

Pointing to the Past: Nebo Hill Arrowheads

Riley Sutherland has been a Girl Scout for 12 years and is in Troop 1592 in Service Unit 611. She is currently a junior at Liberty North High School.

Riley's Gold Award project addressed the issue of a lack of knowledge about local history back to the early days of civilization. By educating her community about the rich Native American history that exists in Liberty, MO, she hopes to create a stronger sense of community and pride for the area. By creating an exhibit centered around arrowheads found in the area and connecting those to the timeline of human inhabitation in Liberty, she hoped to spark interest in local history within the community. The addition of the exhibit also generated interest as something new, which she hopes will get people visiting the Historical Society Museum more frequently.

Riley worked with the Clay County Historical Society Museum, KU's Department of Anthropology and Liberty North High School to create educational materials, gathering/identifying arrowheads and creating the exhibit. By providing visitors with new pieces of history to view and educational materials, she is able to put history within reach of locals! Because of Riley's project, the Liberty community has better access to its rich history and where it fits in the greater global trends of the past.

Because of Girl Scouts... I have learned how to cooperate with community members to work towards a lasting change.



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