

My Bat House



Why did I choose to make a bat house?

Hello! That bat house you see in the photo to the left...I made it! I had several reasons for choosing to build and install a bat house for my Girl Scout Silver Award project! (A Silver Award is the second highest award a Girl Scout can achieve. It requires a certain number of hours and collaborations with other organizations).

One of the reasons was to limit the number of bats in people's houses. There are many homes around the Harriet Alexander Nature

Center (HANC), so my hope was to give bats a nice place to stay without needing to roost in houses. I also chose the HANC location for my bat house because it is next to a body of water and I know bats eat mosquitos, which are commonly found around water. Next, I built the bat house to minimize the effects of White Nose Syndrome (WNS). WNS is a disease that comes from Europe. It is infecting bats all over the country, so my hope with the bat house was to get bats out of the infected caves and into the bat house to limit the number of WNS infected bats in the HANC and Metro area. And lastly, HANC didn't have a bat house. Building a bat house has always been something I've wanted to do with my dad, so it was the perfect opportunity to try something new and make a positive impact in the community!

My bat house:

The bat house I made is called a four-chamber bat house. This means if you look through the bottom of the house you will see four narrow spaces that the bats wedge themselves in. I found all of the blueprints on the Bat Conservation website, which is dedicated to informing the public about bats. I stained and caulked the entire bat house before painting it black and adding a yellow batman symbol for fun! I painted it black to help it absorb the most sunlight. I even partnered with Twin City Roofing to put shingles on my bat house. Those are some of the steps I went through to create my bat house.

A little bit about me:

My name is Kellyn Reszetar. I just graduated eighth grade at Twin Cities German Immersion School in Saint Paul where I am a Girl Scout for Troop 57317.

Where can you find the bat house?

Grab a map from the front desk and look for the little bat symbol!