

## What is a Girl Scout Leader?

Somewhere between the strictness of a parent and the comradeship of a pal is that mysterious creature we call a Girl Scout leader. These leaders come in all shapes and sizes and may be male or female. But they all have one thing in common, a glorious twinkle in their eyes.

Girl Scout leaders are found everywhere: on field trips and camp outs, at square dances and contests. They are always preparing for, sitting through, participating in, or recuperating from a meeting of some kind. They are tireless consumers of cookies, experts on threading needles, and peerless leaders of songs and games. They have telephones stuck in their ears, a jar of glue at their fingertips, ashes in their hair, and blisters on their feet.

A Girl Scout leader is many things: an artist making a display for an event, a nurse patching up a skinned knee, a counselor at camp, a lawyer filling out reports, and shoulder to cry on when a project just doesn't work.

Nobody else is so early to rise and so late home at night. Nobody else has so much fun with such a large family of girls.

We sometimes forget them, but we can't do without them. They receive no salary, but we can never repay them.

They are angels in green and saints in sleeping bags. Their only reward is the love of the kids and the respect of the community. But when they look around them at the skills they've taught and the young people they've helped, there's an inner voice that says, "Well done!"