

Dear Trees,

You are awesome! You do so much for me. I couldn't live without you.

First, you make books. I *love* books. Every day I read and read. Without you, I wouldn't have books to read and learn from. You also make oxygen and clean air for me to breathe.

I use your dead wood to make fires. It warms me up on a winter day as I sit by the fire in our home. And, I can roast marshmallows in a fire—yum! I also use your wood to build things. This summer, my grandpa helped me make a box out of three different types of wood from you. I keep my most special treasures in there.

You are very fun to climb! I can see far in the forest if I climb high enough. I also am grateful you provide shelter to animals. You are so pretty, and you make the world much prettier. I love hiking and seeing all of the beautiful trees in the mountains and forests.

I'll help you have room for new growth by clearing out dead trees when we gather firewood. This will also help you by decreasing fire danger. I won't do anything to hurt the forest, like carving into trees or chopping down living trees for firewood. I will be sure to douse my campfires so we don't start forest fires.

Thank you for all you do for us! I'll do my best to protect you!

Sincerely,
A Tree Lover