



# CREATES INSPIRATION EXCITEMENT CONFIDENCE

## IN YOUNG WOMEN ABOUT TO ENTER EIGHT GRADE

Tech Trek is a week-long academic residential camp featuring **hands-on activities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM)**. Instructors include experienced middle and high school teachers and professional women in STEM related careers. All camps are **located on a university or college campus** where campers are immersed in the full campus experience.

At each camp, girls receive an in-depth, week-long course focused on a STEM subject. At the camps, each girl is provided with a selection of rotating labs designed to explore individual specialties more deeply.

Field trips and workshops encourage maximum interaction and learning.



An important part of camp is the university campus experience. Campers have an opportunity to **live the life of a college student** for the week. They live in the dorms, have a roommate (a fellow camper) they have never met, share communal bathrooms, eat in the dining commons, and explore the campus area under the careful supervision of camp staff. They interact with women who serve as role models, introducing them to a wide range of STEM academic and career possibilities.

## LOCATIONS

In existence since 1998, AAUW California's Tech Trek camps are held at **Fresno State University, Sonoma State University, UC Davis, UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara, Stanford University** and **Whittier College**. Each camp offers a slightly different curriculum, depending on area resources.

See us at <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/stem-education/tech-trek/>

## FACULTY AND STAFF

Excellent, experienced teachers are selected to teach at each camp. Their qualifications include superior knowledge of their subjects and a high degree of interest in working with middle school girls.

AAUW adult volunteers act as Dorm Moms. Each camper is assigned to a small "family" group with the same Dorm Mom for the entire week. In addition, volunteer high school and college girls (former Tech Trek campers) provide assistance to teachers and other staff. This includes a medical professional.

## FEES

Girls are recommended by their 7th grade science, math, or technology teachers and compete for sponsorships provided by their local AAUW branch. The branches coordinate camper selection and fund the sponsorships that cover all room, board, and educational materials. Each camper and/or her family is responsible for a small fee that is due upon the camper's selection.

Local Branch \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Person \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Application Deadline \_\_\_\_\_



## AAUW

AAUW's mission is the advancement of gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. Tech Trek is just one of our varied programs.

Any person holding an associate or equivalent degree, or higher from a qualified educational institution is eligible for AAUW membership. University or college undergraduate students can become affiliates.

Founded in 1881 by 17 university alumnae, has grown to represent more than 100,000 college graduates across the United States. [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

AAUW California was formed in 1886 and currently has 119 branches with more than 10,000 members total. [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org)

AAUW Funds help to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change. The Funds also provide financial and other support systems to women in academia seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.



AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

*The AAUW National Tech Trek Program seeks to create a learning environment that fosters and promotes a culture of respect across identities. We welcome and value intersections of identity, including gender expression and identity, race, economic status, sex, sexuality, ethnicity, national origin, first language, religion, and ability. Please note: Placement of transgender youth is handled on a case-by-case basis, with the welfare and best interests of the child a top priority. That said, if the child is recognized by the family and school/community as a girl and lives culturally as a girl, then AAUW is an organization that can serve her in a setting that is both emotionally and physically safe, as we do for all our girls.*

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## AAUW California Tech Trek Camps

- Fresno State University**
- Sonoma State University**
- UC Davis**
- UC San Diego**
- UC Santa Barbara**
- Stanford University**
- Whittier College**

