

Girl Scout Outreach Stories of Impact



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We met Melody at Marshall Elementary late into the first day of our Outreach After-School Program. She arrived in the last ten to fifteen minutes telling me how she didn't know Girl Scouts had started today but was signed up for it. She stayed with me during the first day, still excited to participate and looked forward to each after-school program meeting following. Each week of our four-week program, she would walk by our meeting room and say, "Hi! It's nice to see you again!" when heading back to class before school dismissal. During our after-school program Melody was shy and very quiet around the other girls, but Girl Scout Outreach's Mountain Adventure brought out a new side of her that none of us had seen before.



She appeared reserved at first getting off the bus and as we made our way to our cabin, she looked around fascinated by the nature surrounding her. When she heard the campers get to pick their own bunkbeds, she immediately took the top bunk in the corner of the room. You could see how excited she was but when I said to her, "Good choice!" I noticed she tried to suppress her smile as if she didn't want others to see.

The next day, with each activity we did and the support of her fellow Girl Scouts she began to let the walls she desperately tried to keep down. She began to feel nervous when it came to the camp skit which is why she picked the narrator to get one line introducing the scene to get it over with. However, with the encouragement and fun interactions she had practicing the scene, the others proposed they add more lines for Melody to introduce all the characters as they entered and left. She gladly took on the challenge and I could notice how she began smiling more freely, joking with the other girls, collaborating on ideas, and projecting her voice with confidence. She was very knowledgeable about most of the animals our community partner Wild Wonders presented and openly shared facts about nearly each one in front of the whole camp! Being able to see her transformation from the girl who barely spoke louder than a whisper at school to the confident leader she was at camp is truly an honor. Melody is an excellent role model as to what Girl Scouts is about in building girls of courage, confidence, and character.

