



## Allison Shewmaker

Independence, MO

## Blue Hills Outdoor Classroom

Allison Shewmaker has been a Girl Scout for 11 years as a member of Troop 3252 in Service Unit 618. She is currently a senior at Fort Osage High School.

For Allison's Gold Award project she renovated an outdoor classroom at Blue Hills Elementary School that had been overgrown with trees, weeds, debris and poison ivy. As a lover of the outdoors, it concerned Allison that children at Blue Hills were missing out on this vital educational opportunity. Allison contacted businesses and recruited friends, family and Girl Scout sisters to lend a hand in getting the outdoor classroom functional again.

Allison worked with Owen Lumber, Sutherlands and other businesses to procure the equipment and supplies needed to complete her project. Over the course of multiple weeks and lots of assistance, the outdoor classroom was cleaned up and functioning again. She learned that she can make a difference in this world and feel good about it. The classroom will continue to be maintained by Girl Scout Troop 1574 and Allison hopes that the troop and community will add additional elements to it.