and have CURRENT YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING. Additionally, Health Forms A & B will be required for ALL participants and should stay in unit leader's possession during event.

PARTICIPATION

At registration, you will receive a colored wristband that serves as your ticket/pass to this event and all the associated activities. If your wristband is damaged or lost, contact a member of the Security Team (volunteers in GOLD hats) who will connect you with the Registration Team for verification and a new wristband - A Scout is trustworthy! Admission and discounts to historical areas, campground, ferry, and Island attractions will require the display of your wrist band. This also provides a level of Youth Protection and Risk Management.

WHAT TO BRING

This is a traditional Scout camping event. Please bring a tent, mess kit, sleeping bag, camp chair and any campsite comfort items you may need. There is <u>no power available</u>, if you use some form of sleep apparatus (ex. CPAP) please plan on bringing battery power to operate. Because you will be on the Island for extended periods of time, it is recommended that you wear comfortable shoes/hiking boots and have a small day pack to carry rain/cool weather gear, personal first aid kit, flashlight, water bottle, and cell phone (for selfies at historic sites!). Individual suggested packing list is provided in Appendix V.

BIKES & ISLAND ADVENTURE

The Island 360 and Porter Hanks bike challenges are two of our great High Adventure challenges during Island Adventure III program. They require participants to have a bike and helmet. *Don't forget your bike, helmet, and <u>bike lock</u> - Bikes will be secured on the Island Friday night!* If you are unable to bring your own bike, you will need to rent one on the Island for \$65 (includes a helmet). The bike transport fee for the ferry boat is included in your program fee.

UNIFORMS

All Scouts and leaders are expected to wear an Official Boy Scouts of America Uniform during the opening & closing ceremonies and while visiting Mackinac Island or Historical Sites. *The one exception for Island Adventure participants is that a Class - B shirt may be worn during the bike and hike challenges.* Let's set a great Scouting example!

WEATHER

This is northern Michigan where it can be sunny & 70 degrees during the day and have flurries & 32 degrees at night! Wind – Rain – Snow – Hail – Sun are all possible!

Participants should carry coat or sweatshirt while on the Island – be prepared for sailing, flying, ferry boat riding, biking, and hiking in the elements!

ARRIVAL

As a courtesy to others, units will be expected to rapidly unload unit equipment and move their vehicle(s) to the designated parking areas before campsite setup begins. If you require accessibility accommodations, please notify check-in personnel.

MEALS

Meals for the Island Adventure will be provided Saturday through Sunday morning. Plan accordingly for your lunch and dinner on Friday (eat before arriving to basecamp and/or find lunch and dinner on the Island). A Hot Dog Roast and Cracker Barrel will be provided at 10:00 PM on Friday night.

MEAL	MENU	WHEN	
FRIDAY -participants will be responsible for their own meals on Friday. Friday night Basecamp Cracker Barrel: we will have hot dogs and chips	Participants choose their own place to eat on the Island Friday night. Cracker Barrel – hot dogs, chips, juice, pop at Basecamp	9:00pm – 10:00pm	
SATURDAY BREAKFAST will be in Basecamp	Egg burrito, waffles, juice Island snack bag	6:00am – 7:00am	
Saturday Lunch Food voucher & snack bag	Mustang Lounge Voucher Back door box lunch includes sandwich and drink	Noon – 2:00pm	
Saturday Dinner Will be at Basecamp	Pizza Party!	9:00pm	
Sunday Breakfast Will be at Basecamp	Pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, hot chocolate	8:00am	

NOTE: IF YOU HAVE DIETARY RESTRICTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT PROGRAM CHAIR BRUCE EMAUS AT divehi@mybrokentoes.com or 231.539.8707

Island Adventure IV Daily Schedule

NOTE: Sailing & Flying times are not included below and will be split between Friday and Saturday. Specific Crew schedules will be provided at the event.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15							
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Check-in, Basecamp Set-up, Bike Loading						
1:30 PM	Bike trail ride to Star Line Ferry Dock						
2:00 PM	Ferry to Island						
3:00 – 4:00 PM	Island 360 Begins						
6:00 – 8:30 PM	Island free time, dinner, explore historic downtown						
8:30 PM	Rally for return ferry to Mackinaw City and Basecamp						
10:00 PM	Hot Dog Roast, Cracker Barrel, Crew Assignments & Schedules, Cannon Firing Drawing						
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16							
5:45 – 6:45 AM	Breakfast						
7:00 AM	Shuttle to Star Line Ferry Dock						
8:00 AM	The Great Donut Stop						
8:15 AM	Opening Flags at Island Museum						
8:30 AM	Island Adventure Challenges Begin						
5:00 PM	Rally for return to Basecamp, cruise under the Mackinaw Bridge						
7:30 PM	The Great Basecamp Pizza Party						
8:00 PM	 Midway & Council Activities, Displays Climbing Tower Entertainment - Main Event Stage Honored Eagle Ceremony 						
10:00 PM	Quiet Time						
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBE	ER 17						
9:00 AM	Closing Ceremony						

All participants will sail on the Great Lakes Sailing Adventure's 42' ketch "Retriever." This is a wonderful highlight of Island Adventure IV.

GLSA ITINIARY MACKINAC RENDEZVOUS XVIII ISLAND ADVENTURE

FROM-TO	DEPART	ARRIVE	
Mackinaw City dock	2:00pm Friday	4:00pm Friday	
to Island	September 17, 2021	September 17, 2021	
Mackinaw Island dock	9:00am Saturday	11:00am Saturday	
From-To	September 18, 2021 September 18, 2		
Mackinaw Island dock	11:30am Saturday	1:30pm Saturday	
From-To	September 18, 2021	September 18, 2021	
CREW	LUNCH **	1:30PM-2:30PM	
Mackinaw Island dock	2:30pm Saturday	4:30 pm Saturday	
From-To	September 18, 2021	September 18, 2021	
Mackinaw Island dock	5:00pm Saturday	7:00pm Saturday	
To Mackinaw City	September 18, 2021 September 18, 20		
dock			

Are you up to the challenge? How many historic sites can you find on beautiful Mackinac Island?

PORTER HANKS TRAIL	Eagle Point Cave	Sugarloaf Rock	Arch Rock	British Landing Cannon	Walter the Turtle Wawashkamo Golf Course
Fort Holmes	Friendship Altar	PHIL HART'S Grave @ St. Anne's cemetery	Scott's Stone Rd	Skull Cave	Dwightwood Spring
Cave of the Woods	Crack in the island	Four Corners	Scouts Greeny Grove	Wawashkamo Historical Marker	Mackinac Island Airport sign
Statue of Liberty	Benjamin Blacksmith Shop	Father Marquette	Annes' tablet	Scout Barracks	St. Anne's Church
Devils Kitchen	Post Cemetery (1/2staff)	Lost Bear Trail	CannonBall Inn	Upper Deck of Star Line FERRY	Katamaran Rooster Tail Star line Ferry
Point Lookout	Soldiers Garden Trail	Henry Trail	British Landing Dock	1780 McGulpin House	Morning Snack Trail

1. Planning Committee & Contacts

Russ Kolski – Committee Chair – rkolski@mi-chn.com

Sue Fiebig – Registration Chair – camp4fun@gmail.com

Rick VanGrouw – Marketing Chair – rvangrouw@gmail.com

Travis Babcock – **Program Chair** – <u>trbabcock1@gmail.com</u>

Bruce Emaus – Island Adventure Program Chair – <u>divehi@mybrokentoes.com</u>

Scott France – Trading Post Chair – scott.france@sbcglobal.net

Jason Kiste – Physical Arrangements Chair – strider19_2001@yahoo.com

Tyler Brownell – **Safety & Security** – <u>tyler.brownell@gmail.com</u>

Jason Kelley – First Aid – ffchewy@comcast.net

Dan Pratt – **Professional Staff Advisor** – daniel.pratt@scouting.org

Send General Event Questions to macrenteam @gmail.com

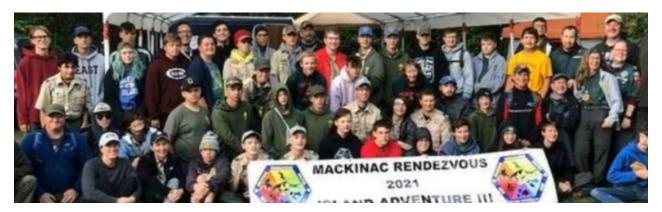
Mackinaw Mill Creek Campground: 231-436-5584 or office@campmackinaw.com

Mackinaw City Police/Emergency: 231-436-7861 or 911

MACKINAC ISLAND EMERGENCIES: In case of medical emergencies, call 911 or go to the Mackinac Island Medical Center, 7474 Market Street, phone number 906-847-3382. Please report any incidents to Medical Officer Shannon Faas at 616.862.9173 or Program Chair Bruce Emaus at 231-881-6406.

2. Facilities & Safety

We have streamlined our "Gate to Campsite" check-in procedure! Upon entry, each vehicle will receive a **color-coded card** to be displayed on the dash and will include a **time limit to have your vehicle in the campsite**. Once the time limit has expired, the vehicle **must be moved to the main parking area**.



FLYING WITH THE YOUNG EAGLES:

There will be two sessions with the Young Eagles – Friday afternoon from 4 PM to 6 PM and Saturday morning from 9 AM to 11 AM. All youth who choose to take a flight over the Straits of Mackinac with the Young Eagles <u>must have THREE forms signed by parent or guardian</u> - BSA High Adventure Form, EAA Young Eagles Waiver Form, and Young Eagles Registration Form – All of these (and other Island Adventure Forms) may be found at:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Ua8hflFS5NQoOQUzLhlFTBQD3hoGxxfv

CREW CONTROL:

Participants of the Island Adventure Program will be assigned an adult advisor at the Friday night cracker barrel. Each crew is a team and is to stay together during the transportation to and from the island, during island free time, and during the island adventure challenges. Your crew advisor is responsible for the safety and conduct of its scouts and scout leaders. The buddy system must be followed while on the island.



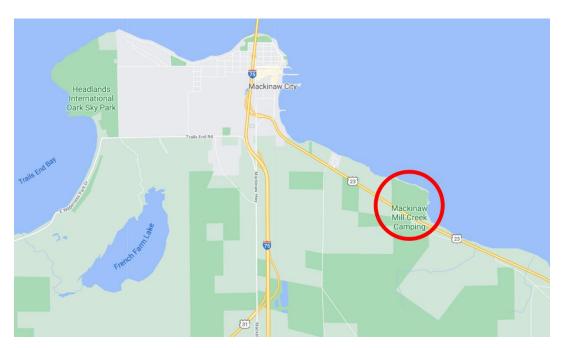
3. Frequently Asked Questions

- Do all adult participants need to be registered in Scouts BSA?
 - Yes, and have current Youth Protection Training.
- What can we do to speed up check in?
 - Follow the "Gate to Campsite" check-in procedure:
 - 1) One week before Rendezvous, email your final unit roster information to our Registration Chair, Sue Fiebig, at camp4fun@gmail.com.
 - 2) Attend the online orientation meeting in August.
 - 3) Follow the "Gate to Campsite" vehicle unloading instructions, which you will receive via email upon receipt of your final unit roster.
 - 4) **Relax** it will be a great weekend!
- Are individual Health History Forms required?
 - Yes, <u>BSA Health Forms A & B</u> for both youth and adult participants are required. Health history forms must be in the possession of a unit leader during the event (we recommend having them in a three-ring binder for ease of organization and transport).
- Are Scout uniforms required?
 - Yes. Uniforms are required for opening & closing ceremonies and while visiting Mackinac Island or Historical Sites – Please have the shirts buttoned!
- What plans are in place for lost Scouts or "missing the boat?"
 - Well, neither will happen if we all follow the security procedures and use some good Scouting common sense! Tell your Scouts that: 1) All security team members will be wearing gold colored security hats and are available to help, 2) use the Buddy System, and 3) follow the color group schedule!
- When can we get our vehicles and depart on Sunday morning?
 - You may get your vehicles and depart only after 1) the Rendezvous closing ceremony has concluded and 2) your campsite is cleaned, inspected, and you have officially checked-out with the Registration Team (having received your exit packet with event patches).
- What if my question wasn't listed here?
 - No worries! Send your question to macrenteam@gmail.com or ask a staff member during the event!

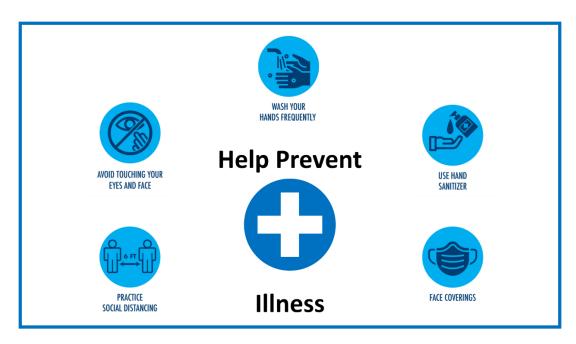
APPENDIX

I. Directions to Campground

Coming north or south on I-75? Just follow the signs to US 23 South and go 2 1/2 miles south of Mackinaw City on US Hwy 23. Don't worry, there are plenty of campground signs along the way!



II. A Scout is Clean!



III. Friendly, Courteous, Kind....

Our goal is to make Mackinac Rendezvous accessible to all participants! If you anticipate any accessibility issues or need assistance, please contact macrenteam@gmail.com with the subject line "Accessibility Assistance."



General Disability Etiquette:

- Don't make assumptions about what an individual with a disability may or may not need
- Always ask before offering assistance and wait for your offer to be accepted before trying to help
- Don't touch an individual with a disability without permission
- Be considerate of the extra time a person with a disability may require
- Communicate naturally with your language and expressions

SERVICE DOG MANNERS

Do

- Treat the dog as if it were invisible
- Speak to the handler first
- Ask permission before interacting with the dog
- Give the dog and handler the right of way
- Know that service dogs are medical devices <u>and</u> wellloved family members who enjoy their jobs

Don't

- Touch the dog
- Talk to or try to get the dog's attention
- Stare at the dog or handler
- Offer food to the dog
- Ask personal questions about the handler's disability
- Be offended if the handler doesn't wish to chat about their dog

Under the ADA, a service animal is defined as a dog that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability. The task(s) performed by the dog must be directly related to the person's disability.

IV. Scout Uniforms

Mackinac Rendezvous participants are encouraged to wear a complete Class-A

Scout Uniform. A full Scout uniform makes us all look like a part of the same team and creates a good first impression in the community. As a symbol of the values Scouting upholds, the uniform also serves to remind scouts to live up to those values – A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

Essential Class - A Uniform Components:

- 1. Official Scout Shirt
- 2. Official Scout Pants or Shorts
- 3. Belt
- 4. Scout Socks (when wearing shorts)



V. Suggested Packing List

SUGGESTED PACKING LIST:

- · Class-A Scout Uniform
- At least two changes of clothes consider shorts & long pants and short & long sleeves
- · Coat / jacket
- · Rain gear
- · Undergarments, socks, pajamas
- · Comfortable shoes / hiking boots
- · Gloves & hat
- Sunscreen
- · Water bottle
- Daypack
- Toiletries
- Tent & ground cloth
- Sleeping bag & pad
- Medicine
- Flashlight / headlamp
- Camera
- · Spending money

It may be summer but it's also northern Michigan, mornings and evenings can be cold!

