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The Dangers of Social Media

Alayna Baker was a girl member for 13 years in Troop 1835 in Service Unit 622. Alayna graduated from William Chrisman High School in May. She plans to pursue nursing at Metropolitan Community College and then finish her degree at William Jewell College.

Alayna's project identified a community need for safer social media practices and education on online safety. Using the Girl Scouts Cybersecurity Badge curriculum, Alayna led a workshop for Cadette Girl Scouts to complete all three cybersecurity badges before they entered high school. Alayna created an interactive curriculum with engaging games and even a live online quiz to test girls on what they learned. The workshop also featured a speaker from the Lee's Summit Police Department to further educate participants.

To ensure everyone has access to safe social media practices, Alayna created an online toolkit for future troops to run their own Cybersecurity Badge workshops that can be used by troops across the region for years to come.

Because of Girl Scouts...I have learned of a new confidence in myself. I wouldn't go back and change anything.