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## 100. Tech Trek: AAUW California

### 100.1 Mission Statement

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Mission statement: AAUW California Tech Trek Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Camps for Girls strive to develop interest and excitement in STEM and self-confidence in eighth grade young women by providing the experience of living one week on a college campus or joining from the comfort of their home and participating in hands-on activities in math, science, and related fields.

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### 100.2 Tech Trek – a Program

Tech Trek is a program of AAUW. As such AAUW California abides by all governing rules of the organization. The AAUW California Special Projects Fund acts as the fiduciary agent for the project. The Executive Committee, i.e., the state president and the chief financial officer, through their oversight, do the following:

- Review all documents for signing or renewal pertaining to office operations, e.g., leases, agreements, contracts.
  - Ensure best business practices are in place for the administration of the office and its related functions, facilities, and equipment.
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### 100.3 Policy Adoption

These policies have been adopted by the AAUW California Board of Directors to govern this project.

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## 110. Leadership Structure

110.1 Jurisdiction	<hr/> <b>AAUW California and AAUW California Board of Directors (BOD)</b> state that the Tech Trek Camps are under the jurisdiction of the AAUW California BOD. <hr/>
110.2 SPF as a Fiduciary Agent	<hr/> <b>AAUW California Special Project Fund (AAUW California SPF)</b> is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation that serves as the fiduciary agent for the AAUW California Tech Trek Camps. It is not involved in the day-to-day administration of the camps. <hr/>
110.3 Program Director	<hr/> <b>The Tech Trek program director (TT program director)</b> is appointed by the AAUW California president. The TT program director is responsible for the oversight of the Tech Trek program in California; consults with the Tech Trek Committee and AAUW National, and reports to the AAUW California BOD. <hr/>
110.4 Tech Trek Financial Liaison	<hr/> <b>Tech Trek financial liaison (TT financial liaison)</b> is appointed by the AAUW California president. The TT financial liaison is responsible for the financial oversight of the Tech Trek program in California and is the overall project treasurer. <hr/>
110.5 Tech Trek Medical Advisor	<hr/> <b>Tech Trek Medical/Health Advisor (TechTrek Medical Advisor)</b> is appointed by the AAUW California president on the recommendation of the TT program director and financial liaison. The TT medical advisor is responsible for the medical and health-related oversight of the Tech Trek program in California and ensuring that all participants and volunteers are safe while delivering the program. <hr/>
110.6 Funds Development Committee	<hr/> <b>Funds Development Committee</b> , an ad hoc group, is appointed as needed by the TT program director and reports to the TT financial liaison to identify Tech Trek camp needs across the state and develop a funding campaign to meet those needs. <hr/>
110.7 Camp Director	<hr/> <b>Camp director (for each camp)</b> is appointed by the TT program director. She is responsible for the organization and administration of a specific camp. The camp director reports directly to the TT program director. <hr/>
110.8 Camp Treasurer	<hr/> <b>Camp treasurer (for each camp)</b> is appointed by the camp director. The camp treasurer is responsible for the detailed, day-to-day financial accounting of their specific camp. The camp treasurer works with the TT financial liaison to ensure the camp meets all the project's fiduciary requirements. <hr/>
110.9 Branch Coordinator	<hr/> <b>Branch coordinator, for each AAUW California branch</b> , is the primary contact person to coordinate all aspects of sponsoring campers, including, but not limited to, submitting reservations via the Memorandum of Understanding, contacting local schools, selecting the campers, fundraising, sending funds to camp treasurers, and sending camper registration information to camp directors. <hr/>

*See Section 400 for all Tech Trek job descriptions.*

## 120. Participation Agreements and Contracts

### 120.1 Camp Reservations

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The Tech Trek program director initially communicates with the AAUW California branches regarding the expected number of reservations available for each branch in the fall. Formal commitments are made via the Branch Participation Memorandum of Understanding.

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### 120.2 Branch Participation Agreement

Each participating AAUW California branch completes an online Branch Participation Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) annually with AAUW California in compliance with program rules. Copies may be provided to the branch, state office, and program. The Tech Trek program director will track agreement submission each year and has records retention responsibility for associated data.

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### 120.3 Annual Training

All volunteer staff, including branch Tech Trek selection committee members, must complete annual volunteer Code of Conduct training as required by policy prior to interacting with minors. Additional training may be administered by camp directors or their designees.

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## 130. AAUW California Tech Trek Website

### 130.1 Location and Authority

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The official website for Tech Trek is through the AAUW California website ([www.aauw-ca.org/techtrek](http://www.aauw-ca.org/techtrek)). Information on the website will be kept current by the web editor appointed by the Tech Trek program director. All content must be approved by the Tech Trek program director before posting to the AAUW website.

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### 130.2 Purpose

The purpose of the website is to provide information to Tech Trek personnel, teachers, AAUW California branch coordinators, former and prospective campers, and the general public.

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### 130.3 Camper Privacy

At no time will pictures of the campers have any personal identifying information attached to them. This is to protect the camper's privacy.

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## 140. Timeline and Deadlines

### 140.1 Activities

Each camp director determines the detailed timeline for her camp and coordinates that timeline with the overall state project timeline and deadlines. Timeline and deadlines for the overall Tech Trek project are as follows (this timeline begins after the camp year has completed, in August of every year):

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Dec-March	Camp directors and branches engage teachers, alumnae, and volunteers in the coming camp season.
February 15 Deadline	Branch Participation Memorandum of Understanding is submitted online by branch president and TT branch coordinator. California AAUW Board of Directors reviews and approves preliminary budget.
January - March	Branch contacts schools, begins nomination and application process. Invitations to apply are sent. Staff application link distributed to branches and camps and placed on the website.
March 15	Deadline for branches to submit camper sponsorship fees to camp treasurers.
April 15	Branch coordinators identify selected campers online; campers and camps notified.
February, March, April	Camp directors order camp supplies, finalize daily schedules, and keep all camp staff and volunteers updated.
April	Camp directors review camp staff and stipend with Tech Trek program director for final budget approval at least two months prior to camp. Later staff additions/changes are sent to the Tech Trek program director with appropriate budget addendum
April - June	Camp directors distribute information to campers 1-2 months in advance of the camp date, ensuring that all campers and staff are in the system of record for data collection with all needed information submitted, appropriate notifications sent, and documentation review completed.
May-June	Branches conduct meet and greets and orientations with new campers, alumnae, and branch members.
June-August	Camps take place. Directors send staff and camper lists, camp schedules and the after-camp report (see 403.3) to the Tech Trek program director before the Tech Trek Annual Meeting

	in the fall. Directors send a complete preliminary budget report to the Tech Trek financial liaison.
September	Communications and updates are made available on the AAUW California website, including Tech Trek information. Branches follow up with campers to get accurate contact information and set up meet and greets with sponsors, schools, and alumnae and their families.
October	Post- camp meeting(s) with camp directors and committee members take(s) place, online or in-person as health and budget constraints may allow. Meetings include early budget reviews, survey results, personnel changes, committee schedules, and camp and national updates.
November	Tech Trek program director provides resources to the participating camps and branches by the end of November that provides all necessary guidelines and resources for use in communications with schools, campers, donors, and other stakeholders. Tech Trek program director requests branch participation intent and provides camp directors and financial liaison access to related data.
December	Tech Trek financial liaison presents revised Tech Trek preliminary budget to AAUW California finance committee for review. The finance committee presents it as a motion to the AAUW California BOD for approval at their January board meeting.

# 150. Camp Assignments

<b>150.1 Camp Assignments</b>	The camp directors and the Tech Trek program director, in consultation with the branch coordinators, will make the final decision on camp assignments.
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# 160. Camper Selection

## 160.1 Sponsorship Authority

Only AAUW California branches may sponsor campers and only the branches have the authority to select campers with any funds they solicit from individuals or outside organizations. However, the Tech Trek program director has the discretion to allow special arrangements with non-AAUW entities (called partners) to also sponsor campers, to ensure a diverse representation of girls from across the state. All potential campers shall go through the same selection process as outlined in this document.

## 160.2 Camper Selection Procedures

Branches may select students from any middle school in their area. AAUW encourages primary focus on public schools.

All branches shall follow the following procedures to ensure a comfortable fit between the applicants and camp:

Step	Action
1.	Science and math teachers at participating schools recommend their students to the branch, using a prepared list of qualifications that is available online for public viewing.
2.	Recommended students are asked if they wish to apply for a campership; if yes, their parents give permission for the branch to contact them.
3.	Students complete an application and write an essay on a set subject.
4.	The branch selection team communicates with the nominees and their parents with the completed application package including parent authorizations. The team reviews the required paperwork for completion then arranges for the applicant interviews. Interviews may be conducted in person or remotely. Nominee assessment may be conducted via interview or by paper (questionnaire/essay rankings, teacher recommendations, etc.).
5.	The selection committee chooses the applicants they think will best benefit from Tech Trek according to the published criteria and number of sponsorships they have available. Alternates may be assigned.
6.	The branch coordinator submits all required information about selected campers to the TT program director and camp director(s) and ensures that campers complete and return all required forms by the deadlines prior to camp.

**160.2.1 Camper Selection Criteria**

Criteria for selecting finalists:

1. Teacher recommendations focused on goals of Tech Trek to identify 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls whose established interest and/or curiosity in STEM is at risk of being lost during high school. Current interest in STEM is required.
2. The candidate herself, and not her family members, wants to attend camp. **Note:** Students need to know there will be schoolwork at camp. It is mostly hands-on, with little or no homework, but the students are expected to be attentive and fully participate in classes and all activities.
3. After selection, the branch coordinator and families must identify any special American with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodation(s) the camper may require and must notify the camp director as early as possible, no later than two weeks before camp. Under the guidance of the TT medical advisor, the camp director is responsible for reviewing and determining whether the requested accommodation(s) are reasonable.

**160.3 Camper Selection Timeline**

Some dates are generalized and should be adjusted to each branch's needs. However, other deadlines are specific. School district calendars should be consulted well ahead of time before trying to schedule interviews.

Date	Activity
Winter	Branch coordinator distributes information and the request for potential camper recommendations to math and science teachers at local middle schools.
By Feb 15	Math and science teachers submit names of recommended students who are currently in the 7th grade to the branch coordinator and/or direct nominated students' parents to the designated online registration system to initiate completion of parent permission and student application. Branch coordinators may limit the number each teacher may submit.
By March 15	If not already initiated via teachers, the branch coordinator may contact recommended students' parents with instructions for providing permission to request a camper submit an application and essay on a designated STEM subject.
By March 21	Branch reviews application materials submitted and selects finalists for interview.
By April 10	Branch interviews finalists (mandatory) and their parents (optional). Branch selects recipients and notifies all applicants, in writing, of their standing (selected, selected as alternate, not selected). All applicants shall be notified at the same time, preferably at home.
By April 15	Branch coordinator submits names/addresses/emails of campers selected to respective Tech Trek camp director.
May-June	Branches may hold a get-together for the selected campers before camp. This can be held in conjunction with other branches in the area.
Summer	Branch coordinators and branch members are encouraged to attend branch visitation day held by each camp. Visitors will be able to see campers at work, meet camp staff, and see the facilities.

## 170. Tech Trek Alumnae Community

### 170.1 Tracking Former Campers

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Branch coordinators are expected to keep track of their campers for five (5) years after their attendance at Tech Trek. Upon request, Branch coordinators will receive a spreadsheet listing current information on file for former campers and are expected to assist the Tech Trek program director in keeping the information updated and current. An online tool will be created to facilitate regular updating by alumnae and branch members. A handbook will be created to provide guidance to branches and alumnae wishing to establish a local Tech Trek alumnae group (TTAG).

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### 170.2 Tech Trek Alumnae Community

The Tech Trek program director will appoint a chair to oversee the design and vitality of a Tech Trek alumnae community (TTAC) Advisory Board composed of and managed by alumnae members who are invited to apply annually.

The TTAC advisory board will be responsible for establishing their own governance structure modeled on existing local TTAG organizations, with the ultimate mission of planning statewide alumni events/activities and making program recommendations to support effective community building after camp and during the high school years.

Expenses incurred for statewide activities or programs are paid from the Tech Trek general account. Expenses incurred for local TTAG activities are paid from branch or interbranch council funds.

Alumnaei will be notified of planned activities or events via the Tech Trek website, email, or other social media channels such as LinkedIn, Instagram, Slack, or other platforms. Branch coordinators may also be asked to help notify former campers.

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## 180. Annual Meeting

### 180.1 Purpose

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AAUW California requires state projects to meet annually, either in-person or remotely. The purpose of the Tech Trek annual meeting is to:

1. Review and assess the past year.
  2. Discuss possible changes for the coming year, including camper fees.
  3. Learn from one another.
  4. Learn about new Tech Trek and SPF procedures.
  5. Train new camp directors and treasurers.
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### 180.2 Location and Timing

The Tech Trek program director and financial liaison establish the date and location of the annual meeting after conferring with the camp directors and treasurers. The meeting is held in the fall, usually in September or October. The location may alternate each year between northern and southern areas in the state with easy airport access or be remote. In-person meetings will be one day only unless special circumstances require an additional day.

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### 180.3 Attendance at Annual Meeting

The meeting will include the following:

- Tech Trek program director
- Tech Trek financial liaison
- AAUW California president
- Representative from SPF
- Camp directors\*
- Camp treasurers\*

\*Camp directors and camp treasurers are expected to attend the annual meeting.

If in person, relevant meals and snacks are provided to all attendees, depending on budgets. Two representatives from each camp (camp director and camp treasurer), the Tech Trek program director and Tech Trek financial liaison will be reimbursed for travel expenses from Tech Trek funds.

Representatives from SPF and the AAUW California president will provide their own funding to attend. In the case of co-camp directors, travel funding is provided for only one to attend unless the camp treasurer is unable to attend. Additional attendees may be approved by the Tech Trek program director in consultation with the Tech Trek financial liaison, dependent on the Tech Trek administrative budget to cover the additional expenses.

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### 180.4 Outgoing/Incoming Camp Personnel Attendance

Since only two representatives per camp may attend the annual meeting, priority is given to new camp personnel attending. Outgoing camp personnel may attend the annual meeting at their own expense. Outgoing camp directors who are not continuing in the position should meet with the new camp director before the annual meeting to share lessons learned. The same applies to the camp treasurer position.

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## 200. Finance

### 210. Budget

#### 200.1 Overview

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AAUW California SPF is the fiduciary agent for Tech Trek. Tech Trek follows AAUW California SPF and AAUW California policies and procedures for all financial transactions. The SPF fiscal year is from January 1 to December 31. It is different from the standard AAUW fiscal year. See also sections 420, 404, and 405 for job descriptions of all positions involved in Tech Trek finances.

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#### 210.2 Budget Authority and Approval

Tech Trek must submit proposed budgets and final financial reports in accordance with both SPF, a 501(c)3 entity, and AAUW California BOD requirements:

1. Submit SPF required reports per SPF policy by the SPF deadline.
2. Submit a preliminary Tech Trek budget to the AAUW California finance committee for its review and approval. It should include a report of the previous year's budget and actual totals, broken down by individual camps, along with explanatory notes of where expenditures or revenues were notably different from the budgeted amount.

The AAUW California finance committee will present the proposed budget to the AAUW California BOD for approval.

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#### 210.3 Budget Timeline

The following is the timeline for Tech Trek budget activity.

Period	Activity
January	AAUW California BOD reviews and approves overall Tech Trek project preliminary budget.
Mar-Apr	Camp directors and treasurers submit a revised budget to the financial liaison no later than March 15, who then submits it by April 1 to the AAUW California CFO for review and presentation to the AAUW California BOD for approval at its April board meeting.
Sep-Oct	Camp directors and treasurers prepare a year-end budget report of actual expenses compared to budget. Report is submitted to financial liaison prior to the Tech Trek annual meeting.
December	Camp directors and treasurers submit a preliminary camp budget to the Tech Trek financial liaison by December 15, who then prepares and submits to the AAUW California CFO preliminary consolidated Tech Trek budget by January 1.

#### 210.4 Budget Preparation and Camper Fees

Budget preparation follows these guidelines:

1. Camp budgets shall be prepared at the account level (see Chart of Accounts in 270.3.1) using the best information available, with the understanding that some expenses and revenues may not be easily estimated that far in advance. The year-end financial report shall include explanatory notes to address notable differences between budgeted and actual totals.
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2. The AAUW California BOD must approve changes in camper fees no later than January each year.
3. Tech Trek funds may not be used to pay AAUW dues for camp staff.

**210.5 Use of Credit Card**

The AAUW California credit card may be used for purchases of any amount, as long as it does not exceed the card limit but must be used for purchases of goods or services in the amount of \$2500 or more. Camp directors should not use their personal credit cards for purchases of \$2500 or more for Tech Trek. The following procedure is used to initiate a purchase for a Tech Trek camp director using the AAUW California Credit Card:

Step	Action
1	Camp directors will provide a completed voucher with a list of items to be purchased and all pertinent vendor contact information to the TT program director and/or TT financial liaison for approval, at least one - preferably two - weeks before payment is expected.
2	Upon approval, the Tech Trek program director/financial liaison will forward the completed voucher to the AAUW California CFO (or a person authorized to sign) who will then contact the vendor with the credit card information to complete the purchase. Relevant purchase orders, invoices, etc. are to be attached to the voucher.
3	Once the purchase is complete the CFO will notify the project representative and provide any relevant documentation and confirmation numbers provided by the vendor.
4	Also, once the purchase is complete the project representative will immediately submit a voucher with attached documentation (invoices/purchase orders) to the AAUW California Special Projects Fund for payment to AAUW California for reimbursement of the purchase.
5	The AAUW CFO will record any large purchase, such as computers, as an asset of AAUW California. Note: Such purchases by state sponsored programs are the property of AAUW California and not the camp or program.

**210.6 Denied Vouchers**

If the Tech Trek program director or Tech Trek financial liaison declines a voucher request for payment, the Tech Trek program director/Tech Trek financial liaison must notify the voucher’s author of the decision and the reason within two weeks of receipt of the voucher.

The voucher’s author may appeal the decision to the AAUW California finance committee. The appeal must be submitted within two weeks from the receipt date of the Tech Trek program director/Tech Trek financial liaison notification of the decision declining payment.

**210.7 For an Advance**

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For an advance to cover budgeted expenses:

1. The camp director submits an advance form to the Tech Trek program director/Tech Trek financial liaison for approval. The form is sent to the AAUW California Chief Financial Officer who will approve and provide the advance on budgeted funds.
2. Within two weeks of occurrence, a voucher must be submitted by the camp director via to the normal voucher channels officials listed above, itemizing the total expenses. In the unusual event that the advance exceeds the expense, the balance due to AAUW California should be remitted with the final voucher.

## 220. Camper Fees

### 220.1 Fees Vary

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The Tech Trek camp fee varies between camps because of the vast differences in fees charged by the colleges and universities where camps are held throughout the state of California. During the review of camps at the Tech Trek annual meeting in the fall, the camp directors and treasurers discuss camp fees and suggestions for changes are presented to the AAUW California BOD.

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### 220.2 Fees Set

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The AAUW California BOD sets camper fees at their January meeting.

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### 220.3 Fees from Families

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Each camper's family may pay a non-refundable \$50 fee to the sponsoring AAUW California branch as a commitment to attend camp. If the family cannot afford the fee, the branch may elect to absorb the \$50. The family fee is due in the first week of May to the branch. The family contribution of \$50 is NOT tax deductible and shall be deposited into the respective branch account.

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### 220.4 Fees from the Branch

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The branch total due per camper already includes the \$50 from the camper's family; it is up to the branch to collect any parent/family contribution.

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## 230. Deposits

### 230.1 Overview

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After receiving the Tech Trek program director's approval of the branches' reservation request in the fall, each branch coordinator is responsible for sending the funds necessary to the appropriate camp treasurer(s) to cover all reserved camper fees by March 15.

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### 230.2 Deposit Procedure

For donor contributions to be tax deductible, the check must be payable to AAUW California SPF, with Tech Trek and the name of the camp on the memo line.

Checks made payable to AAUW California SPF may NOT be deposited into a branch bank account. If the donor does not care about a tax deduction for the donation, the branch may collect cash and checks made payable to the branch and transmit a branch check to SPF.

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### 230.2.1 Branch Deposits

The checks received for Tech Trek are transmitted to the camp treasurer within two weeks of receipt using the SPF branch deposit form.

- The branch coordinator/treasurer shall mail the checks and a paper copy of the completed deposit form to the camp treasurer, using the SPF deposit form found in the branch packet and at [aauw-ca.org](http://aauw-ca.org) under Tech Trek forms and documents.
- At the same time a deposit is mailed, the branch coordinator shall email an electronic copy of the deposit form to the camp treasurer.

Checks dated no later than December 31 shall be sent to the camp treasurer by January 10 so they can be processed by January 15.

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### 230.3 Deposit Directions for Donations

Many foundations and corporations will only make donations if they can mail their checks directly to the entity on file with the IRS as a 501(c)(3): AAUW California Special Projects Fund.

Branches or camps anticipating donations of this type shall consult with the Tech Trek financial liaison to receive instructions on the proper forms and procedures.

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### 230.4 Deposit Procedure for Camp Treasurers

Camp treasurers follow these steps when depositing checks.

Step	Action
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1. Camp treasurers and other sources shall transmit received checks within two weeks of receipt to the address provided by SPF. Deposit forms and directions can be found at the SPF website: [special.projects.fund-ca.aauw.net](http://special.projects.fund-ca.aauw.net). Treasurers should be familiar and comply with the SPF policies and procedures, also found at that site. The branch name should not be abbreviated to avoid errors in bookkeeping.
  2. When transmitting a REFUND check, the deposit form should be clearly marked REFUND to alert the bookkeeper not to charge an administrative fee for the transaction.  
Do NOT combine donation deposits and refunds on the same deposit form.
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3. Ensure that each deposit has its own distinct deposit number and file name, using this format:  
D (for deposit) - Camp Number - Year - # of transmittal.  
For example: **D-FY-Sequence#-Camp Number-Camp Name**  
Example: The first deposit for FY 2023 for UC San Diego would be:  
**D-2023-1-5032-San Diego**  
The electronic file shall have the same name.

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  4. When mailing the deposit to the address provided by SPF, email an electronic version of the deposit to:
    - Tech Trek financial liaison
    - Tech Trek program director
    - Camp director
    - Branch coordinators, as confirmation of their deposits

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  5. The camp treasurer receives a copy of the SPF transaction reports and reviews it to confirm the deposits have been accurately recorded.

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**230.4 Donation Acknowledgements**

Per IRS regulations, any single donation of \$250 or more will receive a letter of acknowledgment from AAUW California SPF. For single donations less than \$250, the branch should write a letter of acknowledgment on branch letterhead only when the check was made payable to the AAUW California Special Projects Fund and when the amount did not include a meal, merchandise, or other benefit to the donor, using the following text:

“Contributions to the [insert project name] made payable to the AAUW California Special Projects Fund (AAUW California SPF) are tax deductible to the donor. No goods or services were provided in exchange for the donation.”

In addition to this paragraph, the letter should include the amount of the check and the date.

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**230.5 Branch Carryover Funds**

Any remaining balance in branch deposits after the camp is held and camper fees have been deducted will be applied to the next year’s camp sponsorships at the most current camper fee rate.

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**230.6 SPF and Tech Trek Fees**

1. SPF administrative fee will be deducted from each camp’s total deposits, not from the branch balances with each camp. The SPF fee is shown on monthly financial reports from SPF and the camp treasurer shall enter it into the expense tracking record.
  2. Tech Trek administrative fee is 1% of all camper fees. The Tech Trek fee is calculated by the Tech Trek financial liaison and deducted from the total camper fees after the final number of campers is determined for each camp. The Tech Trek financial liaison prepares a transfer voucher that is sent to the camp treasurers and to the SPF bookkeeper to record.
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## 240. Refunds-Cancellations and Early Departures

### 240.1 Cancellations or No Shows

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If a camper cancels at any time after being notified of acceptance, the sponsoring branch should send an alternate. If the branch does not have an alternate to send to camp, other branches should be offered the opportunity to send an alternate camper.

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### 240.2 Filling Vacancies

If a camper cancels and another branch can fill the vacancy, the branch that released the spot is not required to pay for the camper's spot. However, if the vacancy remains unfilled and the site does not allow refunds, the branch forfeits camper fees. If a substitute is found, only the branch that sends the camper is obligated to pay.

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### 240.3 Early Departure

Branch coordinators shall be notified of any early departures of campers by camp directors. The branch has the option of requesting up to \$100 per day from the parents; any funds received are kept by the camp.

Branches may not be refunded any camper fees for the early departure of their camper unless the campus site does not charge or refunds the camp for unused food and lodging. Any refunds will go back into their branch deposits carryover for the next year.

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## 250. Transfers

### 250.1 Inter-Camp Transfer

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When a branch has deposited money to one camp and needs any portion of their balance to pay for campers at another camp, the respective camp treasurers coordinate the accounting transfer in cooperation with the Tech Trek financial liaison who submits the transfer request to SPF. The SPF 5% fee is transferred to the camp receiving the transfer and credited to the transferring camp.

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## 260. Grants

### 260.1 Grants Clearinghouse Coordinator

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When necessary, the Tech Trek program director and Tech Trek financial liaison shall appoint a grants clearinghouse coordinator to maintain a record of branches and grants so that multiple branches do not apply for funds from the same source.

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### 260.2 Review of Grants by AAUW California and SPF

Grant applicants shall notify SPF and the AAUW California CFO of their applications as they begin the application process. SPF will then provide the applicant with information relevant to the use of SPF as the fiduciary agent. Review may take two weeks or more, so the grant preparer must provide enough time for both officers to review the submission.

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### 260.3 SPF Notification

The AAUW California SPF president shall be provided copies of all grant applications and award letters sent to the Tech Trek financial liaison.

**Grant applications shall include:**

- a. Project or scholarship contact person information.
- b. SPF information including address and direction to make the check payable to the AAUW California Special Projects Fund but may be abbreviated to AAUW California SPF. If the grantor wishes to provide payment electronically, contact the SPF treasurer for bank information.

**Grant applicants shall:**

- a. Provide SPF with a copy of the application.
  - b. Submit a matching funds, designated funds, & grants form to ensure the funds are credited to the correct account.
  - c. Submit vouchers to request expenditure of the funds using the process described in 270.1 Vouchers, of these policies and procedures.
  - d. Provide SPF with a copy of the final grant report.
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### 260.4 Grant Distribution

When Tech Trek receives a grant, the administration and distribution of the grant is the responsibility of the Tech Trek program director and Tech Trek financial liaison in tandem. They shall follow the guidelines and specifications contained in the grant application and award letter.

As much as possible, unless designated otherwise, funds from Tech Trek grants shall be distributed evenly among the camps as stipulated in the grant guidelines and specifications and used to cover administrative costs. However, the Tech Trek program director and Tech Trek financial liaison have the discretion and authority to distribute grant funds in whatever manner they deem the best long-term interests of the project.

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# 270. Vouchers and Issuing Checks

## 270.1 Voucher Rules

Tech Trek expenses are paid by AAUW California SPF through the existing voucher system. AAUW California SPF makes payment if the expenditures are within the project’s budget allocations and the project has adequate funds on deposit with AAUW California SPF to cover the expenses. These are the rules:

- All vouchers shall be submitted electronically.
- All vouchers shall be accompanied by scanned copies of receipts/invoices.
- Invoices or bills for goods or services from a vendor or institution shall be submitted with a voucher for payment directly to the vendor or institution.
- Reimbursement for mileage driven shall be made at the current rate approved by the AAUW California BOD. (Contact the AAUW California CFO for the current rate.) Mileage reimbursement requests must contain a MapQuest or Google Maps printout including the addresses for location of origin and destination and a map indicating the miles traveled.
- Vouchers shall not be approved for payment until the AAUW California BOD has approved the Tech Trek budget for that fiscal year, unless with prior approval from the AAUW California president.
- Vouchers **must** be submitted within 30 days after the expenses were incurred, in order to ensure payments.
- Payees shall be advised that it can take up to 3–4 weeks from the initiation of a voucher until payment is received.

## 270.2 Voucher Signature Requirements

Since voucher submissions are electronic, the camp treasurer will send the voucher to the Tech Trek financial liaison for review and approval. The financial liaison’s embedded signature will be on the approved voucher that is sent by the camp treasurer to SPF for payment.

## 270.3 Chart of Accounts for Tech Trek

When preparing expense reports, camps will use the SPF chart of accounts, below. See definitions of pertinent line items. Contact the financial liaison if unsure of which account to use. Should a new type of expense arise for which there is no applicable account, the financial liaison shall work with the SPF to determine its best placement or arrange to have a new account created.

### 270.3.1 Account Structure

The following is the chart of accounts structure:

Account Name	Definition
Background Check	Live Scan and OneSource fees.
Campus Cost	Lodging, meals, classrooms/lecture halls, labs, keys, internet, pool fees, parking.
Development	Costs to bring in staff early or a meal after camp. Costs for directors/staff to visit other camps (must be budgeted and approved by camp director), expenses for branch visits by directors. <b>Does not include the annual directors’ meeting.</b>
Equipment Purchase	For buying long-lasting items out of designated funds.

Field Trips/Special Events	Includes field trip costs (entry fees & meals not through university food services) plus transportation; also includes virtual field trips or other activities not paid through campus costs.
Insurance	Liability, cyber and AD&D insurance premium costs to be divided between camps by financial liaison.
Printing & Copies	Materials sent to campers, branches. Camper/staff notebooks—all copying except for teaching materials (See teaching materials).
Rental	Golf carts, copy machines, refrigerators, rental vehicles, medical items, computer rental, storage space, technology.
Software	Purchase of software and licenses.

**270.4 Voucher Process**

The following is the process for creating a voucher.

Step	Action
1	Each voucher shall have its own distinct number and file name, using the format: V (for voucher) - Camp Number — Year— voucher# — can add name <b>V-FY-Sequence#-Camp Number-CampName</b> Example: the first voucher for FY 2013 for UC San Diego would be: <b>V-2013-1-5032-San Diego-Hill</b> The electronic file shall also have the same name.
2	The initiator will attach <u>original</u> receipts and mail it to the camp treasurer.
3	The camp treasurer prepares the voucher and submits it to the Tech Trek financial liaison for review and approval.
4	The camp treasurer verifies that a W-9 with the same name and address as on the voucher is on file with SPF. If not, the payee must provide a new W-9. The new W-9 is mailed directly to the SPF Treasurer.
5	The camp treasurer will forward vouchers and receipts via email to the Tech Trek financial liaison for review and approval. Upon approval of the voucher, the Tech Trek financial liaison will send the voucher and receipts to the SPF treasurer and designated SPF bookkeeper for payment, copying the camp treasurer and others deemed necessary. Any special processing must be included on the voucher and the email in <b>LARGE RED LETTERS</b> .
6	If the recipient of the check is other than the payee, this must be marked in bold on the voucher and noted in the email to the SPF treasurer.
7	Payment is processed and delivered according to SPF policies and procedures.
8	Camp directors may request a cash advance for up to \$2000 to provide cash on hand for expenses that occur before camp begins.

	There must be more than \$2000 in the SPF camp account before the request is submitted. The cash advance is requested with a voucher.
9	The cash advance shall be cleared by submitting a voucher and receipts.

**270.5 Void Checks**

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If a check is void for any reason, it should be marked VOID and mailed to the Tech Trek financial liaison , who will mail the void check to the SPF bookkeeper and email notification of the void check to the SPF treasurer.

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## 280. Liability Insurance

### 280 Overview

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Liability insurance for Tech Trek California is purchased by AAUW California to cover all members and anyone working for AAUW California in Tech Trek. The Tech Trek financial liaison will submit a voucher for repayment to AAUW California.

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## 300. Program Health Safety and Security

<b>300.0 Overview</b>	The following sections cover the California Tech Trek program health safety and security requirements and procedures for all campers and staff.
<b>300.1 Health Safety-Related Procedures</b>	This section covers health safety-related procedures including program medical supervision, vaccination policy, and other health-related practices and procedures.
<b>300.1.1 Program Medical Supervision</b>	To facilitate current and consistent health practices being used at all camps, a Medical/Health Advisor is required. The advisor must have an active professional license as a physician, registered nurse, or physician’s assistant and will be responsible for overseeing all program health-related policies and procedures, personnel, and training at camps. More details of the role are provided in section 400.
<b>300.1.2 Vaccination Policy</b>	All attendees at in-person camps, both campers and staff, must be immunized in accordance with the Tech Trek California Vaccination Policy (Appendix A), which may be updated from time to time to reflect current public health guidelines and considerations.
<b>300.1.3 Other Health-related Practices and Procedures</b>	Camper and staff medical documentation must be reviewed as early as possible prior to camp start for missing health-related forms and special needs, including immunizations, insurance records, and Americans with Disability Act accommodations. camp directors are responsible for ensuring this is done and the TT Medical/Health Advisor is responsible for overseeing the review process across all camps.
<b>300.2 Security-Related Procedures</b>	This section covers security-related procedures including camp supervision, participant privacy, and camper and staff procedures and codes of conduct.
<b>300.2.1 Camp Supervision</b>	<p>The student-adult ratio is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A minimum 1:10 ratio of adults to minors at all Tech Trek camps, both virtual and in-person. For example, if there are 80 campers and eight junior counselors or coaches under the age of 18, there must be nine adults over the age of 18 assigned to the camp.</li><li>• The ratio always applies, including during field trips.</li></ul> <p>Junior counselors or coaches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Junior counselors shall have an adult supervisor as determined by the camp director.</li></ul> <p>Live Scan-approved supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• When campers are physically with any staff who has not been Live Scan-approved <u>through California Tech Trek</u>, the camp director must ensure that a Live Scan-approved adult staff member is always in the room.</li></ul>
<b>300.2.2 Privacy</b>	Participant privacy is critical to the AAUW California Tech Trek program before, during and after camp. A parent or guardian must provide initial

explicit written permission for any minor interaction with branch or camp personnel before or during camp, whether camper or minor staff.

AAUW California Tech Trek will coordinate with AAUW California to secure appropriate cybersecurity insurance to address data leaks and other data security issues.

### **300.2.2.1 Media Releases**

Photographs or video recordings made during Tech Trek educational or recreational activities may be taken. This may be done as a group photo, individual photos during camp activities, or as part of a media story, and may appear in the Tech Trek website, news stories, publications or reports on the camp or program.

All campers and staff complete a media release during the application process explicitly approving or disallowing AAUW California Tech Trek's usage of their name, personal information, or photographic image in any social media.

Camp directors are responsible for ensuring campers and staff without authorized media releases are identified clearly and excluded from photos, videos and media publications.

### **300.2.2.2 Data Privacy and Cybersecurity**

All data will be collected and stored in a secure and protected environment whether paper or electronic. Records will be retained in accordance with section 330. Software used will be certified as compliant with very strict criteria standards for data security and privacy, including ISO 27018 (Personal Data Protection), HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act), and FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act).

AAUW California Tech Trek will coordinate with AAUW California to secure appropriate cybersecurity insurance to address data leaks and other data security issues.

### **300.2.3.1 Camper Code of Conduct: Behavior Guidelines**

The following are the guidelines for the Camper Code of Conduct:

- In order to make this camp a success, it is vital that all students realize that standards of conduct and behavior must be understood and observed. Proper student conduct is expected the entire time a student is in camp.

Students are to:

- Cooperate with all camp leaders, including dorm moms, teachers, counselors, and any other camp volunteers.
- Demonstrate courtesy and respect for all staff members and campers and behave in a responsible manner. In the classroom setting, students may not interrupt their classmates or teacher, make fun of them or their expressed views, or disrupt the learning environment.
- Listen carefully to all orientations and observe all safety rules and procedures.
- Attend all scheduled events on time. Contribute to the camp community by sharing ideas and participating in discussions and activities.
- Stay with the assigned group unless the leader gives permission to do otherwise.
- For in-person camps:
  - Never leave the residence hall alone or without permission.

- Wear a lanyard with name tag, room key, and meal ticket at all times outside of the dorm room and pay replacement fee for any lost keys and/or meal tickets.
- Always lock the room when leaving.
- Observe "lights out" and "courtesy noise" policies (to be explained on arrival at camp).
- Be responsible for personal belongings and will not hold AAUW California Tech Trek STEM Camp for Girls responsible for any personal property that may be lost, damaged, or stolen while participating at a Tech Trek camp.
- Give permission for my belongings to be searched by event staff while I am present, when required for the health, well-being, or safety of myself or other participants.
- Not possess or use tobacco, alcohol, or any illegal substance, which would be grounds for immediate removal from camp.
- Not possess firearms or other weapons, which would be grounds for immediate removal from camp.
- Be responsible for her own health and well-being: dressing appropriately for the weather, eating meals, drinking enough water, getting enough sleep, taking medications (if applicable), and notifying the event staff if she does not feel well or suspects a health problem.
- Respect the property of others, including college property and facilities and borrowed technology. Treat all equipment and/or supplies provided for camper use with care. Camper understands that she will be assessed for damages to any equipment/supplies if her use of such equipment/supplies is negligent and/or abusive.
- If enrolled in a computer class, do not download programs nor make any changes to any program or system files, other than those the teacher specifies.
- Observe other rules that may be announced at the time of camp.

**300.2.3.2 Camper Code of Conduct- Disruptive Behavior**

Although students who are disruptive may be given the opportunity to correct their behavior before they are removed from the program, extreme circumstances may require the camp director to remove a student from camp immediately at the parent's expense.

**300.2.3.3 Camper Code of Conduct- Serious Infractions**

If there are serious infractions of the Camp Rules, the girl may be sent home early at the parent's expense or denied entry to the virtual camp.

**300.2.3.4 Problem Parents**

If camp directors have difficulties with parents who will not follow the rules, they are to discuss the issue with the Tech Trek program director who will decide the course of action, which may include referring the issue to the AAUW California president to resolve. See AAUW National document (Incident Reports) on their potential involvement.

**300.2.4. Personnel Security Procedures**

This section applies to personnel.staff security procedures.

**300.2.5 Bullying Prevention Guide**

Bullying is not compatible with the mission of AAUW California Tech Trek and should not be overlooked whenever and wherever it occurs. Everyone should understand how to prevent bullying and be prepared to deal with it proactively and thoughtfully. AAUW California has established a Bullying Prevention Guide (Appendix B) to facilitate its recognition and to provide tools to help address it if/when it occurs at camps. All camp staff must formally acknowledge review of the guide during the onboarding process.

**300.2.6 Camp Personnel Selection**

The following describes how camp personnel are selected:

<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Selection</b>
Camp Director	Appointed by the Tech Trek program director, the camp director must pass the AAUW California Live Scan fingerprinting process and annual background checks. When the camp director is ready to step down, the Tech Trek program director will take into consideration the recommendation of the current camp director, but the final decision on a replacement camp director lies with the Tech Trek program director.
Camp Treasurer	Selected by the camp director with the help of the Tech Trek financial liaison, the camp treasurer must work closely with the camp director. If not volunteering onsite only an annual background check is required.
Dorm Moms	Selected by the camp director and must pass the Live Scan fingerprinting process and annual background checks.
Teachers	Selected by the camp director and must pass the Live Scan fingerprinting process and annual background checks.
Junior/Senior Counselors and Coaches	<p>Selected by the camp director from a list of recommended former Tech Trek campers. Their Tech Trek experience does not necessarily have to have been at that camp, though experience with that campus is valuable. This is especially true of girls who return year-after-year.</p> <p>Former campers are eligible for counselor or coach roles as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In-person alumnae are eligible for either in-person or virtual camp three years after their camp or if they are age 16 before or during the summer of camp.</li> <li>● Virtual alumnae are eligible to volunteer at a virtual camp in the year following their camp or age 14; they are then eligible for an in-person camp counselor role three years after their camp or age 16. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It is strongly recommended that virtual campers first volunteer at a virtual camp</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	If this is the first two years of a new camp, the junior/senior counselors are selected from recommended former campers from the nearest camps, some of whose branches now send to the new camp. All Junior/Senior counselors are selected after an application/essay/interview process. If they are 18, then they must also pass the Live Scan fingerprinting process (for in-person camps) and annual background checks (both in-person and virtual camps)
Camp Nurse/Health Aide	Selected by the camp director and must pass the Live Scan fingerprinting process plus annual background checks.

**302.3 Stipends and Staff Expenses**

Stipends may be awarded as follows:

- Camp director: \$2,500. In the case of co-directors, the director stipend is split between them.
- Core Teacher: \$1,200-1400, based on classroom instruction hours
- Camp treasurer: \$300
- Assistant Director: As determined by the camp director, typically 25-50% of the camp director role
- Workshop Presenters: Pro-rated stipends may be compensated with camp director approval, depending on time, number of campers participating, and topic. Co-presenters at a workshop will divide any stipend.
- Health Aide/Nurse: \$300 -1500, depending upon qualifications and license.
- Dorm Mom: \$100
- Intern: 25-75% of the stipend given for the position the Intern is training for, dependent on the level of duties and responsibility given to the Intern compared to what that position typically requires.
- Additional stipends are at the discretion of the camp director with the Tech Trek program director’s prior approval.
- All stipends are to be reviewed explicitly during the budgeting process and approved by the Tech Trek program director prior to camp.

**302.2 W-9 Form Submission**

Per AAUW California SPF rules to meet IRS reporting regulations, current W-9 forms with current address shall be submitted to AAUW CA SPF for all persons or vendors receiving compensation through AAUW CA SPF. This requirement applies to anyone who receives a stipend or honorarium regardless of age, income level, or employment status. All W-9 forms shall be promptly sent to AAUW CA SPF as described in Section 270.

A W-9 form is required each year by SPF when an individual works or provides services to Tech Trek.

W-9 forms are available on the IRS website: [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

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**302.4 Fingerprinting and Background Checks**

Onsite volunteers and staff who stay overnight or spend more than 16 hours a month or 32 hours a year with Tech Trek minors, including core teachers, shall be fingerprinted at least once for a background check using Live Scan. If there is a gap of more than five years after the initial Live Scan, it must be redone.

Any adult personnel not Live Scanned shall be escorted onsite by someone who has successfully completed the Live Scan process through Tech Trek. This includes workshop presenters, speakers, and day-of volunteers who may assist with camper registration. If not included in personnel/staff online registration forms, current forms and instructions will be provided to the camp directors. Some volunteers' prints may be rejected as unclear and must be retaken. It is most important to start the Live Scan process as early as possible as it occasionally takes two or more months for unclear prints to be approved.

Following an initial Live Scan background check (in-person camps only), all adult personnel/staff must complete an annual background check via a link that will be shared through the online registration form.

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**302.5 Family as Volunteers**  
**302.6 Personnel/Staff Code of Conduct**

No relative of a camper is allowed to volunteer as staff at the camp where her relative is attending.

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In order to make this camp a success, volunteer staff members (teachers, dorm moms, counselors, and other volunteers) must agree to the following:

- Demonstrate courtesy and respect for all staff members and campers, providing a welcoming and pleasant learning environment.
  - Read all instructions prior to camp, listen carefully to all orientations, and observe and enforce all safety rules and procedures.
  - Attend all scheduled events on time.
  - Not bring minor children or other family members or friends to camp at any time during the camp week, understanding that this experience is for the selected campers and all volunteers must agree to devote their focus and attention on the campers' needs.
  - For in-person camps:
    - Wear a lanyard with name tag, room key, and meal ticket at all times outside of the dorm room and pay replacement fee for any lost keys and/or meal tickets.
    - Always lock the room when leaving.
    - Respect the property of others, including college property and facilities. Treat all equipment and/or supplies provided for my use with care. Understand that she will be assessed for
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damages to any equipment/supplies in the event that use of such equipment/supplies is negligent and/or abusive.

- Be responsible for personal belongings and not hold AAUW California Tech Trek responsible for any personal property that may be lost, damaged, or stolen while participating at a Tech Trek camp.
- Not possess or use tobacco, alcohol, or any illegal substance.
- Not possess firearms or other weapons.
- Be responsible for her own health and well-being: dressing appropriately for the weather, eating meals, drinking enough water, getting enough sleep, taking medications (if applicable), and notifying the camp director if not feeling well or suspecting a health problem.
- Observe other rules that may be announced at the time of camp.

### **302.7 Removing Personnel**

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Should any Tech Trek personnel fail to follow the project's policy or meet its requirements, the following procedure shall be followed:

- The staff member's supervisor and/or the Tech Trek program director explains the deficiencies.
- A plan of action to remedy the deficiencies is outlined, including consequences.
- The staff member either agrees to the plan or is dismissed immediately.
- If the staff member fails to meet standards agreed upon within the timeline established, the staff member's supervisor has the authority to remove the staff member from the position.

## 310. Equipment

### 310.1 Equipment

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Permission from the Tech Trek program director is required before any Tech Trek equipment can be used by someone other than a camp director outside of the camp week. While all such equipment belongs to AAUW California and its officials and members may request use, the final approval rests with the Tech Trek program director who is responsible for equipment inventory.

Camp director, or a responsible designate, SHALL check all common Tech Trek equipment for completeness, including cables, batteries, etc. both upon arrival and before it is forwarded to the next camp. If any items are missing upon receipt of the equipment, the Tech Trek program director **shall be notified immediately**. The last camp to have used the items may be charged the cost of replacing the missing equipment.

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## 320. Classes and Field Trips

### 320.1 Class Size

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The preferred maximum number of students in any core class is 22, and the Tech Trek program director should be notified if any core class has more than 22 students. Smaller core class sizes are preferable to facilitate learning.

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### 320.2 Field Trips

Each camp director will seek to include a minimum of one field trip experience that expands the opportunities to teach some aspect of STEM studies, using the resources that best fit the location and camp budget.

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## 330. Records Retention

### 330.1 Introduction

Records shall be retained, and then shredded or deleted if online, according to the following time periods.

### 330.2 Camper Information

Camper information records are held for the following retention periods

Information	Retention Period
Application	2-3 years
Attendance Agreement	7 years
Medical releases	7 years
Transportation Plan	2 weeks post-camp
Biographical information	3 years
Permission (media, application, and field trips)	In perpetuity
Incident reports	7 years
Early release	7 years
Camper Contact information	5 years minimum post-camp

### 330.3 Volunteer Information

Volunteer information records are held for the following retention period:

Information	Retention Period
Biographical information	Updated as needed
Live Scan background check	Updated 5 years after last volunteer assignment
Annual background check	Updated annually, purged every 3 years
Medical and media releases	7 years
branch coordinator information	purpose served
Minor Staff Parent Authorizations	7 years

**330.4 Disposal Method**

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Following the retention schedule, records are disposed of in the following manner. Paper records containing sensitive information are to be shredded at the time of disposal. Electronic records are to be deleted from the hard drive of all computers they are stored on. Hard copies of electronic records (CDs or DVDs or other current media) are to be destroyed. Shredding done professionally is a camp expense.

**330.5 Records Storage**

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The camp director stores paper and camp-specific electronic records at the camp level until disposal and transfers all records to a new camp director whenever there is a change in that position. Electronic application, registration, and alumnae tracking records shall be maintained by the Tech Trek Program director and accessible as needed by the Tech Trek financial liaison and other personnel designated by the AAUW California president and AAUW National Tech Trek program. Electronic records shall be updated regularly to the current media for usability until the time of disposal. Financial records are maintained as specified by the Tech Trek financial liaison, camp treasurer. Live Scan records are maintained by the Live Scan coordinator, with electronic records available for three years before being systematically purged by the Department of Justice. Paper records shall be scanned and filed in a secure online location for future access. Paper Live Scan records shall be kept under lock and key and electronic records password protected at all times.

## 340. Evaluation

### 340.1 Overview

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All camps may ask for evaluations from staff, campers, and parents. Questions cover the classes and field trips, how well the staff interacted with campers, what changes they might recommend. Staff may recommend campers who they think will be good candidates as junior counselors or coaches. It is strongly recommended that evaluations be done in an electronic format such as Google forms or Survey Monkey sent by email

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### 340.2 National Camper Survey

Tech Trek AAUW National will provide an electronic link to the recommended camper pre- and post-camp surveys, with periodic convenings to discuss desired changes initiated by the National Tech Trek program director. Survey results will be shared with state program and camp directors after review.

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## 400. Job Descriptions

### 410. Tech Trek Program Director

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#### 410.1 Overview

The Tech Trek program director oversees the entire project, is the primary spokesperson for Tech Trek California, and is the primary resource person and liaison between National, camp directors, and branch coordinators. She reports to the AAUW California President. Appointment is for a 1-year term by the AAUW California President, with the term of office running from July 1 to June 30.

Individuals holding this position may be reappointed for up to five 1-year terms.

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#### 410.2 Qualifications

The Tech Trek program director qualifications follow:

- Be a female AAUW California member.
  - Have flexibility, computer skills (Excel and Word), and accessibility.
  - Have good organizational, communication, and people skills.
  - Have a basic knowledge of simple financial forms such as budgets, profit & loss statements, and balance sheets.
  - Have time to devote to the task.
  - Meet all requirements of an AAUW California committee chair to be accepted by the AAUW California BOD.
  - Complete annual background check after initial Live Scan.
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#### 410.3 Duties: Approval and Delegation

Note: The Tech Trek program director may, with the approval of the AAUW California BOD, appoint assistants and delegate these duties as needed, as long as the Tech Trek program director is the primary contact responsible for overseeing that all duties are fulfilled.

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#### 410.4 Duties

The Tech Trek program director duties include managing the Tech Trek project on behalf of AAUW California in consultation with the camp directors, reviewing evaluations, and facilitating the setting of goals and plans for the Tech Trek program. Duties are to:

- Provide informative articles for AAUW California publications, maintain content on the Tech Trek website, and provide the state web team with current content for the state website's Tech Trek page.
  - Work closely with the Tech Trek financial liaison in all aspects of the project's finances, including reviewing the proposed budget prior to AAUW California BOD approval, planning the Tech Trek annual meeting, submitting any required reports to AAUW California SPF and AAUW National Tech Trek, coordinating bulk purchases for all camps, and ensuring all vouchers approved meet requirements in Section 200.
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- Work with the Governance Committee in reviewing and updating Tech Trek policy and job descriptions.
  - Visit as many camps each year as possible and facilitate evaluations.
  - Answer all emails and phone call inquiries from schools, parents, campers, and the public.
  - Work with the state web team to create group email lists for communication with Tech Trek staff and branch contacts.
  - Organize a Tech Trek workshop or plenary at state conventions in conjunction with the state Program Chair and Convention Chair.
  - Provide quarterly and annual reports as requested by the AAUW California Finance Committee.
  - Perform such other duties as requested by the the AAUW California State President or AAUW National.
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#### **410.4 Supervision of Camp Directors**

The Tech Trek program director supervises and serves as the primary resource for camp directors by doing the following:

- Recruiting new camp directors for AAUW California BOD approval. Assisting the Tech Trek financial liaison in recruiting new camp treasurers.
  - Providing training for new camp directors and ongoing training for returning camp directors.
  - Responding in a timely manner to camp director questions, concerns, or suggestions.
  - Assisting camp directors in recruiting camp staff.
  - Removing and replacing a camp director who fails to follow the project's procedures and requirements. (See Section 302.7)
  - Leading and facilitating the Tech Trek Annual Meeting (see Section 180). Working with camp directors to determine a time and location that reasonably accommodates their schedules.
  - Providing branch coordinators and camp directors with all forms and instructions required to perform their duties.
  - Coordinating with the financial liaison for the review and approval of staff stipend lists from camp directors and sending the Finance Committee the approved stipend list prior to the final budget review in April.
  - Collecting post-camp reports from camp directors at the close of the camp.
  - Providing any information (e.g., staff and participant numbers for each camp) required by the Tech Trek financial liaison for insurance certificates for each camp facility.
  - Coordinating shared camp equipment and the schedule of rotation between camps.
  - Budgeting for new program equipment and purchasing new/replacement equipment. Keeping a current inventory of all
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camp property (item description, serial number, location) and reporting any inventory changes to the Finance Committee and the insurance company.

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**410.5 Resource  
for Branch  
Coordinators**

The Tech Trek program director serves as the primary resource for branch coordinators by:

- Preparing and distributing an annual Tech Trek branch packet with all forms and instructions required in coordination with the Tech Trek financial liaison.
  - Coordinating branch camper reservations and Branch Participation Memoranda of Understanding to support camp capacity as defined by the camp director.
  - Offering training and support to branch coordinators.
  - Updating and communicating marketing collateral, including the Tech Trek brochure.
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## 420. Tech Trek Financial Liaison

### 420.1 Overview

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The Tech Trek financial liaison is responsible for the financial oversight of all California Tech Trek camps run under the Tech Trek camp project and is the overall project treasurer. Appointment is for a 1-year term by the AAUW California president with approval of the AAUW California Board of Directors, with the term of office running from July 1 to June 30. Individuals holding this position may be reappointed for up to five 1-year terms.

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### 420.2 Qualifications

The Tech Trek financial liaison qualifications follow:

- Be an AAUW California member.
  - Understand financial forms such as budgets, profit & loss statements, and balance sheets.
  - Have the necessary computer and accounting skills for budget oversight of individual camps and the overall state project.
  - Possess organizational skills, people skills, and flexibility.
  - Meet all requirements of an AAUW California committee chair and accepted by the AAUW California board of directors.
  - Complete annual background check after initial Live Scan.
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### 420.3 Duties

The Tech Trek financial liaison's duties are to:

- Ensure sound fiscal management of the project, including detailed budgeting and grant administration.
- Keep detailed records of all deposits and expenditures for the Tech Trek administrative budget.
- Work with the camp treasurers, monitor the individual camp budgets. Maintain financial records showing actual expenditures against the approved budget.
- Serve as financial consultant to camp treasurers, camp directors, and branch coordinators.
- Provide training and current forms for camp treasurers.
- Collect all budget reports in the required format and by assigned deadlines from camp treasurers.
- Review and approve all vouchers submitted by camp treasurers, verifying that they are completely and properly filled out and adhere to all SPF and Tech Trek policy guidelines and limits.
- Serve as fiscal liaison for the AAUW California BOD, SPF, Finance Committee and AAUW, and individual camps.
- Prepare and submit an annual project budget and year-end financial report to the Finance Committee.
- Facilitate with camp directors and AAUW California Chief Financial Officer all camp-related transactions requiring use of the AAUW California credit card(s).

## 425. Medical/Health Advisor

### 430.1 Overview

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The Tech Trek Program Medical/Health Advisor is responsible for overseeing all health-related aspects of the Tech Trek program, including making recommendations regarding personnel training and health-related camp procedures. This position is appointed by the Tech Trek program director.

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### 430.2 Qualifications

The Medical/Health Advisor qualifications are to:

- Be an AAUW California member
  - Pass Live Scan (first year) or background check (annually)
  - Have an active California Registered Nurse, Physician Assistant or Physician license.
  - Have demonstrated expertise in understanding regulations governing California public health requirements for camps and volunteers, including both physical and mental health and insurance implications.
  - Have experience working with children from a medical or health perspective.
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### 430.3 Duties

The Medical/Health Advisor duties are to:

- Maintain 24/7 cell phone availability during camps without licensed medical/health personnel/staff to address medical or health concerns onsite at camps.
  - In collaboration with Camp Directors, oversee the onboarding and identification of training needs for camp medical/health personnel/staff.
  - Provide instructions to camp medical/health personnel/staff for any health-related onsite training required of other camp staff, including CPR, First Aid, bullying prevention, etc.
  - Review all special medical or health needs with camp medical/health staff, such as medical exemptions, immunization records, medications, ADA accommodations, and other exceptional circumstances and report unresolved cases to the Tech Trek program director.
  - Provide year-round expert guidance to the Tech Trek program director and AAUW California board regarding all medical or health-related practices and procedures required to ensure camper and staff health-related safety, including policy and personnel training recommendations.
  - Attend Tech Trek committee or state board meetings as requested by the Tech Trek program director.
  - Be a mandated reporter.
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## 430. Camp Director

### 430.1 Overview

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The camp director is responsible for all the preparation, coordination, and supervision of a Tech Trek camp at one campus location. This position may be divided into two or more co-directorships or shared with assistant directors or planning committees, but the overall responsibility must reside with the director or co-directors. The camp director/co-directors shall be directed to a current posting/copy of the Tech Trek policy and will be provided with any required training by the Tech Trek program director.

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### 430.2 Qualifications

The camp director qualifications are to:

- Be a female AAUW California member
  - Enjoy working with 12-13-year-olds, good negotiating skills, and flexibility.
  - Experience as a teacher or assistant director at the Tech Trek campus for which they become camp director. For new campsites, experience at the teacher or assistant director level at one Tech Trek camp. Alternative camp work experiences may apply at the Tech Trek program director's discretion, possibly requiring additional training.
  - Have time to devote to the task throughout the year, but in particular in the two months prior to the camp. Must be present on the campus for the duration of the camp.
  - Possess good organizational and people skills.
  - Have basic knowledge of simple financial forms such as budgets, profit & loss statements, and balance sheets.
  - Have working knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel as well as email proficiency.
  - Complete annual background check
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### 430.3 Duties

The Tech Trek camp director has responsibility to oversee:

- Curriculum development, including at least one engineering and one computer science class, contract negotiations and approvals with the hosting facility and AAUW California Tech Trek leadership, coordination with the campus conference service personnel, field trips arrangements, and submitting an After Camp Report to the state coordinators.
  - Identification and selection of core teachers (who receive a stipend), volunteers to serve as health aide/nurse, dorm moms, counselors, volunteers to serve as workshop presenters, and any other positions that are necessary for running the camp successfully.
  - Procurement of necessary camp supplies except for those purchased for the entire project. Development of the daily schedule for the week of camp.
  - Work with the branch coordinators to ensure that all camper paperwork is provided, and money has been deposited with the camp treasurer for reserved camp spots.
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- Provide Live Scan forms and information on the procedure for new camp staff members 18 years and over, and information for annual background checks for returning staff.
  - Coordinate with camp treasurer, preparation of vouchers according to SPF instructions for vendors, teachers, and volunteers to be paid. Ensure current W-9 forms are on file with SPF for all receiving payments.
  - Provide numbers and other input for camp supplies that are ordered for the entire project.
  - Provide camp treasurer with camper reservations count by branch. Maintain close contact with camp treasurer throughout the year, copying them on all vouchers and financial reports and coordinating with them to develop the camp budget. At some camps, the camp treasurer may handle the voucher with camp director input.
  - Promptly answer emails from Tech Trek leaders, camp staff, branches, and families of campers assigned to the camp.
  - Immediately consult with the health aide/nurse when notified by the staff member first reviewing camper health/medical forms of any out-of-the-ordinary health issues or special needs. If the health aide/nurse does not receive satisfactory information from the potential camper's family, the director will follow up to ensure proper communication. It is critical that the camp be prepared to handle the health issues of all campers.
  - Attend local branch and IBC meetings and the AAUW California Annual Event, whenever possible and convenient, to promote Tech Trek, network, and recruit staff.
  - Attend the mandatory Tech Trek annual meeting and provide meaningful input for improvement of the overall Tech Trek project.
  - Manage all print and electronic records for the camp according to the Record Retention file. (See Section 3.5 for records retention policy).
  - Oversee camp website updates, blogs, and private camp Facebook pages.
  - Provide numbers to Tech Trek program director for insurance certificates
  - Handle public relations/press relations/public outreach with policy makers and ensure that safety/security procedures are followed.
  - Manage communication with parents/families.
  - Be a mandated reporter.
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## 440. Camp Treasurer

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### 440.1 Overview

The camp treasurer is expected to maintain accounts of all camp expenses and income.

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### 440.2 Qualifications

The qualifications for being a camp treasurer are to:

- Be an AAUW California member.
  - Possess working knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel as well as email proficiency.
  - Have the necessary computer and accounting skills to maintain records, create budgets, report donations to the SPF treasurer and fill out forms online.
  - Complete annual background check.
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### 440.3 Duties

The duties of the camp treasurer are to:

- Provide ongoing information to the camp director as to the status of the camp finances throughout the year and consult with her regarding branch deposit issues that arise.
  - Assist the camp director in creating a budget for the camp for submission to the Tech Trek financial liaison in early September. Reviews for budget update in January.
  - Receive funds from the branches and forward them on to SPF within 14 days of receipt using the correct forms. (See Section 230.3 for procedures).
  - Assist the branches when they have questions regarding any of the financial forms and on any other questions regarding missing checks, matching gift project checks.
  - Notify branches as to their financial standing regarding payment for campers on a regular, continuous basis. At the conclusion of the camp, provide branches an accounting of any money carried over to the next year.
  - Keep updated on AAUW financial policies concerning donations and the correct way for donors to write checks in order to claim an IRS deduction. Ensure that all checks forwarded to AAUW-California SPF are made out correctly. Deposit received funds within 30 days to remain compliant with SPF's 501(c)3 status.
  - Work with the Tech Trek program director, Tech Trek financial liaison, and other camp treasurers to develop new or improve existing processes and procedures.
  - Submit vouchers, within 30 days, to pay universities according to university timing requirements. After camp is over, the camp treasurer submits vouchers to reimburse directors, teachers and staff for stipends, mileage and supplies used at camp.
  - Attend Tech Trek annual meeting in the fall, if possible.
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## 450. Branch Coordinator

### 450.1 Overview

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The branch coordinator submits camp reservations to Tech Trek program director, coordinates the funds sent to the camp treasurer for camper sponsorships, supervises camper selection, and oversees submission of camper registration information to the program director and camp directors.

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### 450.2 Qualifications

The branch coordinator qualifications are to:

- Be a member of the branch.
  - Have the necessary computer skills to maintain records, report donations to the camp treasurer, and fill out forms online.
  - Be proficient in word processing, spreadsheets and email.
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### 450.3 Duties

The branch coordinator duties are to:

- Read the Tech Trek branch information sent each fall, with the understanding that there may be changes from previous years' procedures and schedules/deadlines included therein.
  - Coordinate with branch president to execute yearly Memorandum of Agreement Coordinate camper selection. (See Section 160.)
  - Must ensure all branch members who will interact with nominated and selected Tech Trek girls execute the Conduct Agreement Form and forward to Tech Trek program director.
  - Ensure funds are sent to the camp treasurer by deadline and using proper payment procedures. (See Section 230.)
  - Work with and respond to the Tech Trek program director.
  - Work with the camp directors to coordinate all aspects of registering campers and submit all required forms by the stated deadlines.
  - Keep in touch with former campers. Maintain records of all campers and update the camper tracking form annually.
  - Coordinate branch members' visits to camp on Branch Visitation Day.
  - Train successor and transfer all forms and records to her/him.
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## 460. Core Teacher

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### 460.1 Overview

The core teachers are selected by the camp director and provide the primary focus of the camp curriculum.

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### 460.2 Qualifications

The qualifications for becoming a core teacher are to:

- Be an experienced teacher, ideally with middle school or high school teaching experience and credentialed in the STEM fields, but STEM professionals may also be considered if their skills in working with the campers' age group can either be observed or confirmed from a reference of a current highly qualified Tech Trek teacher.
  - Have a passion for STEM subjects and ability to connect with 12-14-year-olds.
  - Conduct herself professionally, have integrity, and be a team player.
  - Have the ability to be flexible in scheduling and maintain the content of her course.
  - Complete a Live Scan fingerprinted by the camp director's stated deadline (typically six weeks prior to camp).
  - Complete an annual background check.
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### 460.3 Duties

The duties of the Core Teacher are to:

- Develop a curriculum in consultation with the camp director, with content that fills a minimum of 15 hours of class time, not including workshops. The academic level of the curriculum should provide the campers with a meaningful and challenging experience.
  - Obtain camp director's prior approval for the purchase of all class equipment and supplies.
  - Be a mandated reporter.
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## 470. Dorm Mom

### 470.1 Overview

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Dorm moms provide the emotional foundation the campers need while on their Tech Trek adventure, look out for the girls' best interests and consider their needs, making sure they get where they need to be and do what they need to do, and that they are treated with respect and concern.

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### 470.2 Qualifications

The qualifications for the dorm mom are to:

- Remain on campus for the duration of the camp and arrive early (for orientation and training) according to the camp director's instructions.
  - Must be an AAUW California member. Be responsible for between 7-12 campers, serving both as their advocate and enforcer of camp rules, ensuring they get where they need to go, have fun, and stay safe.
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### 470.3 Duties

- Know where assigned campers are at all times.
  - Attend any staff meetings as required by the camp director.
  - Hold regular dorm group meetings and assist in any other camp activities for the dorm group.
  - Assist in classrooms and on field trips when possible, as needed by the camp director.
  - Be willing and able to intervene and deal with potential minor difficulties between campers, homesickness, and limited discipline issues.
  - Receive training as a mandated reporter. A **mandated reporter** is a person who, because of his or her profession, is legally required to report any suspicion of child abuse or neglect to the relevant authorities. These laws are in place to prevent children from being abused and to end any possible abuse or neglect at the earliest possible stage. The Camp Director maintains the responsibility to report cases to the appropriate authorities.
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## 480. Camp Nurse/Health Aide

### 480.1 Overview

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The camp nurse/health aide is on hand to provide basic medical and emotional support as needed and is the first line of medical assistance provided to campers. If not a licensed provider (MD, PA, RN), the health aide works under the direction of the camp director with medical guidance from the Tech Trek Medical Advisor.

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### 480.2 Qualifications

The qualifications for being a camp nurse/health aide are to:

- Be an AAUW California member. Pass Live Scan (first year) or background check (annually) (typically six weeks prior to camp).
- Have an active California Registered Nurse, Physician Assistant or Physician license. EMTs, CNAs, or others with current certification working in a healthcare field must be reviewed by the Tech Trek State Medical/Health advisor to determine any needed training requirements (First Aid, CPR, etc.).
- Be interviewed by camp director if new to the camp
- Be physically capable of walking the campus.
- Have experience working with children.
- Must complete any required training prior to camp as determined by program procedures or Medical/Health Advisor.

### 480.3 Duties

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- Attend staff meetings as requested by the camp director.
  - Maintain 24/7 cell phone availability to all staff and camp volunteers for medical concerns and be available to attend any activities or field trips as required by the camp director.
  - Remain on campus for the duration of the camp and arrive early for orientation and training according to the camp director's instructions.
  - Be a mandated reporter.
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## 490. Intern

### 490.1 Overview

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An Intern is someone in training to take on a new job for the camp the following year. Ideally the intern will “shadow” someone during the camp to learn the job, taking on small pieces of the assigned role under supervision.

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### 490.2 Qualifications

An Intern, upon completing the internship, will meet all the qualifications of the position for which she is training.

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# 491. Junior/Senior Counselor

## 491.1 Overview

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Junior/Senior Counselors are former campers who serve as assistants to the camp staff and role models to the campers.

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## 491.2 Qualifications and Expectations

The qualifications for a Junior/Senior Counselor are to:

- Be three years after attending camp for junior counselors, more years for senior counselor.
  - Be able to exercise good judgment, emphasize safety, and exhibit exemplary behavior as a role model to the younger campers.
  - Be flexible.
  - Be friendly and able to conduct oneself with a positive attitude.
  - Abide by dorm closure and bedtime hours, sleep in assigned bed, abide by dress code, and attend all meals and activities.
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## 491.3 Duties

The duties of a Junior/Senior Counselor are to:

- Assist in preparation of buildings and campus areas for Sunday registration.
  - Assist the teacher to whose class you are assigned.
  - Assist dorm moms where assigned.
  - Meet and greet campers and their families on Sunday arrival.
  - Attend dorm meetings in your buildings.
  - Meet with your supervisor each day to be informed of the day's activities, new assignments, and changes in schedules.
  - Assist in daily activities as assigned.
  - Assist on campus field trips.
  - Perform other tasks as assigned by the camp director.
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## 492. Live Scan Coordinator

### 492.1 Overview

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The Live Scan coordinator is certified by the state Department of Justice as the Custodian of Record and sole member of AAUW California receiving results from Live Scan background checks. All persons who may ever be alone in-person with a Tech Trek camper must undergo this background check that involves digital fingerprinting. This includes camp directors, nurses, core teachers, dorm mothers and any counselors 18 or older. It does not include virtual staff, branch coordinators, workshop presenters, speakers, or other short-term volunteers who will not ever be physically alone with minors.

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### 492.2 Qualifications

The qualifications for a Live Scan Coordinator are to be:

- An AAUW California member.
  - An efficient record keeper.
  - Able to pass the FBI check.
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### 492.3 Duties

The duties to the Live Scan Coordinator are to:

- Maintain list of potential staff members, sent by the camp directors, having the Live Scan procedure.
  - Notify camp directors when each name is approved.
  - Keep approval documentation secure.
  - Send the camp directors the forms and instructions each year in the spring.
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## 493. Procurement Coordinator

### 493.1 Overview

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The procurement coordinator arranges for the purchase of all-camp items such as T- shirts, pens, lanyards, or neck wallets. The Tech Trek program director may serve as the procurement coordinator.

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### 493.2 Qualifications

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The qualifications for the procurement coordinator are to:

- Be an AAUW California member.
  - Have the ability to use Excel, Word, and email.
  - Have strong communication skills.
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### 493.3 Duties

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The duties of the procurement coordinator are to:

- Act as a liaison between the program and vendor(s)
  - Secure from camp directors the number of items needed.
  - Place the orders.
  - Coordinate delivery sites and dates for each camp's shipment.
  - Arrange for payment with the financial liaison.
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## 494. Camp Website Coordinators

### 494.1 Overview

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In collaboration with the Tech Trek program director and the California Webteam oversee the platform, design, content, and access of AAUW Tech Trek web pages for California camps. Together with approved camp editors, they ensure service consistency, compliance, maintenance and updates to the content and appearance of those web pages. Updates and design changes are supported at the request of the camp directors and the Tech Trek program director.

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## 495. Fund Development

### 495.1 Overview

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Fund development is an ad hoc group that may be appointed by the Tech Trek program director to identify Tech Trek program needs across the state and develop a funding campaign to meet those needs.

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### 495.2 Qualifications

The qualifications for the Fund development are to:

- Be AAUW California members.
  - Have knowledge of Tech Trek program needs.
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### 495.3 Duties

The duties of the Fund development Committee are to:

- Gather information regarding the needs of the camps, quantify in dollars and prioritize.
  - Look at the potential fund sources.
  - Strategize how to reach those sources and how each might help Tech Trek reach a specific goal.
  - Create a campaign theme, along with the "ask" and the payoffs.
  - Create and implement the plan of action and timeline.
  - Report to the Tech Trek program director and the Tech Trek financial liaison.
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## Appendix A - Tech Trek Vaccination Policy

1. AAUW California Tech Trek will be in compliance with all federal, state, local, and campus-specific vaccination guidance and regulations for in-person events.
2. All in-person attendees must either be fully vaccinated with Mumps, Measles, and Rubella (MMR) and COVID vaccines that are approved and recommended by the CDC, or submit a doctor-authorized medical exemption per Appendix A no later than two weeks prior to camp start date.
  - a. Individuals are considered "fully vaccinated" for Covid 19 according to CDC guidelines (1) two weeks after receiving the second dose in a two- dose COVID-19 vaccine series or (2) two weeks after receiving a single dose COVID-19 bivalent vaccine (effective 4/22/23).
  - b. Individuals are considered "fully vaccinated" for MMR according to CDC guidelines after having received 2 doses of approved MMR vaccine at least 28 days apart.
3. Some campuses may require event attendees to be up to date with Covid 19 boosters in accordance with CDC guidelines **HERE**. Campers or volunteers may decline recommended boosters by completing and submitting Appendix B prior to camp.
4. Evidence of immunization or medical exemption/waiver must be submitted via the CampDoc online camp registration system following camper selection, no later than two weeks prior to camp start date. It is strongly recommended that booster declination be submitted at the same time.
5. Parents will also be required to complete a student waiver releasing AAUW from all liability associated with COVID, no later than two weeks prior to camp start date. The waiver will be provided for parent signature during the online CampDoc registration process.
6. Masking may be required indoors by all attendees and staff except during meals or when properly socially distanced.
7. Social distancing will comply with current campus, city, county and state requirements.
8. If Covid symptoms develop at any time among campers or staff, rapid antigen testing will be done. If the camper or minor staff member tests positive, parents will be contacted for pick up as soon as possible. The affected individual will be isolated from the rest of the camp while waiting for parents to arrive. Adult staff members who test positive will be required to leave camp.



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**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN TECH TREK**

**EXEMPTION MEDICAL AND/OR DISABILITY EXCEPTION REQUEST FORM**  
**Exception to Mumps, Measles, and Rubella (MMR) and/or SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Vaccination Requirement**

CAMPER OR VOLUNTEER NAME	CAMPUS
VOLUNTEER ROLE (IF APPLICABLE)	PARENT NAME (IF MINOR)
PHONE NUMBER	PHONE NUMBER
EMAIL	EMAIL

This form should be used by American Association of University Women California (AAUW California) Tech Trek campers or volunteer staff to request a Medical Exemption and/or Disability Exception to the Mumps, Measles, and Rubella (MMR) or COVID-19 Primary Series vaccination requirements per AAUW California and CDC guidelines.

This form should also be used by health care workers subject to the California Department of Public Health’s Health Care Worker Vaccine Requirement (“CDPH order”) to request a Medical Exemption to the CDPH order’s booster requirement.

Those who are otherwise permitted by AAUW California policy and/or applicable public health directives to decline COVID-19 boosters should instead use the Booster Declination Statement form.

Fill out Part A to request a Medical Exemption due to Contraindication or Precaution. Fill out Part B to request an Exception based on Disability. More than one section may be completed if applicable. Do not identify any diagnosis, disability, or other medical information. That information is not required to process your request.

Your request must be supported by a health care provider’s certification, signed by a physician, nurse practitioner, or other licensed medical professional practicing under the license of a physician.

**Part A: Request for Medical Exemption Due to Contraindication or Precaution**

- I am requesting an Exception to the COVID-19 Primary Series vaccination requirement based on Medical Exemption. The Contraindications or Precautions to COVID-19 vaccination (recognized by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health, or in the case of internationally administered vaccines, the World Health Organization) apply to me with respect to all available COVID-19 Vaccines.
- I am requesting an Exception to the MMR vaccination requirement based on Medical Exemption. The Contraindications or Precautions to MMR vaccination (recognized by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health, or in the case of internationally administered vaccines, the World Health Organization) apply to me with respect to all available MMR Vaccines.
- I am a health care worker subject to CDPH orders, and I am requesting an Exception to the COVID-19 booster vaccination requirement based on Medical Exemption. The Contraindications or Precautions to MMR or COVID-19 vaccination (recognized by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health, or in the case of internationally administered vaccines, the World Health Organization) apply to me with respect to all available COVID-19 boosters.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN TECH TREK  
MEDICAL EXEMPTION AND/OR DISABILITY EXCEPTION REQUEST FORM**  
Exception to Mumps, Measles, and Rubella (MMR) and/or SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Vaccination Requirement

My request is supported by the attached certification from my health care provider. The certification must be signed by a physician, nurse practitioner, or other licensed medical professional practicing under the license of a physician.

**Part B: Request for Exception Based on Disability**

- I have a Disability and am requesting an Exception to the MMR and/or COVID-19 Primary Series vaccination requirement as a Disability accommodation. Health care workers subject to the CDPH order are not eligible for this Exception. My request is supported by the attached certification from my health care provider.

Please provide any additional information that you think may be helpful in processing your request. ***Do not identify your diagnosis, disability, or other medical information.***

**While my request is pending and if it is approved, I understand that I or my child must comply with Tech Trek's Non-Pharmaceutical Intervention requirements (e.g., face coverings, regular asymptomatic testing) for individuals who are not up to date on MMR or COVID-19 vaccination as a condition of physical presence at any Tech Trek- sponsored location. I also understand that I or my child must comply with any additional Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions applicable to my/her position, as required by AAUW California and the campus.**

**I verify the truth and accuracy of the statements in this request form.**

Volunteer or Minor's Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted to AAUW: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN TECH TREK**  
**MEDICAL EXEMPTION AND/OR DISABILITY EXCEPTION REQUEST FORM**  
**Exception to Mumps, Measles, and Rubella (MMR) and/or SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Vaccination Requirement**

**CERTIFICATION FROM HEALTH CARE PROVIDER**

Your patient is a student or volunteer who has requested an Exception to AAUW’s MMR and/or COVID-19 vaccination requirement based on (a) Medical Exemption due to a Contraindication or Precaution; and/or (b) Disability. Your patient is seeking to support their request for such an Exception with a certification from their qualified licensed health care provider.

HEALTH CARE PROVIDER NAME	LICENSE TYPE, # AND ISSUING STATE
FULL NAME OF PATIENT	DATE OF BIRTH OF PATIENT
PATIENT’S ID NUMBER	HEALTH CARE PROVIDER PHONE/EMAIL
PHYSICIAN SUPERVISOR AND LICENSE # (FOR A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WORKING UNDER A PHYSICIAN’S LICENSE)	

Please note the following from the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA), which applies to all student or volunteer participants:

*The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA) prohibits employers and other entities covered by GINA Title II from requesting or requiring genetic information of an individual or family member of the individual, except as specifically allowed by this law. To comply with this law, we are asking that you not provide any genetic information when responding to this request for medical information. “Genetic information,” as defined by GINA, includes an individual’s family medical history, the results of an individual’s or family member’s genetic tests, the fact that an individual or an individual’s family member sought or received genetic services, and genetic information of a fetus carried by an individual or an individual’s family member or an embryo lawfully held by an individual or family member receiving assistive reproductive services.*

Please complete Part A of this form if one or more of the Contraindications or Precautions to MMR and/or COVID-19 vaccinations recognized by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), or in the case of internationally administered vaccines, the World Health Organization (WHO), apply to this patient. Please complete Part B if this patient has a Disability, as defined below, that makes MMR and/or COVID-19 vaccination inadvisable in your professional opinion. More than one section may be completed if applicable to this patient.

**Important:** Do not identify the patient’s diagnosis, disability, or other medical information as this document will be returned to AAUW California.

**Part A: Contraindication or Precaution to MMR and/or COVID-19 Vaccination**

- Primary Series. I certify that one or more of the Contraindications or Precautions (recognized by the CDC, the CDPH, or in the case of internationally administered vaccines, the WHO) for each of the currently available Vaccines used for the COVID-19 Primary Series applies to the patient listed above. For that reason, COVID-19 Primary Series vaccination using **any** of the currently available COVID-19 Vaccines is inadvisable for this

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**MEDICAL EXEMPTION AND/OR DISABILITY EXCEPTION REQUEST FORM**  
**Exception to Mumps, Measles, and Rubella (MMR) and/or SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Vaccination Requirement**

patient in my professional opinion. The Contraindication(s) and/or Precaution(s) is/are:  Permanent  Temporary.

If temporary, the expected end date is: \_\_\_\_\_.

- Mumps, Measles, and Rubella (MMR).** I certify that one or more of the Contraindications or Precautions (recognized by the CDC, the CDPH, or in the case of internationally administered vaccines, the WHO) for each of the currently available Vaccines used for MMR applies to the patient listed above. For that reason, vaccination using **any** of the currently available MMR Vaccines is inadvisable for this patient in my professional opinion. The Contraindication(s) and/or Precaution(s) is/are:  Permanent  Temporary.

If temporary, the expected end date is: \_\_\_\_\_.

- Booster.** I certify that one or more of the Contraindications or Precautions (recognized by the CDC, the CDPH, or in the case of internationally administered vaccines, the WHO) for each of the currently available Vaccines used for COVID-19 boosters applies to the patient listed above. For that reason, COVID-19 booster vaccination using **any** of the currently available COVID-19 Vaccines is inadvisable for this patient in my professional opinion. The Contraindication(s) and/or Precaution(s) is/are:  Permanent  Temporary.

If temporary, the expected end date is: \_\_\_\_\_.

**Part B: Disability That Makes MMR and/or COVID-19 Primary Series Vaccination Inadvisable**

*“Disability” is defined as a physical or mental disorder or condition that limits a major life activity and any other condition recognized as a disability under applicable law. “Disability” includes pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition where reasonable accommodation is medically advisable.*

- I certify that the patient listed above has a Disability, as defined above, that makes MMR vaccination inadvisable in my professional opinion. The patient’s disability is:  Permanent  Temporary.

If temporary, the expected end date is: \_\_\_\_\_.

- I certify that the patient listed above has a Disability, as defined above, that makes COVID-19 Primary Series vaccination inadvisable in my professional opinion. The patient’s disability is:  Permanent  Temporary.

If temporary, the expected end date is: \_\_\_\_\_.

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Signature of Health Care Provider

May 2023

APPENDIX B  
 AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN TECH TREK  
 VACCINE DECLINATION STATEMENT – DECLINATION OF COVID-19 BOOSTER

CAMPER OR VOLUNTEER NAME	CAMPUS
VOLUNTEER ROLE (IF APPLICABLE)	PARENT NAME (IF MINOR)
PHONE NUMBER	PHONE NUMBER
EMAIL	EMAIL

The American Association of University Women California (AAUW California) strongly recommends that all members of the Tech Trek camp community, except those who have had a severe allergic reaction to a previous dose of the COVID-19 vaccine or to any of its components, receive a vaccination to protect against COVID-19 disease as soon as they are eligible and get boosters as needed to stay up to date.

I am aware of the following facts:

- COVID-19 is a serious disease and has killed over 1 million people in the United States since February 2020, 100,000 in California alone.
- The COVID-19 vaccine is recommended for me and other members of the AAUW California Tech Trek community to protect our campers, volunteer staff, and our families and home communities, from COVID-19, its complications, and possible death.
- If I contract COVID-19, I can shed the virus for days even before any symptoms appear. During the time I shed the virus, I can transmit it to anyone I contact.
- If I become infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, even if my symptoms are mild or non-existent, I can spread the disease to others, and they can become seriously ill or die as a result.
- Nearly 1 in 5 American adults who have had COVID-19 is estimated to be suffering from “Long COVID” – symptoms that can last months or years after COVID-19 and can be debilitating.
- Contracting COVID-19 could have life-threatening consequences for my health and the health of everyone with whom I have contact.

Despite these facts, I am voluntarily choosing to decline the most recent COVID-19 booster. My reason(s) for declining are as follows:

- medical contraindication
- disability
- concerned about risks of vaccine more than risks of disease
- want to delay but intend to get boosted
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other \_\_\_

prefer not to say

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I understand that I can change my mind at any time and accept the COVID-19 booster. I understand that as long as I am not up to date on COVID-19 boosters, I will be required to take precautionary measures as required by my location, such as wearing a mask and increased testing.

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I have read the information on this Vaccine Declination Statement, and I have had a chance to ask questions of camp authorities before signing this document.

NOTE: Health care workers subject to the California Department of Public Health's [Health Care Worker Vaccine Requirement](#) may not decline their first booster using this form.

*Minor's Parent or Adult Volunteer Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

## **Appendix B - Tech Trek Bullying Prevention Guide**

Bullying is not compatible with the mission of AAUW and should not be overlooked whenever and wherever it occurs. Those who represent AAUW should understand how to prevent bullying and be prepared to deal with it proactively and thoughtfully.

## What Is Bullying?

*Bullying* is harassment or aggressive behavior that is intended to intimidate, dominate, coerce, or hurt another person (the target) mentally, emotionally, or physically. It is *not* “just messing around,” and it is *not* “part of growing up.” Bullying is a form of victimization, not conflict. It is no more a “conflict” than is child abuse or domestic violence.

## Forms of Bullying

Bullying takes many forms:

**Verbal** — Name-calling, belittling, taunting

**Social** — Spreading rumors; destroying or manipulating friendships; excluding or ostracizing the target

**Physical** — Hitting, shoving, kicking, using physical coercion, intimidation through gestures

**Criminal** — Assault; sexual aggression

**Cyberbullying** — Using digital technology such as social media, cell phones, etc., to engage in these kinds of behaviors

**A bullied youth may develop a poor self-image, lose self-esteem, quit activities and clubs, or begin bullying other youth, thus perpetuating the bullying cycle. Studies indicate bullied youth tend to be future bullies. As a leader, either break the cycle or do not let it start.**

## How to Spot Bullying

A youth who is being bullied may:

- Be reluctant to join activities or be unwilling to participate.
- Avoid activities, arrive late, or leave early (to avoid the bully).
- Avoid certain places or areas.
- Experience nightmares, bedwetting, or insomnia (triggered by fear).
- Seem nervous around certain youth.
- Wait to use the restroom away from the group.
- Appear sad, moody, angry, anxious, or depressed.
- Seek, carry, or hide weapons (for protection).
- Lose money or personal items such as clothing or patches (taken by the bully).
- Feel sick, often with seemingly psychosomatic illnesses.
- Appear lonely, have difficulty making friends, or suddenly have fewer friends.
- Seem reluctant to defend himself verbally or physically when teased or pushed.
- Have bruises, cuts, defensive wounds, or other physical marks.
- Mention or consider suicide.

## How to Address Bullying

These tips can help event leaders respond effectively:

- Immediately stop the bullying. Stand between the bully and the target, preferably blocking their eye contact. Do not immediately ask the reason for the bullying or try to determine the facts.
- In a matter-of-fact tone of voice, state what behaviors you saw or heard. Tell all that bullying is unacceptable.
- Support the bullied youth in a way that allows him or her to regain self-control, to save face, and to feel safe from retaliation. Follow up with the youth later, but at the time of the incident, do not ask what happened or be overly solicitous. Young people often find it uncomfortable to be questioned in front of peers, and a bullied youth may feel embarrassed to be shielded by an adult.
- Do not require anyone to apologize or make amends during the heat of the moment. Everyone should have time to cool off.
- Speak to bystanders but do not put them on the spot to explain publicly what they observed. In a calm and supportive tone, praise them if they tried to help. If they did not act, or if they responded aggressively, guide them in how to appropriately intervene or get help when they witness bullying; e.g., “Maybe you weren’t sure what to do. Next time, please tell the person to stop or get an adult’s help if you feel you can’t work together to handle the situation.”
- Immediately notify parents or guardians of both the target and the youth who bullied of what occurred. Address the parents’ or guardians’ questions and concerns. Inform them of the next steps.
- Hold anyone who bullies others fully accountable for their actions. If appropriate, impose immediate consequences. As a first step, you might take away program opportunities.
- Increase supervision to ensure the bullying is not repeated and does not escalate. Let the bullies know you will be watching to be sure there is no repetition or retaliation.
- Encourage the individual who bullied to make amends (after follow-up with a parent or guardian) in a way that would be meaningful for the youth who was bullied.

## Cyberbullying

A rapidly growing form of bullying, cyberbullying uses the power of the internet, cellular networks, and social media to harass the target. Cyberbullying encompasses text or instant messages with hostile or degrading comments, embarrassing digital images, and fictitious online posts intended to humiliate, threaten, or coerce. Cyberbullying can devastate the target, whether a lone bully participates or others witness or join the attack. The target may obsess over what is posted, become depressed, avoid school or social activities, or have suicidal thoughts. In extreme circumstances, cyberbullying can lead to suicide.

**Parents and adults should talk with youth about their online activities and stay alert to signs of cyberbullying such as sleeplessness, withdrawal, stress, avoidance, declining grades, or lowered self-esteem.**

### Ways to Address Cyberbullying

- Encourage a child to speak up immediately if he or she is the victim of cyberbullying. Assure that a young person has a trusted adult—whether parent, teacher, or volunteer—in whom to confide.
- Block cyberbullies by using available privacy controls such as blocked-sender lists and call- blocking.
- Do not erase the messages or pictures. Save them as evidence.
- If the cyberbullying is criminal or you suspect it may be, contact the police. Areas falling under the jurisdiction of law enforcement include threats of violence, extortion, obscene or harassing phone calls or messages, harassment via stalking or hate crimes, child pornography, sexual exploitation, and taking a photo or video image of someone in a place where he or she would expect privacy.

### Seeking Professional Help

Bullying is a form of abuse that can cause psychological, physical, and academic problems. Parents may want to talk with a counselor about a counseling or mental health referral. A professional can assess how much support and assistance a bullied youth needs. If a youth is sick, stressed, not sleeping, or having other problems because of bullying, a health professional should be contacted.

A young person who bullies others will also need the help of caring adults. They may need help recognizing their behavior, taking responsibility for their actions, developing empathy, and finding ways to make

amends. Volunteers can offer guidance in how to interact with others in socially appropriate ways. Assess possible reasons for the bullying behavior, such as lack of self- control, poor social skills, academic problems, or a troubled family life. Depending on the severity of the bullying behavior or the related circumstances, therapeutic intervention might be needed for the bully as well as the target.

### Incidents Requiring an Immediate Report

The following must be reported to the AAUW state Program Director for action immediately:

- Any threat or use of a weapon
- Any negative behavior associated with race, religion, sexual identity or orientation, or disability
- Any reports to authorities where a state's mandatory reporting of child abuse laws apply
- Any abuse of a child that meets state reporting mandates for bullying or harassment
- Any mention or threats of suicide

### Anti Bullying Action Plan

- Stop the abuse, bullying, or policy violation.
- Protect the targeted youth.
- Summon assistance from other leaders, authorities, etc.
- Gather factual information about the bullying incident, including details of who was involved, what happened, and when and where it happened.
- Notify parents or guardians of both the target and the youth who bullied.
- Take corrective action.
- Notify the state Program Director.

### Bullying Prevention Resources

**Anti Bullying and Anti-Cyber Intimidation Programs**  
Website:

[learning.learningforlife.org/digital-programs/abc](http://learning.learningforlife.org/digital-programs/abc)

**Cyberbullying Research Center**

Website: [cyberbullying.us](http://cyberbullying.us)

**NetSmartz Workshop** Website: [www.netsmartz.org](http://www.netsmartz.org)

**StopBullying.gov** Website: [www.stopbullying.gov](http://www.stopbullying.gov)