

ASHES - A GIRL SCOUT TRADITION

Legend has it, Lord Baden-Powell would always take a small amount of ashes from the campfire and spread these ashes into the next campfire. . . the main purpose of these ashes is to bring to all scouts the international aspect of the world brotherhood of Scouting.

“WE CARRY OUR FRIENDSHIPS WITH US IN THESE ASHES FROM OTHER CAMPFIRES WITH COMRADES IN OTHER LANDS. MAY THE JOINING OF THE PAST FIRES WITH THE LEAPING FLAMES OF THIS CAMPFIRE, SYMBOLIZE ONCE MORE THE UNBROKEN CHAIN THAT BINDS SCOUTS AND GUIDES OF ALL NATIONS TOGETHER.

WITH THE GREETINGS FROM OUR SISTERS AROUND THE WORLD, I WILL ADD THESE ASHES, AND THE FELLOWSHIP THEREIN, TO OUR CAMPFIRE.

WILL ANYONE WITH CAMPFIRE ASHES PLEASE COME FORWARD AND JOIN ME.

THE ASHES I SPREAD INTO THIS CAMPFIRE CARRY MEMORIES OF PAST CAMPFIRES DATING BACK TO CHILDHOOD MEMORIES -- OF A CAMPFIRE LONG AGO - I CHARGE THESE MEMORIES TO YOU AND YOUR FUTURE CAMPFIRES.”