



Grace Brunner

Overland Park, Kansas



Camp smART

Grace Brunner has been a Girl Scout for nine years as a member of Troop 312 in Service Unit 674. She is currently a freshman at the University of Kansas studying English and Pre-Law.

Grace's Gold Award project addressed the lack of creativity in students due to school's focus on standardized testing. Due to the lack of funding, students are not given many opportunities to express their creativity. Grace found that by increasing the creativity within children it will lead them into gaining more confidence in their future career. "Camp smART" teaches art skills while providing them the chance to strengthen their cognitive skills. Grace hopes the new club will help increase academic achievement in students by establishing an artistic outlet for them.

Grace worked with Avenue of Life to establish an official meeting area for the students. With the help of the school's National Art Honors Society and other members of the community the camp is set to continue on a yearly basis. Grace created a binder to pass along to future leaders of the club detailing how to support the kids as they create their artistic creations by teaching them the basic techniques.

Because of Girl Scouts... I discovered new sides of myself and found an inner perseverance when facing difficulties. Girl scouts taught me many valuable skills, from making friends, to building a campfire, to overcoming challenges.