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## Local Girl Scout Receives Highest Girl Scout Award Through Fighting Invasive Plants

Camas, WA 09/30/21 - Abigail, from Girl Scout Troop 45211 serving Camas and Evergreen School Districts, recently earned the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest national award a Girl Scout can earn. In earning the award, Abigail demonstrated outstanding leadership, organizational, and networking skills.

Abigail has removed invasive English ivy from the Port of Camas-Washougal with the help of many volunteers and replanted the area using native plant species. After the physical removal of ivy and planting of native species, Abigail created a guidebook on various invasive plants and native plants in order to help the public make a positive difference in the environment.

It's not easy to earn the Girl Scout Gold Award. There is no shortcut; the award's multiple requirements can take several years to complete, and the final requirement is a significant service project with a lasting impact. The Girl Scout Gold Award is awarded to fewer than 6% of Girl Scouts Annually and is a nationally recognized symbol of leadership.

## **About Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington**

Our council serves 13,955 girls in 37 counties with the help of nearly 10,000 volunteers. The Girl Scout mission is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Every opportunity in Girl Scouting develops these essential skills in an all-girl, inclusive, safe environment. For information, please visit girlscoutsosw.org.

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"Fighting Invasive Species"

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