



How We Got Started

A wildly successful program in California for nearly twenty years that has expanded nationally, Tech Trek is a chance to ensure that girls are engaged in STEM. Since 2015, New Jersey AAUW branches have selected 212 girls entering 8th grade to attend the week-long camp at Stockton University.

Who Leads Tech Trek in NJ

AAUW Atlantic and Cape May county members organize our camp. Retired middle school teacher Ann Marchesani volunteers as Camp Director, assisted by Claudine Keenan, Assistant Director; Gail Davis and Linda Harmon, Student Selection Directors; Evelyn Lovitz, Dorm and Counselor Director; Dottie Pearson and Virginia Rettig, Professional Women Directors.

Contact all Directors via email or web:

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<http://techtrek-nj.aauw.net>

Who We Are

Affiliated with the national American Association of University Women (AAUW), the first Tech Trek Camp in New Jersey was started by the Atlantic and Cape May County Branches of AAUW NJ, in 2015. The camp has expanded to accept applicants throughout the entire state, with support from AAUW NJ and every branch located in central, northern, and southern New Jersey – including members of the Virtual Branch who live in New Jersey and volunteer to support the camp.

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

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

Although AAUW now offers only limited grant-funding for this camp, the national office still maintains an online donation site to help you make your tax-deductible gift in support of this exciting opportunity for middle school girls in New Jersey.

Two Ways to Give

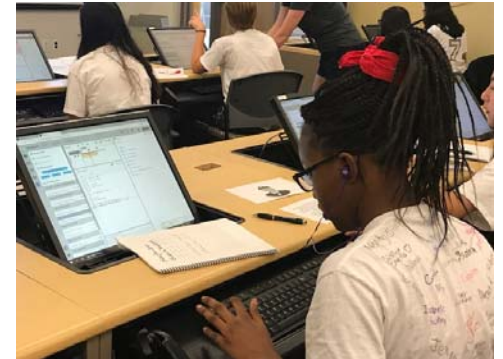
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Make checks payable to:

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18 Elmwood Lane
Fair Haven, NJ 07704

Stockton University has proudly hosted Tech Trek NJ since its founding in 2015, serving as the camp's greatest source of volunteers, in-kind grants, and state-of-the-art facilities. Stockton's pristine setting on 1,600 acres of Pinelands is a perfect venue!



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What is Tech Trek?

This one-week, residential camp immerses 8th grade girls in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) classes and activities on a university campus. Hands-on experiences range from conducting chemistry and biology lab experiments to programming computer applications to dragging a seine net to participating in a drone flight. Girls learn firsthand about engaging careers from women employed in STEM fields.



The American Association of University Women (AAUW) began this camp with a small challenge grant, which must now be 100% replaced with philanthropic gifts and other grants. Hosting this year's camp for 60 girls coming from all over New Jersey, Stockton University is the largest donor to this program in NJ.



How Does it Work?

Girls pay only \$50 to attend the entire week of camp, including all meals, supplies, residential costs, and trips.

Women from AAUW, Stockton University, neighboring organizations such as the Federal Aviation Administration, Leidos, and others volunteer, donating their time to lead workshops and offer STEM-intensive demonstrations, chaperone the girls around campus, and stay overnight in the residence halls. Teachers offer original science, engineering, and math-based courses, and sponsored courses from American Water, Arconic, and Symantec provides girls with current and future real-world opportunities.

How Can We Help?

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

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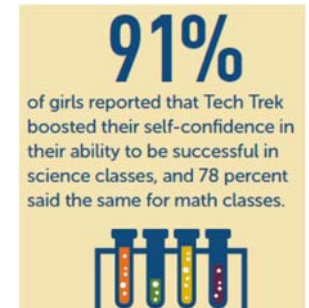
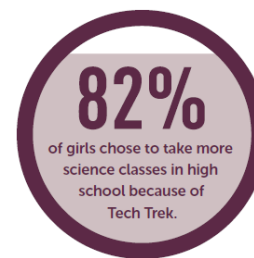
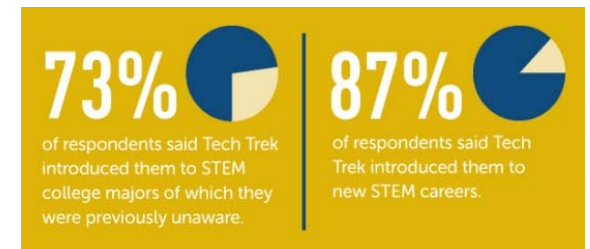
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What is the Impact?

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



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