

Ash Necklace

Legend has it that 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 and Scouters the International aspect of the world brotherhood and sisterhood of Scouting.

Ashes taken from a campfire are sprinkled into the flames of the next campfire. The next morning when the ashes are cold, they are stirred and each Girl Scout/Girl Guide takes some with her to mix with her next campfire. If more than one Girl Scout/Girl Guide brings ashes to the campfire, the lists are combined, the dates and places of all campfires are recorded and passed on.

As Girl Scouts/Girl Guides travel, the ashes circle the globe. It is a tradition that only those actually present at the campfire can receive the ashes. You can add these ashes to any Girl Scout Campfire you attend.

Following is the meaning of the beads on the necklace.

One side of the necklace has colored beads according to where the fires took place.

CAMP BEAD:

Red	Service Unit or Adventure Camp
Orange	Day Camp or All Day Hike
Yellow	Resident Camp
Green	Lodge Camp
Blue	Troop Camping
Purple	Lock-in
Brown	Primitive
Special	Training (Certification)

The other side of the necklace has colored beads according to the weather when the fires took place.

WEATHER BEAD:

White	32 degrees or below, Snow
Silver	Cloudy
Black	Rain
Sky Blue	Clear, Sunny
Frost Blue	Warm sunny day, cold night
Turquoise	Hot and humid
Hot Pink	100 degrees or above

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 greetings from our brothers and 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.