



Melody Brooks

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Girls for Greens

Melody Brooks has been a Girl Scout for 13 years as a member of Troop 506 in Service Unit 661. She is currently a Senior at Lansing High School.

Melody's Gold Award project addressed the issue of ecological awareness and plant care education for high school students. Through the creation of an "eco-club," Melody was able to encourage students to learn more about the environment, get in touch with nature, reduce their stress and find a new activity. In her community there is not a strong presence ecologically friendly practices – like recycling, composting and reducing waste by reusing items and buying secondhand. To combat this, Melody's group educated students on new ways to grow plants that reduce the amount of space and water used, while encouraging them to live more ecofriendly lives.

Melody worked with Lansing High School develop her eco-club, recruit students and education the student body on better ways to protect the planet by living an ecofriendly lifestyle. Her club created an aquaponics garden and found ways to education the members on being waste conscious. They also took part in planting seeds and found ways to repurpose items rather than disposing of them. Her project will continue after she graduates through the new leadership team that has been elected, as well as the education students receive and spread among their friends and families. Melody learned time management skills, communication techniques and to navigate district rules to overcome challenges in her project. She hopes that by educating students she can make a global impact by reducing waste, encouraging gardening and helping students live a more ecofriendly future!

Because of Girl Scouts... I've learned so much about myself, that I am way more capable and stronger than I ever thought I could be and it's all thanks to Girl Scouts. By being in Girl Scouts, I've been taught important lessons and that girls can do anything!