



# Celebrate Gold

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## Naturalists' H2O Education

Emily Nitz was a Girl Scout for 13 years as a member of Troop 292 in Service Unit 678. She recently graduated from Olathe South High School and in the fall will be attending Fort Hays State University pursuing a major in Nursing.

Water pollution is an environmental concern that impacts our daily lives as humans who need water to survive. In order to spread awareness and education about water pollution and how to reduce pollution in her community, Emily created an educational presentation for juniors and seniors at her high school.

As an action step for students who participated in her lesson, Emily gave them instructions to build a water filter from disposable and recyclable materials that commonly pollute bodies of water. Her hope is that through this educational program students from Olathe South will be better stewards of the environment.

Through Olathe South's curriculum, championed by Ms. Radakovich, a science instructor at the school, this presentation will be taught in upcoming school years, keeping the information and goals of the project alive for many years.

**“Because of Girl Scouts... I have had the opportunity to see the world. I took part in troop travel to Savannah, Georgia, and Puerto Rico, as well as council travel to Belize. I also participated in Girl Scout Destinations to Yellowstone, Costa Rica, and Panama.”**