



Bethany Conley

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Giving SPED a 4-H Spin

Bethany Conley has been a Girl Scout for 12 years and is a member of Troop 165 in Service Unit 605. She is currently a junior at Park Hill South High School.

Bethany's Gold Award project focused on kids with special needs ability to interact with other kids in their community. Her project aimed to help SPED students develop better people skills to give them confidence to get more involved in the community. "Giving SPED a 4-H Spin" lead Bethany in creating a SPIN Club allowing anyone interested in helping those with special needs to participate. These members had that chance of becoming a "Best Buddy" to any of the SPED students at her school. By creating different projects for every month, Bethany's project helps to emerge the gap between the special needs community and the public.

Bethany worked with the SPED teacher, Sarah McDaniels and 4-H leader, Laura Evans to create a binder with all of their ideas to continue the program. With the growth of participants, SPED students are able to be valued and respected in the community.

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