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100. Tech Trek: AAUW California

100.1 Mission Statement	Mission statement: AAUW California Tech Trek Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Camps strive to develop interest and excitement in STEM and self-confidence in middle school girls 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 STEM activities under the guidance of role		
100.2 Tech Trek – a Program	 models. Tech Trek is a program of AAUW. As such, AAUW California abides by all governing rules of the organization. The AAUW California Special Projects Fun acts as the fiduciary agent for the project. The Executive Committee, i.e., the state president and the chief financial officer (CFO), through their oversight, of the following: Review all documents for signing or renewal pertaining to office operations, e.g., leases, agreements, contracts. 		
100.3 Policy Adoption	 Ensure best business practices are in place for the administration of the office and its related functions, facilities, and equipment. These policies have been adopted by the AAUW California Board of Directors to govern this project. 		

110. Leadership Structure

110.1 Jurisdiction	AAUW California and AAUW California Board of Directors (BOD) state that the
	Tech Trek Camps are under the jurisdiction of the AAUW California BOD.
110.2 SPF as a	AAUW California Special Project Fund (AAUW California SPF) is a non-profit
Fiduciary Agent	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.
110.3 Program	The Tech Trek program director (TT program director) is appointed by the
Director	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.
110.4 Tech Trek	Tech Trek financial liaison (TT financial liaison) is appointed by the AAUW
Financial Liaison	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.
110.5 Tech Trek	Tech Trek medical/health advisor (Tech Trek medical advisor) is appointed by
Medical Advisor	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.
110.6 Funds	Funds development committee , an ad hoc group, is appointed as needed by
Development	the TT program director and reports to the TT financial liaison to identify Tech
Committee	Trek camp needs across the state and develop a funding campaign to meet
	those needs.
110.7 Camp	Camp director (for each camp) is appointed by the TT program director. She is
Director	responsible for the organization and administration of a specific camp. The
	camp director reports directly to the TT program director.
110.8 Camp	Camp treasurer (for each camp) is appointed by the camp director. The camp
Treasurer	treasurer is responsible for the detailed, day-to-day financial accounting of
neasaren	their specific camp. The camp treasurer works with the TT financial liaison to
	ensure the camp meets all the project's fiduciary requirements.
110.9 Branch	
Coordinator	Branch coordinator (for each AAUW California branch) is the primary contact
Coordinator	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, sending camper registration information to camp directors,
	and engaging sponsored girls in the alumnae community.
	See Section 400 for all Tech Trek job descriptions.

120. Participation Agreements and Contracts

120.1 Camp	The Tech Trek program director initially communicates with the AAUW
Reservations	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.
120.2 Branch	Each participating AAUW California branch completes an online Branch
Participation	Participation Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) annually with AAUW
Agreement	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.
120.3 Annual	All volunteer staff, including branch Tech Trek selection committee members,
Training	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.

130. AAUW California Tech Trek Website

130.1 LocationThe official website for Tech Trek is through the AAUW California websiteand Authority(www.aauw-ca.org/techtrek). Information on the website will be kept current by the web editor(s) or media coordinator(s) appointed by the Tech Trek
program director. All content must be approved by the Tech Trek program
director before posting to the AAUW website.
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.
130.3 Camper and At no time will pictures of campers or alumnae have any personal identifying
Alumnae Privacy information attached to them. This is to protect the program participants'
privacy.

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):

Date	Activity
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 Perchanges, committee schedules, and camp and national updates. Camp directors or treasurers prepare a draft final budget for the current year for the Tech Trek financial liaison.
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.
	Camp directors each prepare a preliminary budget for the next year using current year results and submit to the program director.
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.
Dec-March	Camp directors and branches engage teachers, alumnae, and volunteers in the coming camp season.
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.

January	AAUW California Board reviews and approves preliminary budget with fees and camp options. As required, branch camper allocations may be set based on total camp capacity. Camp directors and the Tech Trek program director will collaborate as required to define any branch allocations.
February 15 Deadline	Branch Participation Memorandum of Understanding is submitted online by branch president and TT branch coordinator.
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.

150. Camp Assignments

150.1 CampThe camp directors and the Tech Trek program director, in consultation with the
branch coordinators, will make the final decision on camp assignments, if
needed.

160. Camper Selection

160.1 Sponsorship Authority	have th or outs discret partne from a	AUW California branches may sponsor campers and only the branches ne authority to select campers with any funds they solicit from individuals side organizations. However, the Tech Trek program director has the ion to allow special arrangements with non-AAUW entities (called rs) to also sponsor campers to ensure a diverse representation of girls cross the state. All potential campers shall go through the same selection s as outlined in this document.	
160.2 Camper	Branches may select students from any middle school in their area. AAUW		
Selection Procedures	Selection encourages primary focus on public schools		
		nches shall follow the following procedures to ensure a comfortable fit en the applicants and camp:	
	Step	Action	
	1.	Science and math teachers at participating schools recommend their students to the branch, using the Camper Selection Criteria that is available online <u>HERE</u> for public viewing.	
	2.	Recommended students are asked if they wish to apply for a campership; if yes, their parents provide 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 should be conducted via interview and application review	
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	conducted via interview and application review
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	 Teache 7th grac of bein The car Note: S hands- attentiv Followi special camper no late medica 	electing finalists: r recommendations are focused on the goals of Tech Trek to identify le girls whose established interest and/or curiosity in STEM is at risk g lost during high school. Current interest in STEM is required. Indidate herself, and not her family members, wants to attend camp. Students need to know there will be schoolwork at camp. It is mostly on, with little or no homework, but the students are expected to be we and fully participate in classes and all activities. Ing selection, the branch coordinator and families must identify any American with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodation(s) that a r may require and must notify the camp director as early as possible, r than two weeks before camp. Under the guidance of the TT I advisor, the camp director is responsible for reviewing and ining whether the requested accommodation(s) are reasonable.
160.3 Camper Selection Timeline	However, ot	are generalized and should be adjusted to each branch's needs. her deadlines are specific. School district calendars should be ell ahead of time before trying to schedule interviews.
	Date	Activity
	Winter	Branch coordinator distributes information and the request for potential camper recommendations to counselors, administrators,
		and/or 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.
	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	applicants shall be notified at the same time, preferably at home. Branch coordinator submits names/addresses/emails of campers selected to respective Tech Trek camp director.
	By April 15 May- June	Branch coordinator submits names/addresses/emails of campers

170. Tech Trek Alumnae Community

170.1 Tracking Former Campers	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 tool kit is available to provide guidance to branches and alumnae wishing to establish a local Tech Trek alumnae group (TTAG).
170.2 Tech Trek Alumnae Community	The Tech Trek program director will appoint a chair to oversee the operation 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 is 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 STEM 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.
	Alumnae 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 engaged to help notify former campers.

180. Annual Meeting

180.1 Purpose	 AAUW California requires state projects to meet annually, either in-person or remotely. The purpose of the Tech Trek annual meeting is to: Review and assess the past year. Discuss possible changes for the coming year, including camper fees. Learn from one another. Learn about new Tech Trek and SPF procedures. Train new camp directors and treasurers.
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.
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 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.
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.

200. Finance

210. Budget

200.1 Overview 210.2 Budget	AAUW Califo financial trar different fror See also sect in Tech Trek f	
Authority and		ust submit proposed budgets and final financial reports in
		with both SPF, a 501(c)3 entity, and AAUW California BOD
Approval	2. Submit commit previou camps, were no The AAUW C	s: SPF required reports per SPF policy by the SPF deadline. a preliminary Tech Trek budget to the AAUW California finance tee for its review and approval. It should include a report of the s year's budget and actual totals, broken down by individual along with explanatory notes of where expenditures or revenues otably different from the budgeted amount. alifornia finance committee will present the proposed budget to alifornia BOD for approval.
210.3 Budget	The following	g is the timeline for Tech Trek budget activity.
Timeline	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 the financial liaison by the end of October unless otherwise scheduled by the program director.
	December	Camp directors and treasurers submit a preliminary camp budget to the Tech Trek financial liaison by December 15, who then prepares and submits a preliminary consolidated Tech Trek budget to the AAUW California finance committee by January 1.

210.4 Budget Preparation and Camper Fees Budget preparation follows these guidelines: 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. 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, week(s)
	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 financial liaison
	or program director 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 such purchase of individual
	items costing over \$500 each with a useful life of more than a year s
	as fixed assets of AAUW California. Note: Such purchases by
	state-sponsored programs are the property of AAUW
	California and not the camp or program. Camps are
	responsible for maintaining camp inventory and tracking fixed
	assets purchased separately. Records including price, date of
	purchase, and serial numbers must be provided upon request.

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	 For an advance to cover budgeted expenses: The camp director submits an advance form to the Tech Trek program director for approval. The Financial Liaison approves and forwards after confirming that sufficient funds exist in the camp account Any advance must be cleared with supporting receipts and unused funds must be returned within 45 days of the advance check issue date. Until documentation has been received and reconciled with the amount of the advance, no additional funds, including but not limited to travel, other expenses, and stipends owed to the recipient of the advance will be released.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	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.
220.2 Fees Set	The AAUW California BOD sets camper fees at their January meeting.
220.3 Fees from Families	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's account, not forward to the respective camp treasurer.
220.4 Fees from the Branch	The branch total due per camper already includes the family contribution; it is up to the branch to recoup any parent/family contribution.

230. Deposits

230.1 Overview	After re	ceiving the Tech Trek program director's approval of the branches'		
		tion request in the fall, each branch coordinator is responsible for		
		the funds necessary to the appropriate camp treasurer(s) to cover all		
	-	d camper fees by March 15.		
230.2 Deposit		or contributions to be tax-deductible, the check must be payable to		
Procedure		California SPF, with Tech Trek and the name of the camp on the memo		
	line.			
		made payable to AAUW California SPF must NOT be deposited into a		
		bank account. If the donor does not care about a tax deduction for the		
		n, the branch may collect cash and checks made payable to the branch		
		nsmit a branch check to the camp treasurer for transmittal to SPF.		
230.2.1 Branch		cks received for Tech Trek should be transmitted to the camp treasurer		
Deposits		wo weeks of receipt using the SPF branch deposit form.		
		e branch coordinator/treasurer shall mail the checks and a paper copy		
		the completed deposit form to the camp treasurer.		
		the same time a deposit is mailed, the branch coordinator shall email		
		electronic copy of the deposit form to the camp treasurer letting them		
		ow it is coming.		
		dated no later than December 31 shall be sent to the camp treasurer by		
		10 so they can be processed by January 15 to be counted as prior year		
	donatio			
230.3 Deposit	Many fo	oundations and corporations will only make donations if they can mail		
Directions for	their checks directly to the entity on file with the IRS as a 501(c)(3): AAUW			
Donations	Californ	California Special Projects Fund.		
	Branche	es or camps anticipating donations of this type shall consult with the		
	Tech Tre	ek financial liaison to receive instructions on the proper forms and		
	procedu	ires.		
230.4 Deposit	Camp t	reasurers follow these steps when depositing checks.		
Procedure for	Camp ti	casarers follow these steps when depositing theeks.		
Camp Treasurers				
·	Step	Action		
	1.	Camp treasurers and other sources shall transmit received checks		
		within two weeks of receipt to the address provided by SPF. Deposit		
		forms and instructions can be found at the SPF website:		
		https://specialprojectsfund-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 for a vouchered and paid expense,		
		the deposit form should be clearly marked REFUND OF EXPENSE 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-Camp Number-FY-Sequence#-Branch Name
		Example: The first deposit for FY 2023 for UC San Diego from the La
		Mesa El Cajon branch would be:
		D-5032-2023-1-LMEC
		The electronic file shall have the same name.
	4.	When mailing the deposit to the address provided by SPF, email an
	ч.	electronic version of the deposit to:
		 Tech Trek financial liaison at <u>techtrek-finance@aauw-ca.org</u>
		 Tech Trek program director at <u>techtrek@aauw-ca.org</u>
		 Camp director at <u>techtrek-campname@aauw-ca.org</u> Branch coordinators, as confirmation of their denseits
	-	Branch coordinators, as confirmation of their deposits
	5.	The camp treasurer receives a copy of the SPF transaction reports and reviews it to confirm the deposits have been accurately recorded.
	6.	The camp treasurer uploads copies of all deposit forms to the
		appropriate Google drive folder by year and enters the transaction in
		the online accounting/bookkeeping tool.
230.4 Donation Acknowledgements	Per IRS regulations, any single donation of \$250 or more will receive a letter of acknowledgment from AAUW California SPF as the fiduciary for AAUW California and the Tech Trek project. For single donations less than \$250, the branch should write a letter of acknowledgment on branch letterhead <u>only</u> 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.	
230.5 Branch Carryover Funds	have been	ning balance in branch deposits after the camp is held and camper fees deducted will be applied to the next year's camp sponsorships at the nt camper fee rate.
230.6 SPF and Tech Trek Fees	 SPF administrative fee of 5% will be deducted from each camp's total new 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. Tech Trek administrative fee is 1% of all camper fees, including new deposits and funds carried over from prior years. 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 emailed to the SPF bookkeeper to record with a copy to the camp email. 	
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240. Refunds-Cancellations and Early Departures

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 with available funds should be offered the opportunity to send an alternate camper.
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 may forfeit the camper's fee. If a substitute is found, only the branch
that sends the camper is obligated to pay.
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 prior funds received as camper fees from the branch 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 such refunds will go back into their branch deposits carryover for the next year.

250. Transfers

250.1 Inter-Camp Transfer	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.	
250.2 Camp	Camp treasurers take these steps when completing transfers:	
Treasurer Transfer Procedure	 Ensure that each transfer has its own distinct transfer number and file name, using this format: 	
	T (for transfer)-Camp Number-Year-# of transmittal-camp from:camp to.	
	Example: The first transfer for FY 2023 from UC San Diego to Virtual	
	camp would be :	
	T-5032-2023-1-SD:Virtual	
	The electronic file shall have the same name.	
	2. Ensure that the name of the branch which the funds are being	
	transferred on behalf of is entered on the transfer form.	
	3. Forward the transfer form to the financial liaison for transmission to SPF,	
	copying the receiving camp treasurer and branch coordinator.	
	 Transfers may be requested by the receiving camp treasurer or branch coordinator. 	
	5. The camp treasurer uploads copies of all transfer forms to the	
	appropriate Google drive folder by year and enters the transaction in	
	the online accounting/bookkeeping tool.	

260. Grants

260.1 Grants Clearinghouse Coordinator	When necessary, the Tech Trek program director and Tech Trek financial liaison shall appoint a grants clearinghouse coordinator to maintain a record of camps, branches, and grants so that multiple branches do not apply for funds from the same source.		
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. If the request is for the Tech Trek program, the program director and financial liaison shall also be notified. SPF will 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 organization's officers to review the submission.		
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. 		
260.4 Grant Distribution	When Tech Trek receives a grant, the administration and distribution of the grant is the responsibility of both the Tech Trek program director and Tech Trek financial liaison. 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 in the best long-term interests of the project.		

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 45 days after the expenses were incurred, in order to ensure payments. 		
	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	The following is the chart of accounts structure:		
Structure	Account Name	Definition	
	Campus Cost	Lodging, meals, classrooms/lecture halls, labs, keys, internet, pool fees, parking, on-campus transportation.	
	Training and 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 program director ahead of time), expenses for branch visits or meeting with branches. Does not include the annual directors' meeting and may not be used for stipends, only actual travel and meeting expenses.	

General Supplies and Services	 Supplies and services needed to run the program or camp, including: Equipment - cost more than \$500 each and have an expected life of more than one year. Each camp is to track as a fixed asset and report to financial liaison when requested. Equipment rental that is not included in campus costs Camper supplies: notebook, swag, photos Staff supplies: kitchen supplies, swag, mileage, background checks Teaching supplies: materials used by campers and staff during camp for coursework or workshops 	
Field	Gifts Includes field trip costs (entry fees & meals not through	
Trips/Special Events	university food services) plus transportation; also includes virtual field trips or other activities not paid through campus costs.	
Insurance	Liability, cyber, sexual molestation and abuse, and accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D) insurance premium costs to be divided as incurred between camps by financial liaison.	
Postage	Cost for shipping materials to branches or campers or having materials shipped to camp.	
Printing & Copies	Materials sent to campers, staff, and branches and camper/staff notebooks—all copying except for teaching or workshop materials (See General Supplies and Services).	
Storage	Storage space	
Software	Purchase of software and licenses.	
Stipends	Payments made to camp personnel in gratitude for volunteering. Sub accounts exist for camp leadership, medical staff, instructors, counselors, dorm monitors, workshop presenters, and speakers. W-9s are always required.	
Other Consulting Services	Includes legal services. This is primarily used by the Program	
Travel and Meetings	This is to track meetings and events other than camp-related, including annual meeting costs, which are budgeted and borne by the General Admin account.	

270.4 Voucher Process

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Step	Action
1	Each voucher shall have its own distinct number and file name, using
	the format:
	V (for voucher)-Camp Number—Year—voucher#—payee
	V-Camp Number-FY-Sequence#-Payee
	Example: the first voucher for FY 2023 for UC San Diego to be
	paid to the campus would be:

V-5032-2023-1-UCSD	
The electronic file shall also have the same name.	
2 The initiator will attach a digital copy of the original receipts and e	email
it to the camp treasurer.	
3 Anyone may prepare a voucher using the designated form., but ty	
the camp treasurer prepares the voucher and submits it to the Te	ch Trek
financial liaison for review and approval.	
4 The camp treasurer uploads copies of all vouchers to the appropriate	ate
Google drive folder by year .	
5 Each year, the camp treasurer verifies that a W-9 with the same n	
and address as on the voucher is on file with SPF. If not, the payee	
provide a new W-9. The camp treasurer mails each year's W-9s to	'SPF
Bookkeeper' at PO Box 865, Spring Valley, CA 91976.	
6 The camp treasurer forwards vouchers and receipts via email to the	
Trek financial liaison for review and approval. Upon approval of th	
voucher, the Tech Trek financial liaison adds a Sent date in the boo	
the voucher and emails along with receipts to the SPF treasurer a	
designated SPF bookkeeper for payment, copying the camp perso	
by using the <u>techtrek-campname@aauw-ca.org</u> address. Any spec	
processing must be included on the voucher and the email in LAR	GE
RED LETTERS.	
7 If the recipient of the check is other than the payee, this must be	
pre-approved by the financial liaison or program director, marked	
bold on the voucher and noted in the email to the SPF bookkeepe	
a copy to the SPF treasurer. Stipend checks will only be paid to the	e name
on the W-9.	
8 Payment is processed and delivered according to SPF policies and	
procedures.	
9 Camp directors may request a cash advance for up to \$2500 to pro	ovide
cash on hand for expenses that occur before camp begins. There r	nust
be more than \$2500 in the SPF camp account before the request i	s
submitted. The cash advance is requested with a voucher.	
10 The cash advance shall be cleared by submitting a voucher and re	ceipts.
270.5 Void Checks If a check is void or needs to be returned for any reason, it should be ma	rked
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 SP	F

treasurer.

280. Liability Insurance

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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, including volunteers, which is why camp staff must be members of AAUW CA. The Tech Trek financial liaison will submit a voucher for repayment to AAUW California and allocate costs to camps appropriately after renewal annually.

300. Program Health Safety and Security

300.0 Overview	The following sections cover the California Tech Trek program health safety and security requirements and procedures for all campers and staff.	
300.1 Health Safety-Related Procedures	This section covers health safety-related procedures including program medical supervision, vaccination policy, and other health-related practices and procedures.	

300.1.1 Program Medical Supervision	To facilitate current and consistent health practices being used at all camps, a medical/health advisor is recommended The advisor must have an active professional license as a physician, registered nurse, nurse practitioner, 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.
300.1.2 Vaccination Policy	All attendees at in-person camps, both campers and staff, must be immunized in accordance with the Tech Trek California Vaccination Policy, which may be updated from time to time to reflect current public health guidelines and considerations.
300.1.3 Other Health-related Practices and Procedures	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 although it may be delegated to health staff or others and the TT medical/health advisor is responsible for overseeing the review process across all camps.
300.2 Security- Related Procedures	This section covers security-related procedures including camp supervision, participant privacy, and camper and staff procedures and codes of conduct.
300.2.1 Camp Supervision	 The student-adult ratio is: A minimum 1:10 ratio of adults to minors at in person Tech Trek camps. 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. Or, if there are 18 campers and two JCs under the age of 18 in a class, there must be a teacher and one other adult in the classroom. A minimum 1:15 ratio of adults to minors at virtual Tech Trek camp and during workshops or field trips where other adults are present. Junior counselors or coaches: Shall have an adult supervisor as determined by the camp director. Live Scan-approved supervision: When campers are physically with any staff who has not been Live Scan-approved through California Tech Trek, the camp director must ensure that a Live Scan-approved adult staff member is always in the room.
300.2.2 Privacy	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 Photographs or video recordings made during Tech Trek educational or and Data Releases 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. Data may be collected during classes and before or after camp that may be used to forward the mission of Tech Trek. 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 media format. 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 All data will be collected and stored in a secure and protected environment **Privacy and** whether paper or electronic. Records will be retained in accordance with Cybersecurity 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

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.
 - O 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.
- During camp, 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. A note shall be made in her online record if a camper is sent home for disciplinary reasons and the program director shall be notified.
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 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.

300.2.5 Camp	The following describes how camp personnel are selected:	
Personnel Selection	Personnel	Selection
	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. If a 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. Individuals holding this position may be reappointed for up to five 1-year terms, with extensions as approved by the AAUW California board.
	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 also volunteering onsite, only an annual background check is required.
	Assistant Director(s)	Selected by the camp director to fulfill delegated duties of the camp director including staff supervision, curriculum coordination, and other delegated duties. Must pass the AAUW California Live Scan fingerprinting process and annual background checks.
	Dorm Monitors	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	 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. Camp directors should use their own discretion as to the maturity level of alumnae. Former campers are eligible for counselor or coach roles as follows: In-person alumnae are eligible for either in-person or virtual camp three years after their camp or if they are age 15 before or during the summer of camp. Virtual alumnae are eligible for an in-person camp counselor role three years after their camp or age 15. It is strongly recommended that virtual camp is first volunteer at a virtual camp. 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 will now send to the new camp.
	Camp Nurse/Health Aide	then they must also pass the Live Scan fingerprinting process (for in-person camps) and annual background checks (both in-person and virtual camps). Selected by the camp director and must pass the Live Scan fingerprinting process plus annual background checks.
302.3 Stipends and Staff Expenses	roles like dorm mon professional worksh staff members, stipe and stipends are no commitment. Staff r will not be taken ou	argely by volunteers with critical skills, from supervisory itors and camp leaders to IT personnel, teachers, and op presenters. To show gratitude to our various critical ends may be offered. Staff members are not employees t wages to compensate for a certain amount of time must agree to that during the application process. Taxes t and the recipient is responsible for paying any tax owed ant authorities depending on their location.

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: \$1,200-1,500 for minimum 15 classroom hours hours Camp treasurer: \$300 Assistant Director: As determined by the camp director, typically 25-50% of the camp director role Workshop Presenters: Typically \$75-100/hr for 60-120 minutes repeated as needed to serve all campers. If repeated sessions of the same workshop are needed to deliver it to the whole camp, the rate for each session is the total rate divided by the number of sessions needed to serve the entire camp and supervisory staff, e.g. if camp capacity is 90, three sessions of 30 each for 90 minutes would be \$25-34/hr times 1.5 hours or \$37.5-51 for each session. Non-STEM workshop stipends are typically 50-60% of STEM rates Co-presenters at a workshop will divide any stipend. Health Aide/Nurse: \$300 -1500, depending upon qualifications and license. Only actively licensed RNs, PAs, NPs. or MDs receive \$1,500. Dorm Monitors: \$100-300 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 receiving stipends 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 mailed by the camp treasurer to AAUW CA SPF as described in Section 270. Stipends may not be paid to organizations.
	A W-9 form is required each year by SPF when an individual volunteers or provides services to Tech Trek.
	W-9 forms are available on the IRS website: <u>www.irs.gov</u> .
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 program gap of more than five years after the initial Live Scan, it must be redone. Volunteers may help at several camps so the five years do not have to be at the same camp.

	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 or to give dorm monitors breaks. If not included in personnel/staff online registration forms, current forms and instructions will be provided to the camp directors by the LiveScan
	Coordinator. 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.
	Camp directors and treasurers will have access to reports and cost details via direct login to the provider, currently OneSource. Costs will be paid monthly by the financial liaison and allocated out after camps close each year.
302.5 Family as Volunteers	No relative of a camper is allowed to volunteer as staff at the camp where her relative is attending.

302.6 Personnel/Staff Code of Conduct

In order to make this camp a success, volunteer staff members (teachers, dorm monitors, 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 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.
 - o 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

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.

• The Tech Trek program director shall be notified if a staff member must be dismissed from camp for failing to follow policy or any other disciplinary reason and a note must be placed in her file in the registration system.

310. Equipment

310.1 Equipment

Equipment is defined as anything that will last more than a year. Equipment that costs more than \$500 per item becomes a fixed asset upon purchase and must be reported to the state annually. All equipment is the property of AAUW California. No equipment may be used outside of the camp week for non-AAUW activities without the explicit pre-approval of the program director. who is responsible for program equipment inventory. If not in use, the camp shall make equipment available to requestors with final approval from the Tech Trek program director who is responsible for equipment inventory. The requestor is responsible for shipping and maintenance costs of such equipment.

Camp directors, or a responsible designate, SHALL check any Tech Trek equipment such as computers or other electronic devices for completeness, including cables, batteries, etc. both upon arrival and before it is forwarded to the next camp or returned. If any items are missing upon receipt of the equipment, the last camp or individual known to have received the items may be charged the cost of replacing the missing equipment.

320. Classes, Workshops, and Field Trips

320.1 Class Size and Content	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 is expected to have more than 25 students. Smaller core class sizes are preferable to facilitate learning.
	Classes should provide 50% or more hands-on learning and project-based curriculum is preferred, with activities culminating in a presentation that is shared. Exposure to female STEM professionals is also encouraged. Class time must be a minimum of 15 hours and should include project presentation preparation time.
320.2 Workshops	Workshops may be somewhat larger than core classes, ranging in size from 25-40, because they often have multiple adult presenters who can assist with activity supervision. Presenters are often professionals from the community or faculty members or other, but they can also be other staff members. Workshops should strive to be 75% hands-on; if an hour long, 15 minutes should be spent lecturing or instructing and 45 minutes designing and building. 75% of workshops should be STEM-based and presenters should be female, but exceptions may be made in emergencies and with prior approval from the program director.
320.3 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.
	Camp directors should avoid field trips that have only a peripheral involvement with STEM, such as an afternoon at a beach or waterpark to "study the physics of waves".
	Camps are encouraged to reach out to local companies who employ STEM workers to sponsor field trips to their facility, providing additional opportunities for exposure to STEM professionals, especially women.

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	purpose served

330.4 Disposal Method	 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. Any shredding done professionally is a camp or branch expense under General Supplies.
330.5 Records Storage	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, and camp treasurers.
	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 shall be password protected at all times.

340. Evaluation

340.1 Overview	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, and any 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 and sent by email.
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.
340.3 Camp Experience Feedback	Beginning in 2023, AAUW California Tech Trek will conduct an annual assessment of the program by collecting anonymous feedback from campers and staff members a few months after camp. These data will be used to assess camp and program health and to highlight any areas needing improvement.

400. Position Descriptions

Tech Trek is a program whose mission has evolved over the years to focus on engaging more females in STEM studies and careers longterm by exposing them to people and activities in STEM that may pique their interest, initially for a week, and hopefully in a sustained way until they enter college at minimum.

Research has demonstrated that communities of practice composed of people who look like learners help ensure successful entry into STEM pathways which remain very gender-binary and to that end, camp directors should strive to ensure that all staff members who interact directly with the girls are also female so that they speak from the same perspective as the girls with respect to how to succeed in STEM fields.

The individuals who spend the most time coaching and guiding them through the week are first their alumnae peers who have been through the camp, followed by dorm monitors, and then instructors and presenters. In an emergency in the last two weeks before camp, an exception for an instructor or presenter may be approved by the program director once. Camp directors are expected to locate appropriate resources to staff the camp thereafter and there are no assurances the exception will be approved again.

410. Tech Trek Program Director

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 January 1 to December 31 to ensure effective project management and oversight during and through camp season. Individuals holding this position may be reappointed for up to five 1-year terms.
410.2 Qualifications	 The Tech Trek program director qualifications follow: Be a female AAUW California member. Have flexibility, computer skills (Excel, Word, and Google tools), and be accessible. 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 5-10 hours per month October through March 11-30 hours per month April through September. 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. Preferred: one or more years volunteering at a California camp in the last five years.
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.
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.

- 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 AAUW California State president or AAUW National.

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.
- Arrange for the purchase of all-camp branded items such as t-shirts, pens, lanyards, neck wallets, etc. This may be delegated.
- 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. Maintaining a current inventory of all camp fixed assets (item description, serial number, location) and storage unit content value, reporting any inventory changes to the Finance Committee and the insurance company upon request.
	request.

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.

420. Tech Trek Financial Liaison

420.1 Overview	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 January 1 through December 31 to ensure continuity between pre and post camp financial accounting. Individuals holding this position may be reappointed for up to five 1-year terms.
420.2	The Tech Trek financial liaison qualifications follow:
Qualifications	 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, including proficiency in Excel and Word
	 Possess organizational skills, people skills, and flexibility.
	 Be willing to learn Quick Books Online for camp accounting and budgeting.
	 Have time to devote to the task.
	 5-10 hours per month Oct-Mar
	11-20 hours per month Apr-Sep
	 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.
	Preferred: prior experience as a camp or branch treasurer
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 general administration 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 individual camps.
	 Prepare and submit an annual project budget and year-end financial

report to the finance committee.

• Facilitate all camp-related transactions requiring use of the AAUW California credit card(s) with camp directors and AAUW California CFO.

425. Medical/Health Advisor

430.1 Overview	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.
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's Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, 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.
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
	 Attend feel field feel field of state board meetings as requested by the Tech Trek program director. Be a mandated reporter.

430. Camp Director

430.1 Overview	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 duties may be 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.
Qualifications	 Be an AAUW California member. Enjoy working with 12-13-year-olds and have good negotiating skills and flexibility. Have prior experience as a teacher or assistant director at the Tech Trek campus for which they become camp director. For new campsites, have 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. Position is year-round Approximately 25 hours/month Aug-Mar Approximately 35-40 hours/month Apr-Jul Monthly hour-long Tech Trek committee calls 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.
403.3 Duties	 The Tech Trek camp director has responsibility to: Oversee curriculum development, including at least one engineering and one computer science class; negotiate contracts and approvals with the hosting facility and AAUW California Tech Trek leadership; coordinate with the campus conference service personnel; arrange field trips ; and submit a post-camp report to the program director. Identify and select volunteers to serve as core teachers, health aide/nurse, dorm monitors, counselors, workshop presenters, and
	 any other positions that are necessary for running the camp successfully. Procure necessary camp supplies except for those purchased for the entire project.

- Develop the daily schedule for the week of camp and submit a draft for review during the budget process.
- 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.
- 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 and volunteers to be paid. Ensure current W-9 forms are on file with SPF for all receiving stipend 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. Coordinate with the camp treasurer throughout the year on preparing and tracking vouchers and financial reports and to develop the camp budget.
- 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 print and electronic records for the camp according to the Record Retention file. (See Section 330 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.

440. Camp Treasurer

440.1 Overview	The camp treasurer is expected to maintain accounts of all camp expenses and income.	
440.2	The qualifications for being a camp treasurer are to:	
Qualifications	 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. Be willing to learn/work with QuickBooks Online. Have time to devote to the task throughout the year, but in particular in the two months prior to and after camp. 30-40 hours per month Jun-Oct 10-20 hours per month Nov-May 	
	Complete annual background check.	
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 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.

450. Branch Coordinator

450.1 Overview	The branch coordinator submits camp requests to the Tech Trek program director, coordinates the funds sent to the camp treasurer for camper sponsorships, supervises camper selection, oversees submission of camper registration information to the program director and camp directors or via the online registration system, and maintains/updates camper contacts for at least five years following camp attendance.	
450.2	The branch coordinator qualifications are to:	
Qualifications	• Be a member of the branch.	
	 Have the necessary computer skills to maintain records, report donations to the camp treasurer, and complete forms online. 	
	 Have basic proficiency in word processing, spreadsheets, internet access, and email. 	
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. 	
	 Ensure funds are sent to the camp treasurer(s) 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. Ensure all required forms are submitted by the stated deadlines. 	
	 Keep in touch with former campers for a minimum of five years after camp attendance. Maintain records of all campers and update the camper tracking form annually. Contact <u>techtrek-ttac@aauw-ca.org</u> for more information. 	
	 Coordinate branch members' visits to camp on Branch Visitation Day if applicable. 	
	• Train successor and transfer all forms and records to her/him.	

460. Core Teacher

460.1 Overview	The core teachers are selected by the camp director and provide the primary focus of the camp curriculum.	
460.2	The qualifications for becoming a core teacher are to:	
Qualifications	Be an adult AAUW California Member.	
	 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-old girls. 	
	 Conduct herself professionally, have integrity, and be a team player. 	
	• Be flexible in scheduling and maintain the content of her course.	
	 Complete Live Scan or OneSource background checks by the camp director's stated deadline (typically six weeks prior to camp). 	
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. 	
	 Project-based curriculum with a culminating presentation demonstrating what was learned is preferred. 	
	 Obtain camp director's prior approval for the purchase of all class equipment and supplies. 	
	Be a mandated reporter	

• Be a mandated reporter.

470. Dorm Monitor

470.1 Overview	Dorm monitors (aka 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, ensuring they get where they need to be and do what they need to do, and that they are treated with respect and concern.	
470.2	The qualifications for the dorm monitor are to:	
Qualifications	 Enjoy working with 11-14 year old girls and have good negotiating skills and flexibility. 	
	 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 7-10 campers, serving both as their advocate and enforcer of camp rules and ensuring they get where they need to go, have fun, and stay safe. 	
	 It is required that dorm monitors be over the age of 18 and strongly recommended that they be over 21. 	
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 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. 	

480. Camp Nurse/Health Aide

480.1 Overview	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, NP, RN), the health aide works under the direction of the camp director with medical guidance from the Tech Trek medical advisor.	
480.2	The qualifications for being a camp nurse/health aide are to:	
Qualifications	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, Nurse Practitioner or Physician license. EMTs, CNAs, or others with current certification working in a healthcare field must be reviewed by the Tech Trek 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	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.	

490. Intern

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

491. Junior/Senior Counselor/Coach

491.1 Overview	Junior/Senior counselors and coaches are former campers who serve as assistants to the camp staff and role models to the campers. At residential camps, they are counselors, at virtual camp, they are coaches.	
491.2	The qualifications for a Junior/Senior Counselor are to:	
Qualifications and Expectations	 Be three years after attending camp for junior counselors or at least 15 years old before or during the summer of camp. Senior counselors typically have more experience. 	
	 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. 	
	Time commitment	
	 Residential schedules generally run Sunday to Saturday 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; virtual from Sunday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. This is a weeklong commitment and counselors should not schedule other commitments during this time such as non-camp coursework, babysitting, or work. 	
	 Residential camps have a 'fully connected' no-cell-phone policy that applies to all staff and campers except those in a supervisory capacity. 	
491.3 Duties	The duties of a Junior/Senior Counselor are to:	
	 Assist in preparation of buildings and campus areas for Sunday registration and workshops. 	
	 Assist the teacher to whose class you are assigned. 	
	 Room set up Classroom assistance 	
	 Assist assigned dorm monitor. 	
	 Ensure assigned campers are ready for breakfast in the morning and lights out at night. Accompany assigned campers to meals. 	
	 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.
 - \circ $\,$ Some tasks may include volunteer stipends, such as social media or IT coordinator.
 - Senior counselors over 18 may supervise junior counselors. They
 may also fill a role as a dorm monitor in-training under the
 tutelage of a designated dorm monitor with more campers than
 allowed per adult : minors ratio of 1:10.

492. Live Scan Coordinator

492.1 Overview	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.	
492.2	The qualifications for a Live Scan Coordinator are to be:	
Qualifications	An AAUW California member.	
	• An efficient record keeper.	
	• Able to pass the FBI check.	
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. 	

493. Procurement Coordinator

493.1 Overview	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.	
493.2	The qualifications for the procurement coordinator are to:	
Qualifications	Be an AAUW California member.	
	 Have the ability to use Excel, Word, and email. 	
	 Have strong communication skills. 	
493.3 Duties	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. 	

494. Camp Website Coordinators

494.1 Overview

In collaboration with the Tech Trek program director and the California webteam camp directors or website coordinators will manage the design, content, and access of AAUW Tech Trek web pages for California camps. Each camp will provide updated relevant content such as sample schedules, images, or videos to enable the program to ensure service consistency, compliance, maintenance and updates to the content and appearance of web pages. Updates and design changes by camp directors and the program director are supported via requests to <u>webteam@aauw-ca.org</u>.

495. Funds Development

495.1 Overview	Funds 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.	
495.2 Qualifications	 The qualifications for the funds development are to: Be AAUW California members. Have knowledge of Tech Trek program needs. Have specific skills or experience at fundraising or grants management 	
495.3 Duties	 The duties of the funds development committee are to: Gather information regarding the needs of the camps and program, quantify in dollars, and prioritize. Evaluate potential fund sources. Create and implement the plan of action and timeline. Report to the Tech Trek program director and the Tech Trek financial liaison. 	

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 be vaccinated with Mumps, Measles, and Rubella (MMR) 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. Covid vaccinations are also required but selected participants may affirmatively decline in writing via online camp registration system no later than two weeks before camp.
 - a. Individuals are considered vaccinated for MMR according to CDC guidelines after having received 2 doses of an approved MMR vaccine at least 28 days apart.
 - b. Unvaccinated individuals aged 12 and above are considered vaccinated for Covid 19 according to <u>CDC guidelines</u> (1) two weeks after receiving the second dose in a two-dose 2023-2024 COVID-19 Novavax vaccine series or (2) two weeks after receiving a single dose 2023-2024 COVID-19 Moderna or Pfizer bivalent vaccine.
 - c. Individuals previously vaccinated with any pre-2023 series should receive 1 dose of the 2023-2024 version of Pfizer, Novavax, or Moderna vaccines to be current or up to date.
- 3. 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 affirmative declination be submitted at the same time.
- 4. Parents will be required to complete a 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 registration process.
- 5. Masking may be required indoors by all attendees and staff except during meals or when properly socially distanced.
- 6. Social distancing will comply with current campus, city, county and state requirements.
- 7. 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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APPENDIX A

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN TECH TREK

EXEMPTION MEDICAL AND/OR DISABILITY EXCEPTION REQUEST FORM Exception to Mumps, Measles, and Rubella (MMR) and 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) and COVID-19 Primary Series vaccination requirements per AAUW California and CDC guidelines.

Those who are otherwise permitted by AAUW California policy and/or applicable public health directives to decline COVID-19 vaccinations should instead use the Affirmative Declination Statement form in the online registration system.

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 MMR and Covid 19 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.

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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 vaccination requirement as a Disability accommodation. 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 <u>not</u> 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: ____By: ____By: ____By: _____By: ____By: _____By: ____By: _____By: ____By: _____By: ____By: _____By: _____By: ____By: _____By: _____By: _____By: _____By: _____By: _____By: _____By: _____By: ____By: _____By: _____By: _____By: _____By: ____By: _____By: _____By: _____By: ____By: _____By: _____By: _____By: _____By: ____By: _____By: ____By: ____By: ____By: _____By: ____By: _____By: ____By: _____By: _____By: _____By: _____By: _____By: ____By: _____By: _____By: _____By: ____By: _____By: _____By: _____By: ____By: _____By: ____By: ____By: ____By: ____By: ___By: ___By: ____By

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MEDICAL EXEMPTION AND/OR DISABILITY EXCEPTION REQUEST FORM

Exception to Mumps, Measles, and Rubella (MMR) and 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 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 COVID-19 Vaccination

Covid 19. 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 applies to the patient listed above. For that reason, vaccination using *any* of the currently available COVID-19 Vaccines is inadvisable for this

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patient in my professional opinion. The Contraindication(s) and/or Precaution(s) is/are:
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:
If temporary, the expected end date is:
Part B: Disability That Makes MMR and COVID-19 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:
If temporary, the expected end date is:
 I certify that the patient listed above has a Disability, as defined above, that makes COVID-19 vaccination inadvisable in my professional opinion. The patient's disability is:
If temporary, the expected end date is:

Signature of Health Care Provider

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.

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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

Cyberbullying Research Center Website: cyberbullying.us

NetSmartz Workshop Website: ww.netsmartz.org

StopBullying.govWebsite: www.stopbullying.gov