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Julia Ngo

Hi, my name is Julia, and this is my first year in Scouts. I'm not really sure how I was convinced to join, but I'm really glad I did. It's been really fun and all of the Scouts were extremely welcoming. I've met some really awesome people and already I've learned useful things for everyday life. My inspiration for joining Scouts is the greatest bro in the world, Phoebe Levan!!!



Rosa Nguyen

I would like to think that Scouting has changed me into someone better. It's not true though. It's not the act of Scouting that has changed me, but it's the people in it. My friends and my Truongs (Leaders) have all taught me to be the best me that I can be and I will be forever in debt. I cannot count how many times Truong James has given us a pep talk before the big games, just to pump us up. I cannot fathom into words how motivated I feel when Truong Quan,

Truong John and Truong Justin mentor me to be a better board member and to be a better Rosa. It's nearly impossible to list out all of the times I have gone to my closest friends in Scouts and found solace in their company. There were numerous times when I wasn't at my best at meetings or at camps, and 99.98% of the time, someone is there to give me a big hug and tell me to shake it off and do better next time!

Scouts takes up a lot of free time that I could spend reading or writing, but it's definitely worth it. Planning meetings becomes my favorite part of the week. Attending meetings makes the end of the week even more exciting. Hanging out with my friends is always something to look forward to as well. My first

bridging camp was really a struggle to fit in. Coming from a small school, I didn't know anyone and Vannessa brought me under her wing and made me feel so welcome that I can't send her enough love to make up for the love that she gave me.

Over the years, as I get older and my friends get older, life can get in the way. College can lead people to other cities and states. Lack of interest may become an issue and even simple things like busy schedules can prevent people from attending Scouts regularly. I can't predict the future and how it will go, but I know that I'm going to stay in Scouting as long as I can. Even if I take a break for college or for some other reason, Scouting will always take up a large part of my heart and devotion.

I'm still the same book-obsessed Rosa in sixth grade. Now I just have a pinch of dashes and dots, a better sense of direction, knowledge of intricately tied ropes and a wonderfully phenomenal sense of sarcasm.



Show Time at TT10

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Susan Le

Unlike other Scouts, I did not join LD Truong Son as a young brownie or even a junior. I began my journey in Scouts at the start of seventh grade. At first, I really did not like Scouts because my seventh grade brain just could not wrap around the fact that one day I would call these strangers my family. At my very first meeting, being considerably tall for my age, my mom walked me to the Cadettes' table and I was devastated to see that my height made me stick out like a sore thumb. After brushing over the fact that I was a head taller than many of these girls, I was pleasantly surprised to see many cheery faces come up to me and introduce themselves. I still remember the first time I slept over with Scout

friends - the Mall Lock-In. At this event, I was exposed to numerous Girl Scouts from all around Orange County and had a nice time getting to know many of the Truong Son Cadettes. This event was especially memorable for me, because it was the first time I had received less than 5 hours of sleep! (Which nowadays, as a 10th grade student, is probably the norm.) My dad picked me up that morning from the Mall Lock-In and even he was surprised to see that after having only received 3 hours of sleep, I was still jabbering about the exciting things I did that night! Steadily, I became familiar with the basic rundown of Scout skills as a Cadette, but I was never extremely passionate in learning any of the skills.

My enthusiasm for learning Scout skills did not show up until I bridged up to Thanh. As a Cadette, I never thought that I would find a place where I fit in or belonged in Thanh. The thought of just bridging up into Thanh terrified me to the point where I was extremely dependent on my close circle of friends from

Cadettes. Eventually the time came where I had to cross that bridge of ropes and sticks, leaving behind the Susan that cared so much about fitting in with the crowd. Bridging up to Thanh, although I had to say goodbye to about half of the girls that made up my close circle of friends in Cadettes, encouraged me to find myself. After the first 3 months or so of speculating whether or not the older Thanh were judging my every single action, I decided it was pointless to even attend Scouts anymore if I was to continue with this ridiculous mindset. From there, I was able to meet new people in Thanh as

well as find my interest and competitiveness in various Scouts skills. I attended amazing camps, including Area 4 Venturing Camp and Thang Tien 10, which gave me memories that would last a lifetime. With the guidance and support from my leaders and friends in Cadettes and Thanh, and the encouragement from my family to join Scouts in the first place, I am happy to say that Scouts has made a tremendous impact on my life.



Our Crew at TT10



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Vivian Ha

Scouting has been a huge part of my life. I have been in Girl Scouts for over 13 years. I started as a Daisy in Lien Doan Truong Son. Both my parents and brothers were in Scouts so that is why



I started at a very young age. I remember my very first meeting. I was about 4 years old and the first thing I learned in Girl Scouts was how to braid. After that first meeting, I hated waking up at 9 AM on Saturday mornings. My parents would drag me out to meetings but I would always find myself leaving the park with a



smile on my face

One of my favorite scout memories was Thang Tien VIII (8), my very first Thang Tien. I went with my family and my best friend Tiffany Tieu. Tiffany and I always tell other people this story and it truly is my favorite memory of our friendship. Tiffany and I spent a lot of time playing at the big pond. The pond had lots

of fish we would always watch them swim around. One hot day, we decided to go fishing with our bare hands. We held clear cups and used our hands to hold them down at the bottom of the pond. We waited for the fishes to go in the cup then we scooped them up! We always threw them back in, but it was really fun for us at that age. Now that we're older, that's the story that we tell everyone when we talk about our times in Girl Scouts. Tiffany became my best friend ever since.

Another memory that I loved was my first year in Thanh Doan

Bac Dau. When I was in Brownies, I always admired and looked up to the Thanh. I thought they were super cool and I couldn't wait to be in Thanh. In my first year of Thanh, we spent a lot of time practicing and preparing for Lien Ket. We had weekly trainings and practices for our skit. During these practices, I bonded and became so close to my Scout friends.

The support we gave each other in the games made me feel like I could depend on every single member in our Thanh Doan.



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We won third place in the skits and first place in the big games.

The feeling of winning with my favorite group of people was the best feeling in the world. My Scout family was so close and I loved it. It was Truong James's first year as Thanh Doan Truong and I think he was a huge reason why Thanh became so close. He was like our dad who always put his Thanh kids first. He gave us the support and energy we all needed. He was a big reason why I loved my first year in Thanh.

Scouts will always play a huge part of my life. The knowledge I gained and the life lessons that I learned molded me in to the person I am today. I'm so glad and grateful for my parents for forcing me go to Saturday morning meetings because it has changed my life. I grew up with my scout family and I've made friendships that I will keep for the rest of my life. I know that no matter where life takes us, I will always have my scout family to lean on.



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Anh Thy Nguyen

I remember starting Girl Scouts in third grade. It was a smooth start for me, and I enjoyed coming. Now, I am a freshman in high school, which means I have been in Scouts for six years. I still enjoy coming to Scouts, and I feel myself growing and learning more each week. I am learning not only more about life skills but also more about my strengths and weaknesses. Scouting has also helped me with my communication skills, which will help me in the future. I guess I can say that Scouting has changed me into the person I am now

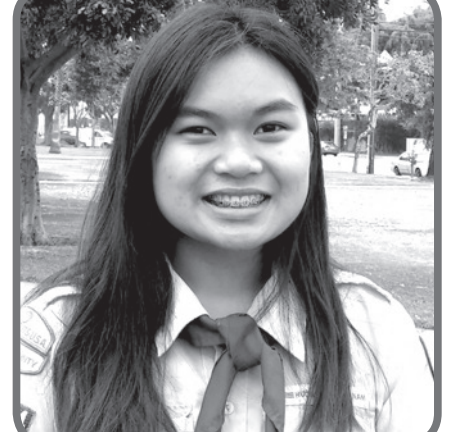


Christine Vu

Why Scouting is Dank!!!

My experience in Scouting has been wonderful! I have learned to work well in a team and be courteous of others. When I took part in the officer team, it taught me how to consider all details when planning events and find creative ways to plan and keep a team together.

***As we grow old,
we remember
all the times we
had together. (Vitamin C –
Graduation)***



Kaitlyn Danlinhton

Hi my name is Kaitlyn Danlinhton, and I'm 15. In 2012 I joined Scouts. I first joined because my dad made me go and I was fairly hesitant. After awhile I developed friendships with people and learned skills I had never thought I would. I have made lasting memories at every event, every meeting, every sleepover I've attended. That hesitation I had when I first joined has completely disappeared. I'm really happy about the impact Scouting has made on my life.



***Truong Son Girl Scouts (Seniors,
Cadettes, Juniors and Brownies)
at Chào Cờ Đầu Năm***



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Vivian Pham

Hello! My name is Vivian Pham. I'm 16. One of my favorite memories was TT10. We were able to bond with Scouts from all over the world, including, Australia, Canada, Washington, and many more. We played games in mixed teams, and we even took some adorable pictures together. Ever since I joined Scouts as a Cadette, being in Scouts has been not just a pleasure but an honor. I've learned so many things that I never thought I could ever learn. Because of Scouts, I've met so many amazing people who have helped me through my tough times, and I can never get bored of them.



Kelly Vu

March 25, 2015

Tr. James really made a big impact on my staying in Scouts. I first joined Scouts in November of 2013. When I first stepped into the park, I was greeted by many people I consider my friends and family today. I felt welcomed, and for once I felt like I belonged. I didn't think about getting involved as much, but when the first event that I went to (Empty Graveyard in Anaheim) came around, I knew I wanted to do more while being given this great opportunity to

be in Lien Doan Truong Son. Throughout my short time in Scouts, I made many memories and friends. I mean, who would've thought I'd run for Historian! My goal was to be able to capture the many memories we had in a year. And that is why I wanted to be Historian. At one point in my life, things were not going very well. But I came to meeting and Tr. Xuan Huong told us, "Time is the best medicine." I still remember what she said to this day. I keep those words dearest to my heart. It's helped me a lot throughout the difficult times.

Scouts has taught me many things, and that's why I love going to meeting. Not only because my best friends are there, but also because I learn something new every time. I have a lot of pride when I put on my uniform. I feel important. The only downside is that I have not obtained my neckerchief yet! Kelly, I hope 5 years from now when you are reading this, you have gotten your neckerchief!



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Phoebe LeVan

Hi! My name is Phoebe LeVan and I'm 15 years old. I have currently been in Scouts for about 7 years now. Although my first two years were not with Lien Doan Truong Son, I can honestly say my five years here has changed my life for the better. Truong Son has made me a better person, friend, and leader. Scouting has made me become the person I am today. Through Scouts, I have made many friends that I could count on and with them came great memories. One of my most memorable experiences in Scouts was my first bridging camp. This

was where I started to bond with my fellow Scouts. I was still new at the time so this camp really sealed the deal for me. Another memorable experience for me was TT10. At this camp I really got to bond with my crew and some of the Thieu. Although Scouts has made me the person I am today, one person made me the Scout I am today. That person is Nancy Dinh. Strangely enough I have never talked to her before. Now you may be asking how can someone be an inspiration if you don't even know who she is? Well it was really what I heard about her. She was the first female Crew President and I thought that was the coolest thing ever. When I heard that I thought she must have been the best Girl Scout ever and I wanted to be just like her. From that point on I strived to be the best Scout I could be.

My new goal is to be a Scout leader one day. In all being a Scout has shaped me into a person I want to be. This is my family and I don't know where I would be without it.



Vina Ton

My Eight Years in LDTS

Hello my name is Vina Ton. I am 15 and have been in Liên Đoàn Hướng Đạo Trường Sơn for eight years. I am now a senior in Thanh Đoàn Bắc Đẩu. I remember the day when I first joined as a brownie. After my first day, I fell in love with Scouts. I live about forty-five minutes away from the park, but that never stopped me from coming to the meetings. Throughout these eight years I learned many new skills, done a lot



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of community service, earned my Bronze and Silver Awards, and went to many camps. Over the years, I have made many memories. The most memorable camp I have been too was TT10. TT10 was the first camp I went to since I bridged up to Thanh. This camp allowed me to bond and become closer with the other Thanh in my crew. During this camp, I also got two bug bites on the opposite side of my ankle. The two bug bites swelled up my ankle and I was not allowed to play any camp games. Even though I was not able to meet new Scouts from different liên đoàn, I become closer with the Scouts from ours.

I would like to thank Liên Đoàn Trường Sơn for creating such beautiful memories that I will never forget.



Andrea Thuy-Linh Tieu

My Gold Award

Having been in Huong Dao for ten years, it's hard to pinpoint what my happiest experience may have been. However, my most rewarding experience has definitely been completing my Gold Award, which I did in 2013. For my Gold Award project, I implemented and executed an art history program for disadvantaged students at the Boys and Girls Club in Santa Ana. For two weeks, and with the help of

my peers, I taught about different art movements, then provided materials for students aged 8-12 to create pieces that both reflected these styles and showcased their own creativity. It was so fun to be able to work with such an intelligent and eager cohort. In only the span of two weeks, I witnessed a transformation in nearly every student, who, at the beginning of the program, were all reluctant to make art, and by the end, relished the opportunity to express their creativity and share their ideas and projects with me. Being a part of Truong Son shaped the person I have become. I met some of my closest friends and role models here, and they have all helped me become a better leader in all aspects of my life.

The skills I learned from my project have been invaluable in my involvements and leadership roles today, and I know they will continue to help me with whatever I decide to do in the future.

