



Kate Baringer

Kate Baringer, Lawrence, Kansas, is a junior at Lawrence Free State High School. She has participated in Girl Scouts for 12 years and is a member of Troop #7738, Service Unit #716.

Kate teamed with fellow Gold Award recipient, Myette Simpson to create a new tree house for Hidden Valley Camp located in Lawrence and utilized by hundreds of youth each year. The girls first created a timeline, researched and worked with volunteers to layout a design plan, shopped for supplies and then organized the crew to build the new tree house. Through this joint project, each girl had different jobs. Kate used her artistic talent to create the building plan, shopped for the supplies, participated in all aspects of the construction and documented the project with photographs and video.

“Our project benefits so many Lawrence kids, including Girl Scouts, and to see the first group of day campers climb into the tree house and want to have their camp photo taken there was incredible,” said Kate.

Kate grew in multiple leadership skills including teamwork, organization and being detail-oriented.

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