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THE GREAT TURTLE



The Great Turtle Interest Project will help you to learn about the current state of Mackinac Island and will help you to draw connections between the past and present. You will gain a better understanding of an assortment of topics that will be of interests to the tourists you are serving.

Requirements:

To earn an Interest Project Patch, complete at least seven (7) activities: **2 Skill Builders, 1 Technology, 1 Service, 1 Career Exploration, and 2 Additional Activities from any category.** Your finished project must be complete and should reflect your best work. It will be returned to you if these standards are not met and you will be asked to revise and resubmit your badge work for consideration. (Please staple your completed work to this form.)

<u>SKILL BUILDERS</u>	Activity #1 Completed:		Date/Advisor:	
	Activity #2 Completed:		Date/Advisor:	

1. Create a map of the key tourist spots. Remember to have both forts, the downtown houses, the Governor's House, Grand Hotel, both Butterfly houses, Visitor's Center, etc. Remember to include street names.
2. The beautiful Grand Hotel was 100 years old in 1987. Write a brief report on the "Grand" and include the following information. Who built the hotel? Who are the current owners? How many rooms does it currently have and what are the rates? What is the background on its famous porch? Have a photo taken of yourself at the Grand Hotel and take a tour if possible.
3. Everywhere you go on the Island, you hear the clip-clop of horse's hooves. There are many breeds of horses. What kinds are used on the Island? What breed is used for what task? Why? How many horses are there on the Island? Do they stay there all winter? If not, where do they go and how do they get there?
4. On Mackinac Island, residents and visitors depend on horses, bicycles, and their feet for transportation, although a few motorized vehicles are allowed. Find out what year motorized vehicles were banned from Mackinac Island and why. How many motorized vehicles are allowed on the Island? What are these vehicles and what are they used for?
5. Fudge is a huge part of Mackinac Island's tourist industry. There are 5 main fudge shops where you can buy almost any flavor of fudge you can imagine. What are the different shops? What is the average price of one pound of regular fudge? Visit at least 3 different fudge shops and compare the price of one pound of fudge. Watch fudge being made (they are making it ALL the time) and describe the process with as much detail as you can.
6. Name three annual events that draw visitors to Mackinac Island. Write a brief description of each.
7. One of our duties is to act as Honor Guard for the Governor of the State of Michigan. The Governor's Summer Residence is open for tours from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays only. Visit the Governor's Summer Residence. Have a photo taken of yourself in front of the residence. Write a brief description of its history. Tell who is our present Governor. How many Honor Scouts are needed to conduct the tours?
8. Name three different tourist attractions (other than Fort Mackinac) offered on Mackinac Island. What age group do each of these tourist attractions target? How do they contribute to the preservation of Mackinac Island's history, and how do they play a role in modern Mackinac Island life?

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<u>TECHNOLOGY</u>	Activity Completed: _____	Date: _____	Advisor: _____
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1. During a weapons demonstration, the soldiers explain the advances in technology that resulted in the next stage of weapons. Compare the two weapons in technology.
2. Visit <http://www.epodunk.com/cgi-bin/genInfo.php?locIndex=21949>. You will find a city profile of Mackinac Island.
 - a. What is the total population of Mackinac Island?
 - b. What is the median household income of Mackinac Island residents?
 - c. Examine the crime rate in Mackinac County. What are the top three crimes committed, and how many of each were committed?
3. Mackinac Island was presented with a problem. They try to maintain a historical atmosphere, but tourists also demand the comforts of the twentieth century. Think in terms of local hotels and the downtown shopping district and determine what features have been added for tourist comfort and convenience? What forms of technology have they utilized or integrated into Fort Mackinac to make it more "visitor friendly." Please explain at least three forms.

<u>SERVICE</u>	Activity Completed: _____	Date: _____	Advisor: _____
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1. Volunteer to do a milk run (going to town for ice, milk, etc.)
2. Tourism is huge on Mackinac Island, and tourists like to have pictures to remember their trip to the Island. Track how many pictures you take for tourists over your week of service. Each day, tally how many pictures you have taken, and submit your tally sheet once you have taken 200 or more pictures. (You may keep the tally sheet over multiple years.)
3. With a buddy, clean some of the often-used trails. Clear away garbage, sticks and anything else that does not belong there. Ask an Advisor to check the job, and ask her to sign your documentation sheet verifying that you completed the task.
4. Volunteer to sweep the stairs (all of them!) behind Indian Dormitory to help preserve a clean environment. Ask an Advisor to check the job, and ask her to sign your documentation sheet verifying that you completed the task.

<u>CAREER EXPLORATION</u>	Activity Completed: _____	Date: _____	Advisor: _____
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1. Someday all of us will be older and no longer able to be an MIHS "Girl" Scout, but might still want to be 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 to 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 in 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?

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DOCUMENTATION FOR ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES COMPLETED (IF ANY)

Category	Activity Completed	Advisor Review	
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