

Locations

Now in its 22nd year, AAUW's Tech Trek camps are held at Stanford University; Sonoma State University; University of California at Davis; Fresno State University; UC Santa Barbara; UC San Diego; and Whittier College. Each camp offers a slightly different curriculum, depending on area resources.

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.

How we do what we do

Girls are recommended by their 7th grade science, math, or computer 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 which is due upon the camper's selection.

Local Branch _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

Email _____j_____

Phone Number _____

Will you help us spark STEM interest in the next generation of girls?

Two Ways to Give

**Make your tax deductible check payable to:
AAUW CA SPF**

with Tech Trek in the memo portion,
and send to the local branch indicated above.

Or donate online through the National Link:

<https://ww2.aauw.org/program-gift/?treatment=TECHTREK>

Be sure to select the appropriate camp in the drop-down menu.



AAUW California Tech Trek Camps

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



What is Tech Trek?

This one-week, academic residential camp immerses rising 8th grade girls in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) classes and activities on a university campus. Hands-on experiences range from conducting chemistry and biology lab experiments to programming computer applications to using engineering skills to design and build things. Girls learn firsthand about engaging careers from women employed in STEM fields.



The American Association of University Women (AAUW) sponsors these camps with donations from branch members and members of the community, as well as grants from local businesses and corporate entities. For more info visit <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/stem-education/tech-trek/>.



How Does it Work?

While the cost per camper varies from \$900-\$1000 depending on the campus, families pay only \$50 for the girls to attend the entire week of camp, including all meals, supplies, residential costs, and trips. Women from AAUW staff the camp, volunteering their time to lead workshops and offer STEM-intensive demonstrations, chaperone the girls around campus, and as dorm moms, stay overnight in the residence halls.

Experienced teachers offer original science, engineering and math-based courses. Sponsored courses from various corporations provide girls with technology experiences such as coding apps and examining cybersecurity, as well as aerospace engineering.

How Can We Help?

In order to provide this one-of-a-kind experience at a low cost to campers, we rely on support from people like you to bring this experience to our community.

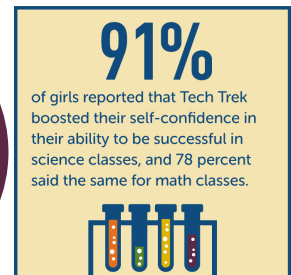
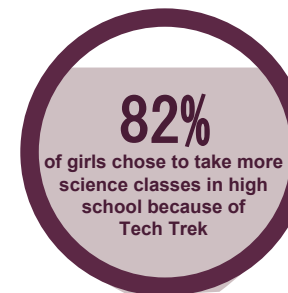
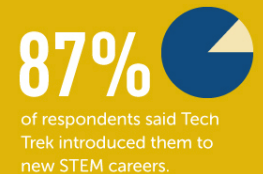
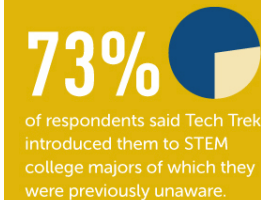
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- AAUW CA SPF and send to your local AAUW Branch.
- Or Donate on-line by going to the link on the previous page.



What is the Impact?

We all have a vested interest in maintaining the USA's competitive edge in STEM fields. Through hands-on workshops, exposure to female role models, and engaging educational field trips, Tech Trek girls are encouraged to see themselves as future scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and computer scientists, while the atmosphere of a college campus helps them envision pathways to their future accomplishments. AAUW conducts follow up surveys with Tech Trek alumni to assess their long term successes.



"Tech Trek made me aware of all the possibilities in career choices. I realized how much of the world is dependent upon researchers and engineers."

—Former attendee

