

Paragould Girl Scout discovers passion for helping younger girls

One of Kelsey G.'s passions in life is working with younger girls and Girl Scouts provides several opportunities for her to do so. This go-getter Cadette in Troop 3302 frequently volunteers within her service unit in Paragould to mentor and work with younger girls and has even worked with local elementary schools on an anti-bullying campaign. When asked about her experience at Camp Crossed Arrows this summer, she said one of her favorite parts was participating in activities with girls younger than her.



Ashley, Kelsey, and Kiersten from Troop 3302 are presented their Silver Award

Over the last four years as a Girl Scout, Kelsey has accomplished more than she ever dreamed, including completing her Silver Award project. Kelsey and her fellow troop members, Keirsten and Ashley, recently received their Silver Award, which was centered around their love for music. When the girls noticed negative influences in music, they took action by researching Girl Scout songs, creating song books and CDs, and giving them to other troops. "My friends and I are in choir, and when our music teacher said music impacts the way you think, it inspired our Silver Award project," says Kelsey. This trio not only completed their Silver Award project together, but sold over 6,000 boxes of cookies, which allowed their troop to visit Savannah, Georgia last summer. While there, the girls saw the birthplace of Juliette Gordon Low, the original Girl Scout headquarters, and other famous sites.

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Ashley, Kelsey and Kiersten having fun during their trip to Savannah, GA

Kelsey has a heart for community service projects and was recently recognized for cleaning up trash in a local park on the *Keep Arkansas Beautiful* Facebook page, a commission that inspires and educates individuals to improve their communities by preventing litter and promoting recycling. She says their troop noticed several cigarette butts and other forms of littering around the park, so the girls decided to spend the afternoon making it look clean again. Along with Girl Scouts, Kelsey enjoys spending her time playing the flute in the Paragould Jr. High Band, and has been given the opportunity to work with the very talented Paragould High School Band, which she will join next year as a 9th grader. As for future plans, Kelsey would love to become an occupational therapist, where she can use her passion for working with and teaching kids.



Ashley, Kelsey and Kiersten pose next to a statue of Juliette Gordon Lowe in Savannah, GA