

## **"The Book of Trees" Scout's Own**

Reader: Those of us who are here tonight are fortunate enough to have come in contact with the organization which believes in making a "friend in need, a friend indeed." Let us all imagine that we are in a great forest. The clearing through which all Girl Scouts must enter is our ethical code. All who enter must make the Girl Scout Promise. But once inside, we find many paths - all leading to a way of life on which we can build a wholesome future. In Girl Scouting, we are able to help all our girls take this trail.

**Girl 1:** Reading from the Book of Trees:

**Girl 2:** I am the Oak Tree - As sturdy and long-lived as I, so is a Girl Scout's honor.

**Girl 3:** I am the Holly Tree - Constantly green and holding tight to my leaves as a Girl Scout is ever loyal.

**Girl 4:** I am a Birch Tree - With my bark and my wood, I am useful and help others as every Girl Scout does.

**Girl 5:** I am a Linden Tree - My heart shaped leaves are like the hearts of Girl Scouts who are friends to all and sisters to each other.

**Girl 6:** I am the Aspen Tree - My leaves softly whisper "Courtesy is Thoughtfulness" as every Girl Scout knows.

**Girl 7:** I am the Elm Tree - Sheltering the little folk of the woods in my gracious branches and roots, I am a friend to all animals, just as every Girl Scout.

**Girl 8:** I am the Poplar Tree - Tall and straight as a soldier who obeys orders, so does every Girl Scout.

**Girl 9:** I am the Maple Tree - Brightening the spring, my leaves gay in the fall, I am as cheerful as a Girl Scout.

**Girl 10:** I am a Hickory Tree - Tough of wood, I keep my nuts stored in strong, tight cases, just as a Girl Scout is thrifty.

**Girl 11:** I am the Dogwood Tree - In the spring, I stand clean and beautiful in the face, as does a Girl Scout, clean in thought, word and deed, so stands in beauty.

**All:** (The Conservation Pledge) I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully defend from waste the natural resources of my country - it's soil and minerals, it's forests, waters and wildlife.

**All:** Sing "This Land is Your Land"