

# Nine Characteristics of Girl Scout Volunteers

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First, Girl Scout volunteers care. They care about each other, they care about other people, they care about their families. Not just plain old "care," but sincere, deep-down, bottom-of-the-heart kind of care. They care about people who have less than they do. They care about people who have more. They care about their council, they care about the national organization. They care about the youth of the world and, of course, most especially, they care about girls.

Next, all of the Girl Scout volunteers I've met are committed. They have a deep sense of commitment to the purpose of Girl Scouting. They believe in what they are doing. They have made personal commitments to help our country's young women. They support the Girl Scout promise and law, and live them both in their daily lives.

Girl Scout volunteers work hard. Whatever you say about Girl Scout volunteer work, you can't say it's easy. It's hard work. That's okay because Girl Scout volunteers are busy active people, full of energy and enthusiasm. They work hard and they enjoy it. And they get a lot done.

Successful Girl Scout volunteers enjoy life and they share that joy with the people around them. They're happy people. They smile a lot. They like to sing.

Girl Scout volunteers are understanding. They are open to the ideas of others, and take the time to listen. They are skillful in perceiving the needs of others, and react with sensitivity to those needs. They understand the need for compromise and mutual support.

Girl Scout volunteers are generous. Generous with their time, generous with their talents, generous with their treasures.

Girl Scout volunteers have a sense of humor. They have fun and can laugh at themselves.

Girl Scout volunteers are confident. They are positive thinkers. They are persons who know we can succeed and convince others of that.

Finally, Girl Scout volunteers have faith, they believe. They have faith in themselves, faith in the Girl Scout Movement, and what we're trying to do. They have faith in others, especially in little girls. They have faith in their council, faith in their community, faith in God.

Girl Scout volunteers are special, very special. Not everyone can be one. Some try and don't succeed. But those who do are special, some of the most special people in the world. People just like you.