



Myra Hawkins

Myra Hawkins, Lenexa, Kansas, is a junior at Shawnee Mission West High School. She has been in Girl Scouts for 11 years in Troop #3078, Service Unit 637.

For her Gold Award project, Myra was inspired by her summers spent at Shawnee Mission Park participating in Ernie Miller's summer camp program. She participated as a camper until she was 14 and for the next two summers as a Counselor in Training, assisting the campers in their various activities. One of Myra's favorite activities was using her imagination while working with the other kids to build a fort. Myra wanted to inspire a new generation of fort-building campers by creating a life size version of Lincoln Logs that they would use to build. In addition to creating the new fort materials, Myra also created plans for the children to have ideas of what they could build. She also unveiled her project during Ernie Miller's Whimsical Woods event showing the children all that could be done with the new fort materials.

"The best part of completing my project was seeing the kids' faces during Whimsical Woods, and I can't wait to see the impact on even more kids when summer camp begins," said Myra.

Myra enhanced her leadership skills during her Gold Award project including organization, presentation and project management.

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