

Truong Son has always been a second family to me. Growing up, I was surrounded by brothers and sisters everywhere and raised by a village of adults who guided and loved me like my parents do. It has been a while since I've made it out to a Saturday morning meeting but Scouting and the Scouting spirit still remain a huge part of my life. The leadership skills and confidence that I gained through Scouting have gotten me to where I am today. The girls whom I had sleepovers with every weekend when we were in middle school are still some of my best friends, even as we are all about to graduate from college. The boys that I grew up with, playing games with at Bridging Camp are like brothers to me, even if we live miles away from each other. And the adults who raised me and pushed me to be a better Scout always greet me with open arms and so much love when I come home a few times a year.

To my Mom and Dad: Thank you for pushing me to join Scouting. It has been one of the best experiences of my life.

To Vannie, James, Anthony, Chris, Thai, Nancy, and Victor: I love you all and am so lucky to be your friend for all of these years. Like it or not, we are taking over Truong Son some day.

To Tr. Long and Tr. Xuan Huong: Thank you for always teaching me new things and for the unwavering support and happiness.

To Tr. Lan: Thank you for always pushing me to be a better leader. I have not forgotten my promise to come back to Truong Son and be a Scout leader someday.

To Truong Son: They say it takes a village to raise a child and I am so lucky to have you all in my life. You all are the reason I am who I am today.

