

A GIRL SCOUT FIRE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Setting: #1 girl kneels by a dead fire, discouraged, unable to make the fire burn. A group of Girl Scouts enter. #1 girl looks up...

- #1 Girl "I am trying to build the fire of my life. I have searched for the right pieces but I cannot put them together."
- #2 Girl [puts 3 sticks in an "A" shape for the fire]
"Honesty, cleanliness, cheerfulness - these are the real foundation of a fire's heart. They should all work together. Let us help you start."
[Other 12 Girl Scouts enter. Parts can be added or dropped to fit the number of participants]
- #3 Girl "I put on the foundation without which no fire can burn - the foundation of an open mind which is ready to learn, a heart ready to give, and a body strong that it may act."
[She puts tinder together, adds it to the fire and returns to her place]
- #4 Girl "I put on loyalty. No one can live alone. Only working together do we succeed."
#5 Girl "I put on service. Sharing our privileges with others makes us worthy of them."
#6 Girl "I put on friendship. By being comrades with those we meet we spread happiness."
- #7 Girl "I put on courtesy. By putting ourselves in another's place we learn what is best to give."
- #8 Girl "I put on kindness. Animals and birds have much to teach us if we will be their friends."
- #9 Girl "I put on obedience. Learning how to follow can teach us how to lead."
#10 Girl "I put on cheerfulness. By making ourselves glad we can spread sunshine."
#11 Girl "I put on thriftiness. By planning wisely, we may save for ourselves and others."
#12 Girl "I put on cleanliness. By our thoughts, our words, and our deeds, our lives are guided."
- #13 Girl "I will bind them all together with preparedness. By learning to do small things well, we will be ready to accomplish greater things later on."
- #14 Girl [holding a lighted candle or torch]
"Only by weaving all of these together can we make our fires burn. To our fire, I add the Spirit of Girl Scouting which binds the Girl Scouts and Girl Guides of the world together and gives us all a light to follow."
[Girl #14 lights the fire and everyone can repeat the Girl Scout law.]