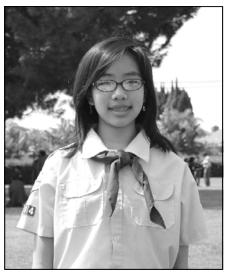
My First Day

I remember the day when I first joined Girl Scouts. I was in the fourth grade. Everything at the park seemed strange to me, from the endless orders just to get in a straight line to holding hands and singing in a huge circle. I did not like scouting at first. What was the point to go to some park and sing more songs when you have a warm comfortable bed and a T.V. full of car-



toons waiting at home, anyways? But my mom still made me go.

The Junior leaders were Tr. Nhan and Tr. Hue. They were both very open to me, and I felt really c o m f o r t a b l e around them. Tr. Nhan al-

ways thought of fun arts & crafts for us to do and skits for us to perform. Tr. Hue is always soft with us, she never raises her voice no matter how annoying we got. Earning the Bronze Award was tough, but Tr. Nhan and Tr. Hue still guided me along the way.

Today, I am a Cadette Girl Scout who is working hard to achieve her Silver Award. Thank you, Tr. Nhan and Tr. Hue for your generous help. And thank you, Mom, for making me go to scouts every weekend when I tried to hide under the warm sheets. With the help of the three of you, I now realize the reason why scouting is there for me: to help me become a better person by helping others in need.

> Trini Nguyen Nữ Thiếu Đoàn Âu Cơ

My Best Friend

My name is Caroline and I have been in Girl Scouts for 4 years. I have made many new friends through my years. Through my experiences, I have become a better person. I learned to survive in the wilderness better, be brave, and be strong, especially in the toughest times. I have become more helpful, respectful, and less shy. I will never forget scouts because it is the best thing I have ever joined. I LOVE SCOUTS!

I met my best friend in the whole wide world in Truong Son. Her name is Trini Nguyen. She is the MOST fun, funny, embarrassing, weird, not-so-smart, scary, freaky, annoving, crazy, boy-crazy, and nicest friend I have ever had!!! That's why I like her. I will never forget all the fun times we had in the past and the even more fun times we will have in the future. I know that she will always be there for me when I get in trouble because she is the one that gets me in trouble. I know that I can always act completely stupid with her and that I can tell her anything because she is awesome. I also know that without girl scouts I would have never met this crazy friend.

> Caroline Trịnh Nữ Thiếu Đoàn Âu Cơ

