



Investiture and Rededications For Adults

Legend of the Trefoil

Tonight we invest these women into Girl Scouting.

The Girl Scout Pin is in the form of a trefoil, which is the sign of the North as pictured by the mariner's compass. It is said to have originated in China over 4,000 years ago. It was a directing sign and so became the guide for men of courage who ventured into unknown places of the earth. Through the ages, the trefoil directed men in their travels and explorations, and so became the emblem of direction and conquest.

True to its meaning, it has today become the emblem of Girl Scouting; leading girls, not to the conquest of lands, but to the conquest of one's self.

The three leaves, like the three fingers of the Girl Scout sign, refer to the three parts of the Girl Scout Promise. The center leaf signifies service to God, the one on the right, service to country and mankind and the one on the left, the commitment of keeping the Girl Scout Law.

Girl Scouts are known by their deeds, and the Girl Scout trefoil pin identifies us with a great organization dedicated to those things that are good and true.

All adults respond by saying:

This Trefoil represents a sacred trust, for in my hands are placed the lives of other women's daughters that I might mold and guide them into young women of courage, confidence, and character.

Being a leader gives me a chance to serve the world - my chance to make the world a better place and lead others to carry on after I am gone.

I have a chance to help each scout develop awareness of her unique potential, and to learn to relate to others with increasing understanding, skill and respect.

I have a chance to do my best to help these young girls develop values to give meaning and direction to their lives.

I promise to teach my girls to use their talents and skills to contribute to the betterment of society through my own example.