

Fort Smith Girl Scout discovers passion for volunteering

“My favorite part about being a Girl Scout is selling cookies,” Rylee claims. She is usually shy around people, but Rylee loves that selling cookies helps her come out of her shell and form relationships. Along with people skills, she has learned how to manage money and her time through her experience as a Girl Scout. As a thriving sophomore in high school, Rylee is involved in several activities, including: Girl Scouts, band, choir, managing her high school football team and volunteering in the Fort Smith community. She goes above and beyond to succeed and made All-State in both band and choir last year. Riley would say she is slightly “obsessed” with football and although she can’t play on the team, she enjoys being a team manager and made it to every game last season.

One of Rylee’s favorite places to volunteer is at a local hospital as a Sparks Caring Teen volunteer. The Caring Teen Summer Program allows students ages 14-17 to volunteer a minimum of 96 hours in a variety of hospital departments. This will be Rylee’s third year assisting on the labor and delivery floor and she enjoys it so much that she wants to work in the medical field one day. Rylee will soon be working on her Gold award project where she plans to combine her passion for working with children and helping in the community.

