

# Troop 619

# Silver Award



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# Who We Are:

Troop 619 is a Girl Scout troop that was established in 2016 here in Apex. This is our 10th program year as a troop.

We are a multi-level troop, with members of various ages and Girl Scout levels. We are Seniors, the oldest scouts in our troop. We love being role models for the younger girls. Our troop leader, Kimberly Pressley, has been the leader since founding our troop, and was here every step of the way for our Silver Award.



# What Is a Silver Award?

The Silver Award is the highest award a girl can earn between 6th and 8th grade, which highlights accomplishments in helping others. In order to earn this award, a scout first must have completed either a Bronze Award, Cadette leadership award, or a Cadette journey. Once the Scout has completed the prerequisites, they can begin the actual Silver Award. This involves identifying an issue in the community, brainstorming ways to improve or solve the problem, develop a solution, and put the solution into motion. The goal of a Silver Award is to be a self-renewing, sustainable, and long lasting part of our community that benefits others.





# Our Silver Award

The four of us have been working on our Silver Award project for the past 2 years. At first, we had a different project in the works. Unfortunately, things didn't work out how we envisioned with that project. The Silver Award committee said we could submit our report as is, but we didn't feel satisfied and wanted to still do something good for our community. So, instead of scrapping our project, we ended up pivoting to something different, which was still in line with our initial plan.

Our new project took us to Scotts Ridge Elementary School, where we met with the principal, Mr. Evans, and discussed how we could help his school. We were interested in helping to beautify the grounds. Mr. Evans loved the idea and asked us to restore the United States mural on the playground.



# Project Overview:

Our project began with the researching, initial planning, and scheduling phases. This involved looking into the types of materials we would need to restore the mural, how much everything would cost, and when and how much time the restoration would take. We assigned responsibilities and leadership roles to our team members.

The next step in this process was going out and purchasing the materials needed for this project. Because we did not have prior knowledge as to what materials we should use, we reached out to Rachel Writes, a local mural artist in NC. She gave us many tips on what to use in order for our work to last as long as possible, as well as how to properly prep the mural for the new paint, and how to care for it after we eventually turned the care of the mural back over the Scotts Ridge.

After we secured our materials, we started the restoration process itself. On June 21st, we began working on the mural. We cleared out the weeds and grass that had crept up in the cracks of the concrete, then scoured off as much of the remaining paint as we could. Early in the morning of June 22nd, in middle of a heat wave, we began working on the actual painting process. As it was very detailed, we needed to do all the painting by hand. We accomplished the majority of the painting that day, but left the final details and touch ups for the following day. Finally on June 23rd, we were in the final stretch of the beautification process. We finished the painting for the final few states then added the labeling onto them. This will allow the children attending Scotts Ridge to identify and learn the different states in the USA. The next day, we returned the keys, and turned over all the materials we used to Mr. Evans. He said that parents and students will be maintaining the area in the future.

The final part of our project was the reporting process to complete the paperwork to submit our Silver Award to Girl Scouts. Members of our group all gathered together to reflect and submit our report, and, then we filled out our own individual reflections.







Work in Progress:



# Support from our Community:





# Project Completion!

