

## Appreciation Poems for SU Meetings



### THANK YOU

For every step taken on a wet and rocky trail,  
For every reminder note you didn't forget to mail.  
For every skinned knee you attended,  
For every broken heart you mended.  
For every burnt camping meal you ate,  
For every late parent on which you had to wait.  
For every tearful disappointment you heard,  
For every time you could've...but didn't say a word.  
For every ounce of laughter to a little girl you brought,  
For every midnight giggle your tired ears have caught!  
For every tear you've shed as they've grown up through the years.  
For every one of your Girl Scouts, now full of confidence, not fears.  
For every song you've sung,  
For every song you'll sing...  
Thank you...Girl Scout leader...simply put...for everything!!!

### BECAUSE YOU SAID YES. . .

- . . . a young girl will feel the pride of being someone special as she carefully puts on her uniform for the very first time
  - . . . a girl can move to a new town and have "instant friendships" with girls she might never have met
  - . . . parents will experience that special pride when they listen to their daughter say the Girl Scout Promise for the first time
  - . . . bright eyes will become a little brighter with excitement as the kindling finally catches on the first campfire
  - . . . nervous giggles will emit from tents as girls try to fall asleep their first night of camp
  - . . . the community, and the world will be richer because a girl has learned the importance of caring for her environment, and the warm feeling that comes from giving service to someone less fortunate than herself
  - . . . a parent will find a gold trefoil carefully tucked away in a drawer as their daughter packs to leave home for her first adventures as a young adult
  - . . . a young women will contact Girl Scouts one day and say, "I had so much fun when I was a Girl Scout, I'd like to try being a leader"
- AND THE CIRCLE WILL CONTINUE . . . BECAUSE YOU SAID 'YES'



## VALUABLE VOLUNTEER



V-aluable is the work you do.  
O-utstanding is how you always come through.  
L-oyal, sincere and full of good cheer,  
U-ntiring in your efforts throughout the year....  
N-otable are the contributions you make.  
T-rustworthy in every project you take.  
E-ager to reach your every goal.  
E-ffective in the way you fulfill your role.  
R-eady with a smile like a shining star,  
S-pecial and wonderful—that's what you are.

## THE TIME YOU HAVE SPENT

The time you have spent as a volunteer,  
Be it half a lifetime or just a year.  
Will have its effect on such far reaching ways,  
It can never be measured in hours or days.  
But we want to say thank you for doing your part,  
For giving your hand and giving your heart.  
Thanks for the smiles when you wanted to weep,  
For the camping trips when you couldn't sleep.  
For car pools and nosebags and sit upons,  
For lighting the way to the outdoor johns.  
For running and phoning and meeting and waiting,  
For hiking and swimming and rollerskating.  
But thanks more than ever for years yet to come,  
When someone remembers the job that you've done.  
And memories brighten a young womens face,  
In some other time and some other place.



## GIRL SCOUT LEADER A-Z

- (A)ccepts you as you are
- (B)elieves in "you"
- (C)alls you just to say "Hi"
- (D)oesn't give up on you
- (E)nvvisions the whole of you (even the unfinished parts)
- (F)orgives your mistakes
- (G)ives unconditionally
- (H)elps you
- (I)nvites you over
- (J)ust wants to "be" with you
- (K)eeps you close at heart
- (L)oves you for who you are
- (M)akes a difference in your life
- (N)ever judges
- (O)ffers support
- (P)icks you up
- (Q)uiets your fears
- (R)aises your spirits
- (S)ays nice things about you
- (T)ells you the truth when you need to hear it
- (U)nderstands you
- (V)alues you
- (W)alks beside you
- (X)-plains thing you don't understand
- (Y)ells when you won't listen, and
- (Z)aps you back to reality



## BECAUSE THE GIRL

Because the girl has a need, We have an obligation.  
Because the girl has a choice, We must be her better choice.  
Because the girl has high expectations, We must excel.  
Because the girl wants to explore, We must be her guide.  
Because the girl wants to belong, We must open our arms.  
Because the girl is searching for direction, We must be her compass  
Because the girl encounters times of turmoil, We must be her safe haven.  
Because the girl is tomorrow's woman, We must care today.  
Because of the girl... We exist.



## GIRL SCOUT LEADER'S PROMISE

I will do my best to be:

Honest about my girls' abilities and fair to their talents

Friendly and helpful because my girls deserve the best

Considerate and caring even when things don't work out

Courageous and strong because my girls need me

And responsible for what I say and do because others are depending on me



And to:

Respect myself and others, after all, I am a Girl Scout Leader

Respect authority, even the girls

Use resources wisely by not wasting the potential in each girl I work with

Make this world a better place by sharing my best, and not sharing when necessary

And be a sister to every Girl Scout and care for each Girl Scout as family.

## EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW, I LEARNED FROM BEING A GIRL SCOUT LEADER

1. Green is always an appropriate fashion statement.
2. There is no such thing as trash, only future craft supplies.
3. Sleeping under the stars is invigorating to the soul.
4. You can survive in the wilderness with a flashlight and a pocketknife.
5. Girl Scout cookies have no fat and no calories.
6. Walk softly and carry a copy of *Safetywise*.
7. Always travel with a buddy.
8. Don't cry over spilled paint and don't sweat the small stuff.
9. Girls like to be seen and heard.
10. No song is too silly to sing and nobody sings off key.
11. Working on a team is much easier than working alone.
12. Plans gone awry can lead to the very best times.
13. Responsibility, opportunity, hard work and success are all related.
14. Girls really can rub two sticks together to make a fire.
15. You can learn something from the tiniest Girl Scout.
16. Good friends are like silver and gold.
17. There is no substitute for advance preparation.
18. There is no such thing as failure, only a change in plans.
19. You are never too old to try new things.
20. Leadership is a two way street.
21. Sharing knowledge is truly a path to immortality.
22. Never let petty politics keep you from your mission.
23. Patience really is a virtue.
24. If a Girl Scout Leader can't do it, nobody can.
25. A girl's smile is worth a thousand words.
26. If they are leading or succeeding, they probably were a Girl Scout.



## WHO KNEW

Your decision to become a Girl Scout Leader,  
didn't come without Strings Attached.  
Who knew you would be tying daisy tunics or shoes,  
Or bandaging up their occasional black and blues.  
Who knew you would be tying up Brownie Braids,  
So their hair didn't blow in their Fireman's Parade.  
Who knew you would be tying up Junior Patches,  
Those pre-teen years of pleading matches.  
Who knew you would be tying up Cadette made quilts,  
To help them earn their Silver Award from the plan they "built".  
Who knew you would be tying up a Seniors Journey,  
Who now may be ready to be a firewoman, mechanic or attorney.  
Those little girls in blues, browns, greens and tans,  
are the little girls who held your hands.  
So thank you Leaders for all you've done,  
and know that each knot you've tied will never come undone!



## GIRL SCOUTING

I wear the pin of a Girl Scout; I try to live the Law.  
I have often said the Promise, when life held only flaws.  
But it's not the pin nor the Promise, nor just the Law I live  
That causes me to love this Scouting - It's the feeling Scouting can give.  
You have to live it to know it: When the sun has sunk down low  
You must sing with other Girl Scouts, around the campfire's glow.  
You must plan a cookout with them, and have it spoiled by the rain,  
You must sing instead of crying, and make the plans again.  
You should hike for many a mile, under a clear blue sky.  
Then sleep in the open country, and watch the stars go by.  
There are no words to express it, it can't be told in song.  
You just must experience it; it will not take you long.  
It is brought out when you are singing, as loud as you can sing.  
And again in the peaceful silence, when a flag is taking wing.  
Then when you salute Old Glory, you know that you belong,  
And Taps cannot end this feeling, after the day is gone.  
You will want to meet tomorrow, in hope that you can live  
To pass on some of this feeling, only Scouting can give.  
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That cause me to love Girls Scouting - it's the feeling Scouting can give.