



# Celebrate Gold



## Jenna Heafner

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### Spreading STEM

Jenna Heafner has been a Girl Scout for 13 years in Troop 143 in Service Unit 649. She recently graduated from Lee's Summit High School and plans to pursue a degree in Early Childhood Education and to become a kindergarten teacher after graduating college.

Jenna's Gold Award project focuses on bringing STEM-based "camp" opportunities to underserved children in KCMO. Working with her high school robotics team, they brought a Bricks2Bots camp to children at a local shelter and helped the children learn basic robotics and other STEM-based activities. The attendees built and programmed robots made out of LEGOs and participated in other hands-on science experiments.

This project will continue through the efforts of other students at Lee's Summit High School. The robotics team has committed to bringing the camp to a local community shelter at least once a year. By establishing this program, she'll be able to not only provide a STEM education for students, but also empower other students to learn leadership and teaching skills.



**Because of Girl Scouts...I have been able to gain many other experiences that I might not otherwise have gotten.**