



Miranda Wagner

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Forest of Friendship: Make it Known

Miranda Wagner has been a Girl Scout for 12 years and is in Troop 8184 in Service Unit 801. She is currently a junior at Maur Hill Mount Academy.



Miranda's Gold Award project addressed an awareness issue about a landmark in her hometown. This memorial is comprised of trees from all 50 states and several territories from around the world and is a living memorial to the world history of aviation and aerospace. This incredible memorial was not well known, even in the community, so Miranda created a fact sheet, scavenger hunt for the site and contacted local radio stations to help promote an annual event to draw awareness.

Miranda worked with the International Forest of Friendship Committee to find ways to increase awareness of the memorial. In addition to creating literature, Miranda also helped improve the grounds by replacing flowers that had died, cleared pathways and improved the garden on the site. With the support of two Senior Girl Scouts, Miranda led games with younger Girl Scouts, educating them about the site and the importance of female aviation history. Her sheets will continue to be reproduced by the visitor's center and placed in the weatherproof box Miranda created. The Committee will also maintain the flowers she planted and improvements to the garden. Her hope is that educating the public will grow organically as people visit, learn the importance of the site, and share their knowledge with others.

Because of Girl Scouts... I have learned responsibility, valuable life skills, and have become more involved in my community.