

Girl Scout Tree Promise

Honor a Tree

Sample Ceremony Script



Girl Scouts care about the environment and promise to use resources wisely and make the world a better place.

The Girl Scout Tree Promise, a national service project, is a bold environmental and conversation initiative led by girls, volunteers, and supporters. In the past year, thousands of Girl Scouts have done their part for the planet. TOGETHER, Girl Scouts have planted over 44,666 trees around the world, including in all 50 states—and we're just getting started. Today we pause to honor a tree.



Take a moment to think about why you are thankful for trees. Trees have tree-mendous benefits! They absorb heat, capture air pollution, help cooling costs, absorb carbon dioxide, provide food sources, provide shelter for wildlife, help improve mental health, help prevent soil erosion, and beautify space.

Native Americans have been expressing their gratitude for nature — specifically trees — for centuries. The Cherokee call trees the Standing People. A Tree symbolizes permanence and longevity, and its firm base symbolizes the concept of 'roots' and an ongoing relationship with natural surroundings.

As Girl Scouts, we care about nature and the outdoors. So, let us join hands and take a moment of silence to breathe in the fresh air and be thankful for the natural world, and the trees that surround us.

Optional: Sing Green Trees or 'Neath These Tall Green Trees and/or recite the Tree Promise

Green Trees

*Green trees around us
Blue skies above
Friends all around us
Their hearts filled with love
Taps sounding softly
Hearts beating true
As Girl Scouts say
Good night to you.*

'Neath These Tall Green Trees

*'Neath these tall green trees we stand
Asking blessings from thy hand
Thanks we give to thee above
For thy health and strength and love.*

The Tree Promise

*I promise to be a friend to every tree,
just like they're a friend to me .
I will plant and protect them through and
through,
with the help of my loyal Girl Scout crew.
Besides being beautiful, there's more to see;
for climate change, they hold a key .
They fill our lungs with cleaner air;
it's our responsibility to care .
That's why I'll advocate for every tree.
Because I need them, and they need me!*

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