

To my dear Cadettes,

Some of the parents asked that why most of my emails were sent out so late at night. “You must stay up late?” Yes, that is right. It is hours passed midnight by now and it is the time for me to think of Troop 4194, the time for me to plan for meetings and activities, and it is the time for me to think of each of you.

The word “leader” often makes people think about teaching, coaching, guiding, etc, but to me, it is about learning as well. I have learned a lot from my Cadettes. Throughout the years, you have given me time to improve my attainability and patience, to realize how unique each individual young lady could be, offered me chances to share my thoughts, and most of all, to have fun with each other is what keeps me getting through this life.

At the sleepover, when we were all surrounding by the bonfire at the court yard, you took turn to “interview” my “personal life”. It always makes me smile when thinking about that. And I promised that I will share mine with you some day. So here we go, when I was in my late teen, I volunteered to work with youth, and little girls were always the center of my attention. They are endless “questioners” yet could be the most sensitive creature! In college, part of my majors was specialized in children psychology. I met the man of my life in my adolescence year and wished to have daughters when we get married. Thank God, we got what we wished for, plus a bonus.

Not that I do not like “little guys”, who would not love their level of energy, enthusiasm, and creativity, but girls seem fascinating to me; their logical minds develop faster than their physique and they can multitask just like Windows while boys appear as Macintosh.

My family joined Lien Doan Truong Son when our baby was old enough to be a Tiger Cub. At first, I only helped out with events and transportation. We went to TT9 with Tr. Lan. After coming back from TT9, I offered to help Tr. Lan as I have learned that we share the same interest, Cadette Girl Scouts. And that leads to tonight, I am writing this to you when it is almost dawn outside, moonlight starts fading and birds are about to greet the sun with their morning songs.

Cadettes love spending time outdoor, camping, socializing, etc. Of course, we would not join Scouting if we were not interested in these. Time seems to shift by as the wind when we have fun together, especially when both Tr. Lan and Tr. Van were with us. Despite the unpredictable weather or distanced location, there was always happy ending and lots of memories rise when we were with Mother Nature.

I adore each of the children who has been through my life, even when it was just a day, a week, or years, especially my dear Cadettes. Some of you are now in College or about to graduate soon, while some of you are in your pre-teen years; you sure have a special place in my heart. During the busy work week, having to deal with sometimes too much at work, you are the reason why I look forward to Saturday mornings.

Life goes on with changing; everything comes to an end sooner or later. My life for sure will be much different without you, my “đàn Thien Nga”. I wish you all the best for your bright future, and remember to always live by the GS Laws and Promise. Thank you all for giving me a chance to be part of your Saturday mornings. Thanks to the parents who trust me enough to share their daughters. Thanks to all of my fellow leaders.

With love,
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