



Celebrate Gold

Katherine Moen
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Protecting Our Pollinators: On the Homefront

Katie Moen has been a girl member for 12 years, most recently as a member of Troop 5463 in Service Unit 661. Katie recently graduated from Leavenworth High School. She will attend the University of Missouri to study Animal Science on the Pre-Vet Scholars Program, which guarantees admission to Veterinary School.

Katie's project addressed the decline of pollinator species by creating pollinator patches on Fort Leavenworth. She planted over 300 Kansas native, pollinator-friendly plants and spread over 20 pounds of seed across 2,100 square feet of unused land – improving biodiversity.

In addition to creating a sanctuary for native plants, she also educated local Girl Scout troops about the importance of pollinators and how they can help protect them in their own communities and created a website. On the website, she provided information for people to learn more about the project and how they can help pollinators.

“Because of Girl Scouts, I discovered my passion for animals and found the confidence to pursue my dream of becoming a veterinarian. It gave me a supportive community wherever I lived, helped me grow as a leader, and pushed me out of my comfort zone. From earning badges to completing my Gold Award, Girl Scouts taught me that I can accomplish anything I set my mind to.”