

Hello, my name is Erica I am in troop 28427 with Amy Penn and Ellen Sparks.

My Gold Award project is called Beyond the Backpack because I want to remove barriers to education.

How can the local troops help? We are seeking 25 Backpack Sponsors.

Your troop can adopt 1 or more students much like at Christmas when you choose a child and get a list of the requested items - except this is a school backpack and supply list.

At the September SU meeting, I handed out backpack cards that listed the grade of a student and the suggested supply list for that age group.

If you want to adopt a child or two, simply take the backpack card with you, then bring it back filled with the supplies to the December or January meeting.

Finally, I will be hosting Parents Night Out events on December 1st and 9th to raise money to get to Costa Rica for the final part of my project. Girls in Costa Rica need uniforms to attend school, and I will be setting up a sewing lab and teaching them to sew a basic uniform skirt for school. School uniforms for girls in Costa Rica are often a barrier to getting an education.

Thank you for helping me go BEYOND THE BACKPACK and remove barriers to education for our Chamblee neighbors and Costa Rican girls in the Child Hope sponsorship program.

If you have questions, please contact Erica at [404-536-8527](tel:404-536-8527) or beyondthebackpackgoldaward@gmail.com.