

About AAUW . . .

Founded in 1881 by 17 university alumnae, the American Association of University Women is now an organization of more than 100,000 college graduates across the United States. Membership is open to anyone who holds an associate's or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

Mission Statement:

AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change. AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

AAUW Palos Verdes

The Palos Verdes Peninsula branch of AAUW was chartered in 1957. General meetings are held at the Peninsula Center Library and are open to the public. Branch members are involved in numerous community activities and organization interest groups. Since 1998, the Palos Verdes Peninsula branch has awarded full scholarships to Tech Trek camp to girls showing an aptitude and interest in math and science.

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Insurance

Medical insurance provided with the camp is limited to secondary coverage; personal medical insurance is considered the primary carrier. If illness or injury occurs, campers will be transported to the nearest medical facility.

Science Camp for Girls



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ABOUT TECH TREK . . .

Tech Trek, started in 1998, is a math and science camp for girls transitioning from 7th to 8th grade. It is designed to develop interests, excitement and self-confidence in young women and features hands-on activities in math, science and related fields.



All sleeping, eating, instructional and recreational facilities are located on university campuses where the camps are held.

Campers are assigned either a math or science core class that they attend daily. Off-campus field trips to encourage maximum interaction and instruction are also planned.



In order to provide every camper with exposure to all core subjects taught, campers also select from a number of rotating labs.

Evening programs in fields such as astronomy, engineering, marine biology, and environmental studies are planned to enhance the learning experience and introduce campers to a variety of potential career areas.



Campus Experience

No matter what campus they attend, campers have the opportunity to live the life of a college student for a week. They learn to live with someone other than a sibling or a relative, share community bathrooms, eat dorm food and explore the campus area under the careful supervision of camp staff.

Campers stay in campus community-style, multi-storied dormitory halls. Two to six campers share each room or suite. A common bathroom is shared. The housing office furnishes some linens. Each camper is provided with a specific list of other items they need to bring to camp.



While all camps follow the same outline of a core math or science class throughout the week, each camp also presents unique experiences for its campers.

TECH TREK SCIENCE CAMP

Application Deadline
March 15



Tech Trek Camps

Campers are chosen by each AAUW branch to attend a camp near them. Ground transportation to and from camp is the responsibility of camper parents. Camps are held at six California locations:

- ◆ Stanford University and Mills College in Northern California
- ◆ California State University Fresno in Central
- ◆ US Santa Barbara, UC San Diego and Whittier College in Southern California



Instructors & Role Models

Campers interact with women who model a high degree of science, mathematics or computer expertise in their daily lives.

Instructors include credentialed middle school teachers and women currently engaged professionally in math, science or technology fields.



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

AAUW volunteers act as camp counselors. Each camper is assigned to a small group with the same counselor for the week.

Volunteer high school and college girls assist teachers and other staff.