



**2009
GOLD
AWARD
RECIPIENT**

Dakota Beveridge

Dakota Beveridge, Parkville, Missouri, is a sophomore at Penn Valley Metropolitan Community College. She participated in Girl Scouts for 12 years and is a member of Troop #1081, Service Unit 645.

Giving girls an opportunity to experience the outdoors was Dakota's vision for her Gold Award. Working with fellow Gold Award recipient, Gina Piccinini, the girls organized a backpacking and camping trip to Devil's Den State Park in Arkansas. Dakota taught the participants about backpacking and the "leave-no-trace" ideology. She also created a pamphlet for others who want to learn how to camp and backpack.

"My intense passion for the outdoors allowed me to spread the knowledge and beauty of nature to our participants," said Dakota.

This project enabled Dakota to utilize skills she already had such as backpacking. She was able to also expand her organization and planning skills as well as her understanding of group dynamics.