

Recycling on a Rural Community Level

Latorrie Johnson has been a Girl Scout for 12 years and is in Troop 8081 in Service Unit 820. She is currently a junior at Trenton High School.

Latorrie's Gold Award project addressed the issue of recycling education in a rural community. By increasing awareness about recycling options in Trenton, MO, Latorrie hoped to keep more trash items out of landfills. In her community, recycling practices had decreased and the problem was augmented by a new trash company that didn't offer adequate recycling solutions. She worked to combat this issue by educating the public through flyers, presenting at a local fair and providing a place for people to recycle. Providing barrels in public locations provided a central place for people to recycle, therefore reducing the amount of waste from the community.

Latorrie worked with Hope Haven Recycling, the Fair Board for her community and local supporters to collect barrels and inform the public about her project. By working with her community and figuring out how to best fit their needs, Latorrie was able to come up with an innovative solution to a growing problem. By diverting waste from landfills to recycling plants, Latorrie is doing her part to combat global warming, a world-wide issue.

Because of Girl Scouts... I have learned to be persistent, use my resources, and get out of my comfort zone. Thanks to Girl Scouts I am a better leader.



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