

## Gun Awareness

Cecilie Fowler has been a Girl Scout for 13 years and as a member of Troop 1721 in Service Unit 640. She is currently a freshman at Northwest Missouri State University.

Cecilie's Gold Award project addressed the issue of gun safety for children. Since youth gun violence is a topic that is often taboo in society, children do not always receive the education they need to be safe if they come across a gun. To combat this issue, Cecilie taught a class on gun safety to youth groups, focusing on what to do if a child comes across a gun while playing. Through this project, she hopes to decrease the number of gun injuries and deaths caused by children playing with firearms at home.

Cecilie worked with the Kansas City police department, the Jackson County sheriff and utilized materials from the NRA to create her presentation. By recording her class and making it digitally available online, Cecilie is ensuring that this information can be passed on to children around the world. Firearms in households are common and accidents involving them are almost always serious or at worst, deadly. By increasing awareness and educating children on gun safety, Cecilie is making a difference in her community and making it a safer place for families.

**Because of Girl Scouts... I learned to work with and through diverse groups of youth and adults to achieve goals, to plan and organize activities, and to communicate my thoughts effectively to large and small groups of all kinds of people.**



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