25 ways to tell your Girl Scout Leader thanks

Girl Scout Leader’s Day, April 22, honors all the volunteers who work as leaders and mentors in partnership with girls. Girls, their families and communities should find a special way to thank their adult Girl Scout volunteers.

Here is a list of 25 ways you can tell your own Girl Scout Leader “thank you”:

1. Send a card.
2. Have a surprise party.
3. Fill out a troop memory book with each girl’s picture, favorite memories, etc.
4. Make a booklet of thank you pictures.
5. Make a plaque.
6. Call and say, “thanks!”
7. Give a plant.
8. Send flowers.
10. Write a letter to a newspaper in praise of him/her.
12. Give a magazine subscription.
13. Ask your school for display space to recognize all your leaders and troops.
14. Have a picnic.
15. Come up with some of your own Troop Program Ideas to suggest!
17. Write a poem.
18. Write a song.
19. Make an audio or videotape of all the girls singing and/or each one saying “thank you” in her own special way.
20. Send a special delivery of balloons.
21. Put a sign outside his/her door that says, “Our leader lives here. Thank you, (fill in name)!”
22. Trace each girl’s hand and reproduce it with applique, liquid embroidery or fabric crayons on an apron or sweatshirt or tote bag.
23. Decorate a mess kit just for him/her with cheap nail polish in various shades or with permanent markers.
24. Compose a recipe book with contributions from all the girls in their own words and pictures-and give it to him/her with samples.
25. Get creative and come up with your own idea to honor your leader!

Brownie Smile Song
I’ve got something in my pocket,
It belongs across my face.

I keep it very close at hand,
In a most convenient place.

I’m sure you couldn’t guess it,
If you guessed a long, long while.

So I’ll take it out and put it on,
It’s a great big Brownie Smile!
April is National Poetry Month and May 12 is Limerick Day. Celebrate both by learning to write your own Girl Scout poem!

What is a limerick?
Limericks are one of the most fun and well-known poetic forms. No one knows for sure where the name “limerick” comes from, but most people assume it is related to the county of Limerick in Ireland.

The reason limericks are so much fun is because they are short, rhyming, funny and have a bouncy rhythm that makes them easy to memorize. You can write your own limericks in just a few easy steps.

The Rules of Limericks
Limericks, like all poetic forms, have a set of rules that you need to follow:

- They are five lines long
- Lines 1, 2 and 5 rhyme with one another
- Lines 3 and 4 rhyme with each other
- They have a distinctive rhythm
- They are usually funny

Rhyming a Limerick
The rhyme scheme of a limerick is known as “AABBA.” This is because the last words in lines 1, 2 and 5 rhyme. Those are the “A’s” in the rhyme scheme. The “B’s” are the last words of lines 3 and 4. Here’s an example:

There once was a Brownie Girl Scout Whose cookie booth always sold out With boxes customers fled Taking piles of Shortbread Cause she said they taste better than trout

Celebrate Limerick Day
Notice that the words, “scout,” “out” and “trout” all rhyme. Those are the “A” words in the “AABBA” rhyme scheme. Also notice that “fled” and “Shortbread” rhyme. Those are the “B” words in the rhyme scheme.

Limerick Rhythm
Now let’s take a look at the rhythm of the limerick. It goes by the complicated name “anapaestic,” but you don’t need to worry about that. What you should notice when you read or recite a limerick is that the first two lines and the last line have three “beats” in them, while the third and fourth lines have two “beats.” In other words, the rhythm of a limerick looks like this:

da DUM da DUM da DUM da DUM
da DUM
da DUM da DUM da DUM
da DUM da DUM da DUM da DUM

The rhythm doesn’t have to exactly match this, but it needs to be close enough that it sounds the same when you read it. For example, using the limerick about the Brownie Girl Scout, if we emphasize the beats, it reads like this:

there ONCE was a BROWnie girl SCOUT whose COOKIE booth ALWAYS sold OUT with BOXES customers FLED taking PILES of shortBREAD Cause she SAID they taste BETTER than TROUT

Limerick Tricks
There are two more things that you will notice when you read limericks:

- The first line usually ends with a person’s first name or the name of a place.
- The last line is usually funny.

Supplies:
- Clothspins
- Snack size ziplock bags
- Googly eyes
- Pipe cleaners
- Glue
- Paint, glitter glue, puffy paint
- Snacks (Goldfish crackers, dried fruit, cereal, grapes, trail mix, blueberries, etc.)

Directions:
1. For each bag, decorate one side of a clothespin with either paint, puffy paint or glitter glue. Glue two small googly eyes near the gripping end of the clothespin and let the glue dry.
2. Put your snack into a snack-size bag until it’s a little over half full. Seal the bag, cinch the middle with your fingers and clip it with the clothespin.
3. Fold down the tips of a six-inch length of pipe cleaner, then bend the entire piece in half. Clip the pipe cleaner in the clothespin.

These adorable butterflies are a cute way to celebrate spring, and they can be a craft project and snack all in one!

Once you make the butterflies, reuse them each week at troop meetings. The snack possibilities are endless.

Butterfly Snacks
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