

## Celebrate Gold

## Reagan Martens Kansas City, MO







## Volleyball Camp: Gold Edition

Reagan Martens was a Girl Scout for 12 years as a member of Troop 1580 in Service Unit 607. She recently graduated from the Lutheran High School of Kansas City with plans to attend Concordia University – Nebraska in the fall where she will pursue her Elementary and Christian Education degree.

Reagan developed a volleyball camp for girls to help them connect in person. She saw a need for girls to have more opportunities to form social bonds and learn social skills by interacting in person and developed the camp to combat that issue.

The volleyball camp not only gave girls a fun, new skill to learn, but helped them develop friendships away from electronic devices. By hosting a sports-based program, the camp provided physical and mental exercises for the girls. She received feedback to improve the program in the future through surveys and observations on the girls' interactions.

Volleyball Camp will continue past her involvement through a community member who plans to host the camp in the future. Beyond that, she hopes that the friendships girls formed will connect them long into the future!

"Because of Girl Scouts... I have a better understanding of my community. I know how to serve others in a more personal way, including those already in my life. Girl Scouts has also taught me how to count money, learn new social skills, and how to plan and schedule events. I also learned how to handle hiccups and errors that may occur along the way when I am leading or helping with an event."