

Texarkana Girl Scout's go-getter spirit benefits younger girls

Katlyn is the true definition of a go-getter. Between her involvement in Girl Scouts, school activities and volunteer work, she maintains a full schedule and enjoys every minute of it. Katlyn is an Ambassador in Troop 2402 in Texarkana and this is her 12th year in Girl Scouts. Her favorite part about being a Girl Scout is volunteering in her community and helping younger girls achieve their goals.

Last December, Girl Scouts – Diamonds partnered with the Texarkana Children's Museum to put on an event and Katlyn volunteered to help at "Storytime with Santa" and baked homemade cookies for kids to decorate.

During the event, a Girl Scouts – Diamonds staff member was thoroughly impressed with Katlyn when she went up to a group of girls she didn't know and encouraged them to put in the time and work toward earning Girl Scout awards. It is evident she has a genuine willingness to help others and she exemplifies this through everything she is involved in. During her service unit's annual Girl Scout cookie rally, Katlyn hosts a class where she teaches younger Girl Scouts strategies about cookie sales and this year she hopes to have a class focusing-on goal setting.

Along with Katlyn's commitment to the community and Girl Scouts, she is equally involved in school. Just a few of her extracurricular activities include: varsity cheer, treasurer of the National Honor Society and secretary of Student Council. Katlyn says her biggest accomplishment is being accepted to the Ryla Rotary Youth Leadership Awards in February. This program is hosted by the Rotary Club and Katlyn was the only girl from her school selected to go.

Katlyn's future goals include graduating high school, attending college and becoming a college math professor. When asked what advice she has for younger girls, Katlyn says, "I would highly encourage them to be in Girl Scouts because it teaches leadership. I also want younger girls to do what they want and not to let anyone tell them otherwise."

