

“What makes a Girl Scout?”

A Ceremony for Girls

Props: A real person or an outline of a person (can be made with a chalk line, a rope, branches, rocks, or drawn on a large sheet of paper) a star or hat with star or light bulb, a heart, two hands (can be cut out of paper or use gloves), two feet (can be cut out of paper or use hiking boots), two branches or burdens or a real backpack for the shoulders.

Moderator: You see before you a Girl Scout. We will add qualities that can make her an "ideal" scout.

1st Person: *(Places star on the head or a star cap or light bulb)* A Girl Scout has an open mind to new ideas and encourages others to be the same. She is able to adapt to changes, and has a love for new knowledge and skills. She makes decisions that benefit her troop, family and community and considers the feelings of others.

2nd Person: *(Places burden on the right and left shoulder or gives her a backpack to put over her shoulders)* A Girl Scout has strong shoulders to support any burden that is placed on her. She responds to friends' needs, no matter how trivial they may seem, by offering comfort and reassurance. She is a role model for others, a mirror in which other girls can see themselves as a person of strength and confidence.

3rd Person: *(Places heart in the proper place)* A Girl Scout has an understanding heart filled with love and compassion. This love and compassion extends not only to humanity, but also to plants, animals and the whole environment. A Girl Scout shows others the importance of being loyal and offering forgiveness to all.

4th Person: *(Places hands (gloves) on the ends of the right and left arms)* A Girl Scout offers helping hands to all in need. She reaches out to others in friendship; always giving a positive example, dedicated to giving service to the community and being a sister to all around her.

5th Person: *(Places feet or boots in the proper place)* A Girl Scout has an adventurous spirit that will lead her along new paths in life leading to wider horizons and higher ideals.

Moderator: May we all aspire to this example of an ideal Girl Scout, trying, to the best of our ability, to learn responsibility for our words and actions; self reliance to stand up for things we know are right; to serve others in the community; to develop our leadership skills; to encourage democratic principles; and to constantly seek new challenges so that we can be the best person we can be.