



Celebrate Gold

Tristen Newell
Olathe, KS



Pollinator Garden

Tristen Newell has been a girl member for 13 years in Troop 996 in Service Unit 633. Tristen currently attends Kansas State University and recently completed her freshman year, studying Pre-Med Medical Microbiology.

Tristen's project aimed to protect migrating pollinators that venture across her community. To achieve this goal, she established a Monarch Way Station for endangered monarch butterflies. This station consisted of a garden with plants that benefit butterflies (such as milkweed and other necture plants).

To keep this project running beyond her own involvement, she started a garden club at her former elementary school where students can learn about butterflies and welcome pollinators every year. The garden beds she built will be paired with a lesson plan to inspire future butterfly protectors!

“Because of Girl Scouts, I know that I can conquer any challenge I face.”