



Celebrate Gold

Madeline Stone
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Stream Cleanup

Madeline Stone was a Girl Scout for 12 years as a member of Troop 1494 in Service Unit 638. She recently graduated from Shawnee Mission Northwest High School and plans to study abroad in Belgium for a year before entering college to study Environmental Engineering.

Madeline is passionate about protecting the planet and found a way to make change right here in her community. Working with the Earth First Club at her school, she organized a stream clean-up to remove pollution from Kansas waterways. In total her volunteers cleaned up more than 90 pounds of trash from a local stream.

Protecting our waterways is more than just about protecting the planet – it’s about protecting people. Madeline’s research found that pollution in water often makes it into the food system through the fish and wildlife that consume the trash left behind. This in turn pollutes the food supply.

Through her clean-up, Madeline has established an on-going project for the Earth First Club that will continue long after she has graduated. They also utilized social media to spread awareness on pollution and encouraged a broad audience of people to get involved in helping the planet.

“Because of Girl Scouts... I have the skills and confidence to take on large tasks.”