

Adult Rededication Ceremony

Speaker: "I have something for the girls of Savannah and the nation, and we are starting tonight!" In these words, full of promise, Juliette Low called the first Girl Scout meeting in the United States of America. Today, we assemble to renew the promises that we make to girls, that we make of ourselves. Let us join together to reaffirm our beliefs.

All: "We, the members of the Girls Scouts of the United States of America, united by a belief in God and acceptance of the Girl Scout Promise and Law, do dedicated ourselves to the purpose of inspiring girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism, and service that they may become happy and resourceful citizens."

Speaker: All of us, in whatever role we choose, have committed ourselves to leadership - with girls or for girls. May we use this opportunity to rededicate ourselves to the service of youth who will guide the world in the years to come.

1. Grant us the joy and satisfaction in Girl Scout leadership and give us the imagination to see the world through the eyes of the girls we lead.
2. Grant us the vision of what these girls we lead may become.
3. Give us the wisdom and patience to guide the very young in the path of simple goodness according to the Promise.
4. Bless us with the imagination to open the doors of adventure and high daring to the young Girl Scouts so their lives may be touched with color and beauty, with creativity, friendship and the love of people.
5. Make us generous in sharing this happiness so that all girls may find a warm welcome in troops.
6. Help us bind them together with strong ties of love and understanding, with fun and activity and accomplishments, so they will return to us year after year.
7. When they reach the age of Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts, grant that we may stand beside them and help them to realize the high ideals of faith and hope for the future.
8. Grant that we may nurture in them awareness of the brotherhood of man and the challenge of the adult world before them.
9. Do not let them fall away, but rather increase in number, for these are their most significant years.
10. And give us the deep joy that comes from unselfish service for those who come after us, that, through our efforts in Girl Scouting, the world may be better for our having lived upon it.

"We are part of a continuum - past, present, and future - from Juliette Low to the 21st century, dedicated to the development of Girls." (1)
Let us remember that we are part of that continuum of commitment that has given and will continue to give leadership and vision to our Girl Scout movement.

(1) Remarks from the opening address of Mary Louise Peterson, National Board Member, at the 1987 National Convention.

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