

Sample Interview Questions



Start the interview with information about AAUW and Tech Trek:

Tech Trek is a week-long science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) summer camp designed to develop interest, excitement, and self-confidence in young women who will enter the eighth grade next fall. The camp is a program of the American Association of University Women (AAUW). Since 1881, AAUW has been the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Tech Trek began in 1998 and has expanded across the U.S to ten states in 22 local camps.

There are no correct answers to any question. All candidates are being evaluated to be a good fit for the Tech Trek camp.

Suggested Questions for Students:

1. Why do you think your teacher nominated you for a STEM camp?
2. Do you think you would like to have a job someday that has to do with science, technology, engineering or math? If so, what would that be?
3. When you are confronted with a new challenge at school do you tend to back away from it or do you jump right in?
4. Do you help other students in your class or school with their homework?
5. Have you ever been away from your family for a week or more? How do you feel about spending a week away from home with other girls you don't know?
6. Have you attended any other summer camps? If so, tell me about experiences at other camps you've attended. What did you like or not like?
7. Will you be attending any other camps this summer? (If student does not know, ask parent/guardian.)
8. You will not be able to use your cell phone at camp. Will this be a problem for you?

At this point the interviewer should ask the student if they have any questions about the camp.

Suggested Questions for Parents/Guardians:

1. What does it mean to you that [student's name] was selected by her teacher for Tech Trek – science, technology, engineering and math camp?
2. Do you talk about math, science or engineering careers related to these fields of study in the home?
3. How do you feel about [student's name] going away to camp for a week? Can you commit that she will attend for the entire week? Would you prefer that she attend a week-long virtual option of this camp?
4. [if applicable] Are you aware that there is a \$50 fee for a student to attend Tech Trek? The other costs of the camp are raised by AAUW at the local branch, state and national level.
5. Can you furnish transportation to and from camp? Who will drop her off and pick her up from [insert location]?
*Tell parents if they are unable to pay the fee or provide transportation, they can discuss options with the branch coordinator
6. Does [camper name] have any medical conditions that would prevent her from participation in Tech Trek or special needs the camp should plan to accommodate if selected?
7. Your daughter must show proof of COVID-19 vaccination (or a medical waiver) and provide a negative COVID test taken within 48 hrs. of arriving at camp. Will this be a problem?

The parent/guardian interview answers are used in conjunction with the student interview answers to evaluate whether the student is a good fit for Tech Trek.

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Recommended Scoring Rubric:

Score	Excellent candidate = 1	Very Good candidate = 2	Poor candidate = 3
Student interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interested in STEM subjects Interested in STEM career options Excited to take on new challenges Has/will not have the opportunity to go to a STEM camp outside of Tech Trek 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interested in STEM, likes science and math even if they are not a favorite subject Potential interest in a STEM field Sometimes takes on new challenges Has attended STEM activities but not a STEM camp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not very interested in STEM subjects Has not thought about a career in a STEM field Does not like to try new things Has attended many other STEM camps and/or plans to do so during the course of the summer
Parent/guardian interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excited that student has been chosen to attend Tech Trek Has talked about STEM at home and is supportive of student's interest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glad student has been chosen, but not overly interested 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shows little interest in student being chosen to attend Tech Trek Little support at home for trying new things