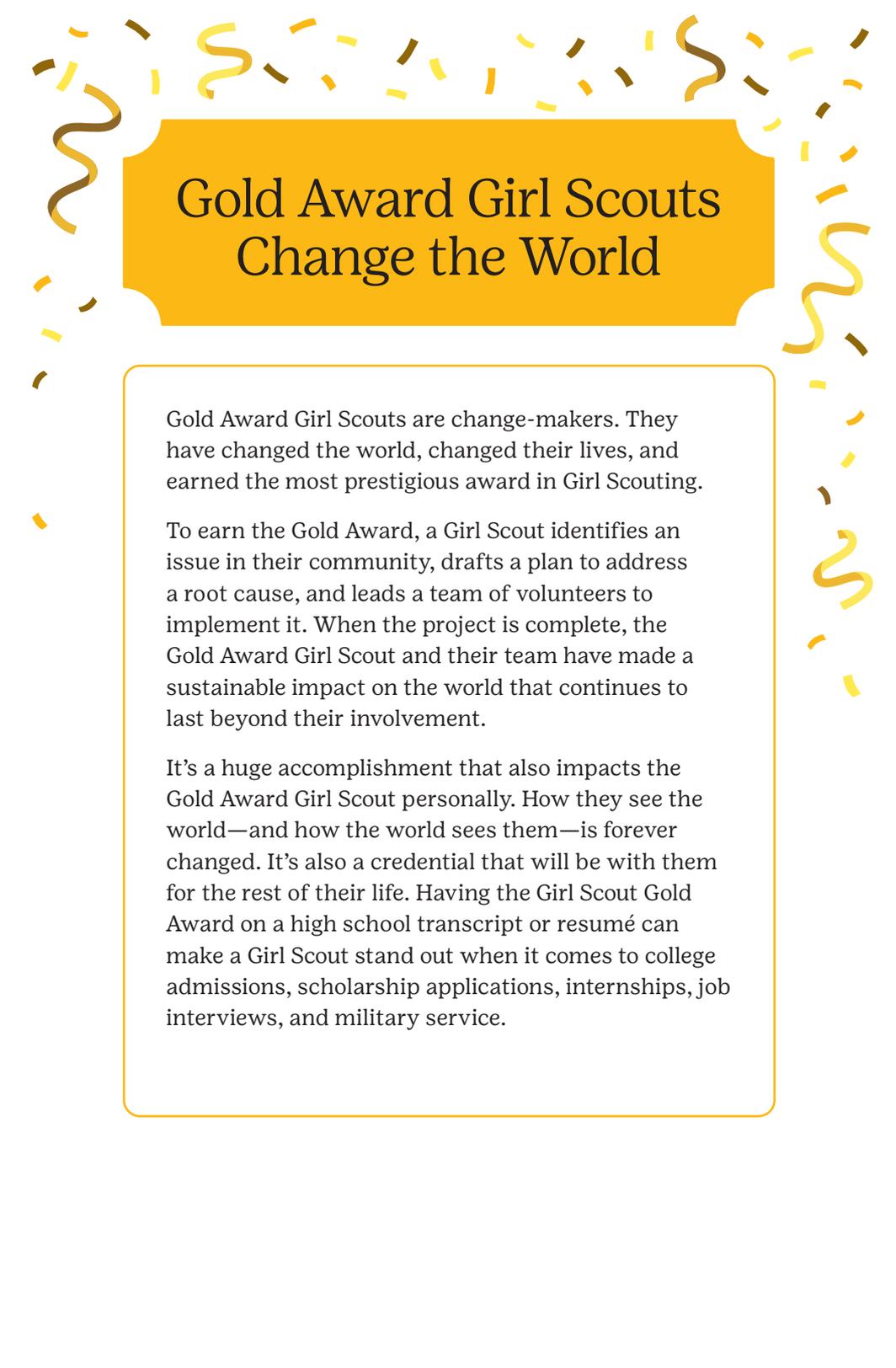


# Girl Scout Highest Awards Ceremony



Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.  
Presbyterian College, Belk Auditorium  
503 S Broad Street, Clinton, SC 29325

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mountains to midlands



# Gold Award Girl Scouts Change the World

Gold Award Girl Scouts are change-makers. They have changed the world, changed their lives, and earned the most prestigious award in Girl Scouting.

To earn the Gold Award, a Girl Scout identifies an issue in their community, drafts a plan to address a root cause, and leads a team of volunteers to implement it. When the project is complete, the Gold Award Girl Scout and their team have made a sustainable impact on the world that continues to last beyond their involvement.

It's a huge accomplishment that also impacts the Gold Award Girl Scout personally. How they see the world—and how the world sees them—is forever changed. It's also a credential that will be with them for the rest of their life. Having the Girl Scout Gold Award on a high school transcript or resumé can make a Girl Scout stand out when it comes to college admissions, scholarship applications, internships, job interviews, and military service.

# We Are Girl Scouts



Girl Scouts bring their dreams to life as they work together to build a better world. Through programs from coast to coast, Girl Scouts of all backgrounds and abilities can be unapologetically themselves as they discover their strengths and rise to meet new challenges—whether they want to climb to the top of a tree or the top of their class, lace up their boots for a hike or advocate for climate justice, or make their first best friends. Backed by trusted adult volunteers, mentors, and millions of alums, Girl Scouts lead the way as they find their voices and make changes that affect the issues most important to them.

# Highest Awards Ceremony

## **Welcome**

*Lora Tucker, President & CEO*

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

*Gabrielle Graham, Troop 1967*

## **Girl Scout Promise & Law**

*Lylou Libby-Lengard, Troop 1098*

## **Invocation**

*Lylou Libby-Lengard*

## **Awards**

*Gabrielle Graham & Lylou Libby-Lengard*

## **Scholarships**

*Vida Jennings, GSSC-MM Board Vice Chair*

*Trefoil Society Scholarship*

*The Sarah Brown Cannon Scholarship*

*Chandler-Burns Scholarship*

*The Pauline Patterson Memorial Scholarship*

## **Closing**

*Lora Tucker*



## Girl Scout Mission

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

## Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:  
To serve God\* and my country,  
To help people at all times,  
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

## Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be  
honest and fair,  
friendly and helpful,  
considerate and caring,  
courageous and strong,  
and responsible for what I say and do,  
and to respect myself and others,  
respect authority,  
use resources wisely,  
make the world a better place,  
and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

\*Members may substitute for the word God in accordance with their own spiritual beliefs.

# Gold Award Girl Scouts

Since 1916, Girl Scouts have been making meaningful, sustainable change in their communities and around the world. Having earned the highest award in Girl Scouts, a Gold Award Girl Scout is dedicated to empowering and bettering herself and making the world a better place for others.

**These 15 young women are courageous leaders and change-makers:**

**Bethany Benjamin**

**Lizzie Bonovich**

**Kendall Brown**

**Madison Cohen**

**Logan Davis**

**Cashia Gauci**

**Kyra Jones**

**Bethany Leslie**

**Megan McGovern**

**Shelby Nichols**

**Mychael Raines**

**Iz Sexton**

**Vivian Smith**

**Sitara Veerabagu**

**Claire Woodworth**



The Trifecta Award honors Girl Scouts who have earned all three of Girl Scouting's highest awards: the Bronze Award, Silver Award, and Gold Award! This year, these Girl Scouts earned the Trifecta Award:

**Kendall Brown**

**Madison Cohen**

**Logan Davis**

**Bethany Leslie**

**Shelby Nichols**

**Mychael Raines**

**Iz Sexton**

**Claire Woodworth**

**Thanks to our 2024 Gold Award Committee Members!**

**Columbia**

Deidre Bolton

Pamela Davis

Kimmah Dozier

Jamelle Ellis

Debbie Howell

Kristen Montgomery

Kim Neel

Melissa Sheppard

Meg Walker

**Greenville**

Claire Best

Carol Clanton

Rebecca Conover

Breelyn Grooms

Portia Grooms

**Spartanburg**

Anita Gieser



## Bethany Benjamin

### *Troop 1600*

**Little Living Libraries!** Through a two-pronged attack, Bethany tackled childhood illiteracy by providing reading material access, normalizing reading, and fostering a love of books for children of all backgrounds. First, she built a library of diverse books for all ages at a local head start program to give kids access to exciting reading material outside of school hours. Second, she launched a YouTube channel, *Reading Adventures*, where guest stars, along with herself, read books for elementary-aged kids. The channel caters to families where parents may struggle with reading themselves, have limited English proficiency, or simply lack time for daily read-alouds. She also created English and Spanish pamphlets to educate parents on the importance of reading.



## Lizzie Bonovich

### *Troop 439*

**Journey to Become a Skilled B-25 Mitchell Aircraft Restoration Assistant:** Lizzie cultivated educational outreach events at the Air Force Base after preserving history by participating in the restoration of a B-25 Mitchell bomber. She shared the restoration experience and the significance of the B-25 with younger audiences to preserve history and inspire future generations. She created stickers that were distributed to pilots, veterans, and families, at the local Air Force Base to help raise awareness for the project. Her contributions directly aided in the physical restoration of the B-25, ensuring its preservation for future generations.



## Kendall Brown

### *Troop 760*



**PWES Bird House Trail:** More and more trees are being cut down and housing developments are being built in the Chapin, SC, area around Piney Woods Elementary School. Unfortunately, the local wildlife population is being affected, particularly birds. For the school trail, Kendall built ten birdhouses, some of which are specific to different bird species. Her project team built bird feeders and placed them outside of classroom windows allowing the students to learn about and enjoy watching the birds. By creating housing and food sources, the school qualified for wildlife habitat certification.



## Madison Cohen

### Troop 1512

**Mental Health Awareness Garden:** Madison constructed a Mental Health Awareness Garden at Winthrop University. She refurbished three large, empty flowerbeds by planting 16 shrubs: azaleas, gardenias, rosemary, and butterfly bushes. She put down fresh dirt and mulch and planted iris bulbs. Not only will the garden add color to Winthrop's campus, but it will also give students and staff a place to relax, think about, and improve their mental health while surrounded by aromatic and flowering plants, beautiful seasonal flowers, and the wildlife these plantings will attract.



## Logan Davis

### Troop 2199

**Cheer for a Cause:** Aiming to change perceptions about cheerleaders by inspiring others to see value beyond routines, Logan's research revealed a common skepticism about cheer as a sport. The project also highlighted the potential for leadership and community impact by cheerleaders. Through a past team volunteering experience, she witnessed firsthand the positive community response and the significance of giving back beyond the sidelines. Inspired by her coaches' emphasis on leadership, Logan developed "Cheer for a Cause." The project aimed to dispel misconceptions about her team by organizing community service initiatives, mentoring middle school cheerleaders, and raising awareness of youth-related issues.



## Cashia Gauci

### Troop 990

**Cat Haven Development Newberry:** Cashia's goal was to provide sustainable outdoor housing for homeless cats in her community. She reached out to local businesses and the career center to engage their assistance and expertise with her project. She built two homes with the help of students and their teacher at The Newberry Career Center using supplies provided by Sherwin Williams and Willingham and Son's. St. Francis of Assisi Church covered additional costs associated with the builds. Both *The Newberry Observer* and Channel WLTX 10 News presented informational stories to the community about her project.



## Kyra Jones

*Troop 2128*

### **Hygiene Pantry for Underprivileged Children and**

**Teens:** Programs designed for low-income people, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and WIC, specifically for low-income women and children, don't cover menstrual products,

hygiene products, or diapers. Kyra addressed this problem by creating a community hygiene pantry for children and teens. Here, young people in her community will have access to hygiene products, period products, and diapers. Before her pantry, people may have had limited access to these items or have been unable to get them elsewhere in the community.



## Bethany Leslie



*Troop 829*

**Turning the Page:** Bethany wanted to help kids who might not have access to books at home. She built a real library at Berea Elementary School, a school with a surplus of students who need reading assistance. She even created a cozy, super-inviting reading corner in the

library where kids can read and relax. She also started a YouTube channel called *ReadingWithRaven*; she and her friends create videos where they read children's books aloud. Additionally, she made a pamphlet in English and Spanish to show parents how important reading is for little ones.



## Megan McGovern

*Troop 1605*

**Battle of the Book Clubs:** As a bookworm herself, Megan noticed a gap in her school's extracurricular activities. There are sports clubs and performance groups, but nothing for students who love to read. Her project focused on creating a vibrant reading culture

in her school. The project goes beyond just reading; it creates a welcoming community where readers can thrive. By establishing a book club for grades 1-5, students can now share their passion for reading, challenge themselves with new genres, and build lasting friendships. Additionally, she advocated for the reinstatement of a dedicated school library that gives students easy access to a diverse collection of books.



## Shelby Nichols

### *Troop 829*

**Repairing The Foothills Trail:** Various sections of the Foothills Trail have fallen into disrepair and no longer afford safe travel for hikers of all ages who use the trail. To improve trail safety and keep it usable for many more years, Shelby convened and led a group of volunteers to address trail erosion problems. Their work primarily consisted of re-digging the trail bed in eroded areas, laying down cribbing to prevent future erosion, and clearing overgrown plants from the trail. Their efforts also revealed a beautiful waterfall to improve the hikers' enjoyment of the trail.



## Mychael Raines

### *Troop 690*

**Art on the Go:** Some children are not lucky enough to have access to art supplies. Mychael impacted this issue by creating tote bags filled with art supplies to distribute to kids within the community. Her goal was to pass out 100 bags, but with the help of her community, she surpassed that goal. Along with giving community children art supplies, she held a workshop teaching kids about art, giving every child the opportunity to walk away knowing art could improve their mental health. These children also received an art supply tote bag at the end of the workshop.



## Iz Sexton

### *Troop 1191*

**Foothills Trail Improvement:** Iz researched the mental benefits of hiking and spending time outdoors. Iz surveyed hikers to discover their reasons for getting outdoors and addressed hiker and backpacker safety. On a steep and heavily eroded section of the Foothills Trail located in Oconee County, repairs were needed to make the trail safer for everyone using the trail. Since this part of the trail was very steep, new steps were built to make the trail safer, to provide easier access for hikers of various ages and abilities, and to help prevent future erosion as the trail is used more and more.



## Vivian Smith

*Troop 2375*

**Overstimulated and Underrecognized:** Vivian's education-centered project focused on helping neurodivergent students in elementary school. They gathered sensory toys to fill bins for student use, as well as gathered and constructed binders of handout materials that can be copied to give to students. They were invited to speak at the monthly school district meeting and distributed all their materials at once. They then sent out a survey to measure the progress of neurodivergent students using these materials.



## Sitara Veerabagu

*Troop 1127*

### **Equine Therapy Awareness For Special Needs**

**Populations:** Sitara has volunteered with equine therapy programs since middle school. Her project addressed limited awareness of equine therapy, volunteer shortages, lack of online educational materials, and low program visibility. She spoke with local and state organizations to raise awareness and survey ways to assist equine programs. Working directly with the riders, horses, volunteers, and coaches, she created an equine therapy-focused patch program. She partnered with an organization at her high school to continue collecting items and donating bags so that her project continues. She also created a website to educate the public by sharing the benefits of equine therapy.



## Claire Woodworth

*Troop 415*

**Curb Your Safety:** Fast location is of the utmost importance in providing emergency services to anyone in need. Claire's project focused on ways to improve emergency response times in her neighborhood. She and her team painted address numbers on street curbs

to help responders find people as quickly as possible during emergencies. Additionally, she promoted *Smart911*, which is a free service for participants to create a safety profile for their household. Her goal was to facilitate the fastest possible assistance during emergencies and to decrease EMS response time. Ultimately, her efforts aimed to enhance the safety of the community.

# Silver Award Girl Scouts

<b>Troop No.</b>	<b>Girl Scout Name</b>	<b>Project Title</b>
Troop 159	Arabella Derrick	<i>Reminisce by the Rainbow Bridge</i>
Troop 160	Aeralind Aldrich	<i>Body Positive Nutcracker Costumes</i>
Troop 721	Emma Stuart	<i>The Bunny Outpost</i>
Troop 760	Aubrea Lee	<i>Native Birds of South Carolina</i>
Troop 768	Tylar Elise Clark	<i>Bulldog Buddies</i>
Troop 1253	Samantha Breakfield	<i>Showing my Appreciation to Teachers</i>
	Elizabeth Clarke	<i>Focus on Happy</i>
	Shivani Indiran	<i>Little Free Libraries</i>
Troop 1405	Bryce Davis Alexis Mack Chandler Martino	<i>The Development of an Educational Center</i>
Troop 1443	Blakely Branyon Kathryn Cauley Mims Catherine McTigue Caroline Rushing Lizah Williams	<i>Visitor's Guide to Clemson and Pendleton</i>
Troop 1543	Leah LeBrun	<i>Importance of Spaying &amp; Neutering</i>
Troop 1591	Jessica Cole	<i>The Patriot Peddler</i>
	Madison Garcia	<i>Buddy Benches</i>

Troop 1600	Aysia Dancy Lael Muller	<i>Homelessness in the Midlands with Focus on Columbia Area</i>
Troop 1609	Ana Poor	<i>Roper Mountain Girl Scout Badges</i>
Troop 1664	Caroline Gaskins Mary Ratterree Mary Reid	<i>Hearts 4 Humane</i>
Troop 1685	Jordyn Williams	<i>Manifest Garden Beautification</i>
Troop 1830	Reagan Byrd Kyra McIver	<i>Fire Safety and Safe Grilling Girl Scouts Art for the Heart</i>
Troop 2561	Dixie Brown Lillianna Nellist	<i>Camp Wistagoman Official Pages</i>
Troop 2692	Gabrielle McCullough Anna Vidrine Jordan Whittaker	<i>Providing Access of Vital Supplies to Girls in the Community</i>
Troop 3317	Samantha Boyle Olivia Manske Charlotte Neely	<i>Project XP</i>
Troop 3324	Meredith Huggins Gracie Smith	<i>Special Needs Playground Activities</i>
Troop 3395	Lillian Adkins Kasey Quinn Lily Woodard Evelyn Eddy Gabiella Holland- Giovannone	<i>Praying Mantis with Yellow Jessamine When is Plastic Not Fantastic?</i>
Troop 3480	Rebecca Stevenson	<i>ECC Clothing Closet</i>

# Bronze Award Girl Scouts

<b>Troop No.</b>	<b>Girl Scout Name</b>	<b>Project Title</b>
Troop 34	Autumn Hurst	<i>Paws and Read</i>
Troop 415	Adalyn Calhoun Anika Miller Kendyll Quintero MacKenzie Smith Ameriah Wilson Phoebe Woodard	<i>What to Do in a Natural Disaster</i>
Troop 690	Addison Maradei	<i>Blankets for Children's Hospital</i>
Troop 721	Rebecca Beesley Eliana Fahrni	<i>PMSP Campground Native Pollinator Garden</i>
Troop 760	Lillian Fijal Addy Headden Emme Reams Addiline VanderHeide	<i>Bronze Award</i>
Troop 810	Chloe Cheeseboro Charlotte Ruppe	
Troop 910	Mary Burgess Katelyn Coffey Savannah Gable Vivienne Carin Raines	<i>Fun Fair</i>
Troop 1056	Brielle Brown Samantha Dozier-Burt Amelia Hilton McKenzie Holmes Riley Ropel	<i>Operation Frog Babies</i>

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Troop 1179	Carlei Agyeman-Badu Brooklyn Ashley Chelsea Britton Breelyn Gist Chanel Murph Jasmine Settle Taylor Smalls	<i>Blessing Bags</i>
Troop 1532	Lindsay Crompton Alee Godwin Ali Marlow Skylar Walls	<i>Animal Shelter</i>
Troop 1543	Aurora Moreland Cara Congdon Jocelynn Scruggs	<i>Brookdale Anderson</i> <i>The Ravenel Coat Shack</i>
Troop 1591	Zara Harmon Isabella Lage Ila Raegan Murray Amelia Pearson Makyla Saap Zuri Salcius	<i>Growing Friendship Gardens</i>
Troop 1664	Eliza Fritz	<i>Beautification Project at Hatcher Gardens</i>
Troop 1711	Bree Baker Emma Lam Sharon Vagle Aria Veltmann	<i>Bench for Little Free Library</i>
Troop 1967	Ellerie Brooks	<i>Keleia's Wheelchair Ramp</i>
Troop 2105	Ellison Deaton Addison Hill Sydney O'Neal Hayley Parker Madyson Roberts Rebecca Schaller Mallory Smith Norah Watts	<i>Animals That Matter</i>

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Troop 2128	Aden Smart	<i>Garden of Hope</i>
	Monica Brunson	<i>A Tasting of Monie</i>
Troop 2169	Emily Culp	<i>Midlands Orphan Relief Donation Project</i>
	Raniyah Floyd	
	Claudia Halford	
	Bailey Houpt	
	Eva Jaillette	
	Ellen Major	
	Sarah Major	
	Sophia Major	
Troop 2235	Allison Parker	<i>Helping Animals in Our Community</i>
	Sara Catherine Ritner	
Troop 2243	Madison Stubbs	<i>Buddy Bench</i>
	Catherine Compton	
	Sophia Compton	
	Abbey Dyer	
	Oakley Lovin	
Troop 2252	Jalena Tillman	<i>Scout Hut Remodel</i>
	Emmaline Blackburn	
	Averie Blackburn	
	Ariel James	
	Abbygail Norton	
	Reagan Plank	
Troop 2323	Ripley Sander	<i>Sew to Sew, So</i>
	Anevay Ruff	
Troop 2995	Journey Stephan	<i>Recycled Sleeping Mats for the Homeless</i>
	Kendall Foster	
Troop 3251	Josephine Paris	<i>Supporting Kids in Foster Care Through Lily Pad, Inc.</i>
	Caroline Dausen	
	Carolynne Frazier	
	Rylie Hillis	
	Olive Hutcherson	
	Samantha Thompson	
Ellen Zow		

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Troop 3329	Emma Kate McKinnon Ella Paige Sophia Sparks Stevie Ternai Breanna Yancey	<i>Levine Cancer Hospital          Care Packages</i>
Troop 3335	Paige Bowling Katelyn Justesen Abbey Lawrence Addison Lybrand	<i>Bracelet Buddies</i>
Troop 3345	Magdalena Bravo Katherine Hemingway Abigail Hetrick Maycee McClain	<i>Hygiene Packs for Humanity</i>
Troop 3386	Sydney Hudson Penelope McDaniels Janie Williams Catherine Jenkins Alice Pingley Claire Swofford	<i>PS I Love You</i>
Troop 3395	Annabelle Allen Saanvi Batthula Hannah Brower Ava Cartman Khushi Darji Kallie McCants Korlie McCants Aria Patel Eva Pope Elleigh Quinn Adelaide Stroud Aaliyah Vitalis Ashlynn Whitmir	<i>When is Plastic Not Fantastic?</i>

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Troop 3404 Audrey Bronner  
Katelyn Buckley  
Aerin Leonard  
Kinsley Williams

*Animal Care Drive*

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Troop 3464 Abby Grey  
Kayleigh Robinson  
Kennedi Robinson

*Blessing Boxes*

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Troop 3480 Rachel Airasian  
Bailey Bishop  
Carter Carlson  
Zara Dabbs  
Emma Masters  
Madeline Masters  
Annabelle Neu  
Natalie Rusling  
Mary Stevenson  
Madelyn Thompson

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