

“Explore the Outdoors” Nature Club



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Emily Siler has been a Girl Scout for 13 years and is in Troop 1753 in Service Unit 604. She is currently a senior at Staley High School.

Emily’s Gold Award project addressed the growing disconnect between children and nature. Noticing a lack of outdoor time for students at a local elementary school, Emily decided to create an after school program where children could learn about nature and spend time outside. Not only did this help her keep children away from technology for a short time, but helped them learn through experiences outside. She hopes that the love of nature she helped instill will encourage the children to engage in future environmental activities.

Emily worked with Fox Hill Elementary and the Missouri Department of Conservation to set-up the program and create the materials. She created a handbook to go along with her program that will allow future teachers to take on the program and ensure students can learn about the outdoors for years to come. Through working on this project, Emily learned how to work with children with a variety of learning styles, how to communicate with adults and have a voice in this world – all through creating a better future for kids. By creating a love of nature in elementary school children, Emily hopes that future generations will be more environmentally aware.

Because of Girl Scouts... I have had many opportunities to discover and explore my passions.