

Girl Scout Sunday Speech 2013
Woodlawn United Methodist Church

There are so many things that I have learned through Girl Scouting. It would take me years to recount all the memorable experiences I've had, and considering the fact that I don't have that many years on me, that's saying something. Being a Girl Scout was always something that was a little uncommon, and grown to be even more so as I have aged. I have had the experiences and opportunities that many of my friends have not. Whether it was going to day camp, learning a new skill, or volunteering with the community, my friends would always say "Wow - what a cool thing to do!"

As I and the members of my troop have aged, our numbers have dwindled. We were losing girls to school clubs, sports, and yes, the ominous boys; but that never dampened the great times that we always seemed to be having. Sticking with Girl Scouts has probably been one of the best decisions I have made, and I couldn't be more proud of what I have accomplished with Girl Scouting. I could never have done it without the help and perseverance of some of the most wonderful people I know.

Everyone I have met through the Girl Scouts has wished nothing but the best for me and whatever I was working on. And I am of the firm belief that Girl Scout leaders have a level of patience that is unheard of in the rest of the human race. Whether it was trying to plan many a camping trip, or trying to get those crazy kids to quit goofing around and go to sleep while on these trips; they never lose their patience.

Some of the people that I admire and look up to most in my life I have met through my involvement with the Girl Scouts. No other organization offers the benefits and memories that I have gotten through Girl Scouting, and I would not be who I am today without it. Girl Scouting teaches everything a child should learn: honesty, respect, integrity, perseverance, but in such a way that those principles remain with them for the rest of their lives.

And I believe that involving your child, in Girl Scouts is one of the very best things you can do for them, and from the standpoint of a girl that's been through it, they'll thank you for it too. Considering everything I have experienced through Girl Scouting, I am amazed that more kids don't immediately rush to join their local Girl or Boy Scout troop. And standing here before you today, I can honestly say that I am proud to be a Girl Scout.



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