



Los Angeles County Commission for Women



APPLICATION FOR DONATION

The Mission

The Los Angeles County Commission for Women seeks to represent the interest and concerns of women of all races, ethnic and social backgrounds, religious convictions, sexual orientation and social circumstances.

The Commission is mandated to:

Advise the Board of Supervisors, County departments and agencies on needs of women and matters relating to discrimination and prejudice on account of sex, marital status and sexual orientation.

- Recommend programs or legislation to promote and ensure equal rights and opportunities for women.
- Research and Investigate conditions which allegedly discriminate against women and disseminate results of investigations.
- Provide a coordinating function for County departments, community groups and organizations concerned with women's rights.

All requests for funds shall allow the LACCW 60 days prior to propose date needed for funds to make a determination. The requesting organization must provide the following information before consideration of a request.

AAUW Santa Clarita Valley - Tech Trek program
Name of Organization

PO Box 800354 Valencia 91380
Address City Zip

661-259-2116 WWW.AAUW-SCV.ORG
Telephone Number FAX Number Website Address

MJ West Tech Trek Committee Chair
Contact Person Title

661-510-3087 mjwest288@ca.rr.com
Cell (optional) E-mail

\$1800 (2 girls scholarship)
Donation Amount being requested

Organizational Identification
(Non-profit status/tax I.D. number): #68-0463071

check should be made to AAUW-CA-SPF for tax-deductible status.

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Mission of Organization (Purpose and Goals):

The mission of the program is to develop interest, excitement and self-confidence in young women who will enter 8th grade in the fall. The educational program features hands-on learning opportunities in math, science, technology and engineering (STEM) in a fun and safe environment on a college campus.

The goal of the Santa Clarita Valley branch of AAUW is to send at least 15 to Tech Trek camps in 2014.

History of Organization and Time of Existence:

AAUW-California started the program in 1998 with one camp. Since then, the program has grown to 10 camps held at 8 colleges every summer. Almost 1,000 girls attend camp every summer.

AAUW-SCV Branch began sending 1 girl in 1999. Since then, we have sent 153 girls to camp. In 2013, we sent 14 girls and in 2012, we sent 21 girls. Once the girls finish camp, they are welcomed into our STEM STARS programs to continue STEM exposure through high school.

Listing of Board of Directors:

AAUW - California - oversees all programs
AAUW Tech Trek California - coordinates and assists all camps
TechTrek Camp Directors - volunteers who run camps with volunteer staff
AAUW-SCV Branch - President: Rebecca Corona-Nickerson
Program VP: Virginia Prager-Elford
Membership VP: Senewyn Van Wie
Treasurer: Diane Bartley
Secretary: Kelly Burke

Event Information - Date/Time, Location and Target Number of Attendees:

Date/Time: _____

Location: _____

Target Number of Attendees: 5 girls at each camp

CSU Fresno June 15 - June 21, 2014
UCSB (Blackwell) July 27 - Aug 2, 2014
UCSB (Hypatia) Aug 3 - Aug 9, 2014

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Event Information – Purpose and Goals:

* Event publicity materials may be included (optional)

In what Los Angeles County District will this event take place?

5TH

(Please enter the district number)

In what Los Angeles County District does your organization belong to?

5TH

(Please enter the district number)

Constituency served within Los Angeles County (age, gender, ethnicity, income level, geographical region, etc.):

There are other branches within LA County that send girls to TechTrek camps in all supervisonal districts. There is a camp held at Whittier College June 15-21, 2014.

AAUW SCV works with girls in Santa Clarita, Castaic, Val Verde, Agua Dulce. The girls are 12-13 years old, of diverse ethnicity and income levels.

Specific Request (i.e. monetary contribution, use of LACCW's name or logo, access to mailing resources, and/or staff assistance)

We are requesting funds to send 2 girls to camp in 2014 (\$1800 total)

We would like you to see the positive impact this program makes in the lives of these young women.

How will this donation benefit the organization?

The organization will be able to send 2 additional girls to camp this summer where they will be exposed to STEM studies, role models and college life.

They will then be included in an ongoing program to keep them interested in STEM careers and to meet potential mentors in these fields.

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Have you received donation funds from LACCW before? If yes, please specify the event, time, and amount of donation. If more than once, please specify the two most recent occasions.

No (), this is the first time we received donation from LACCW.

Yes (), we have received donation(s) from LACCW previously.

First Occasion:
 Name of the Event CSU Fresno Tech Trek Camp
 Date of the Event: June 15, 2014
 Donation Amount: \$900

Second Occasion:
 Name of the Event NCSB Tech Trek Camp
 Date of the Event: July 27, 2014
 Donation Amount: \$900

Please send this form to:

Los Angeles County Commission for Women
 500 W. Temple Street, Rm. B-50, Los Angeles, CA 90012
 PH: 213-974-1455
 FAX: 213-633-5102
 www.laccw@bos.lacounty.gov → edejesus.

Emma DeJesus

*BOD for State Board of Educ.
 Via email*

*Alice Petrossian
 Commissioner for 5th District
 Chair of Education Program*



For CW Office Only:

_____ Date Received _____ Received By _____ Date of Review _____ Reviewed By _____

(Yes) (No)

Place on Agenda: _____
 Reason for not placing on agenda _____

_____ (Yes) (No) (Yes) (No)
 Date of CW Board Meeting Action Taken Notification Sent Amount Approved

Reason for Rejection



AAUW Santa Clarita Valley Branch

Los Angeles County Commission for Women
500 W. Temple Street Room B-50
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Commissioners:

We hope that you will be able to support the Santa Clarita Valley Branch of the American Association of University Women, now known as AAUW, by helping send local Santa Clarita Valley girls to the 2014 AAUW Tech Trek camps. The Santa Clarita Valley branch is committed to furthering educational goals in the STEM fields. Our branch has sent 153 to Tech Trek camps since 1999.

TECH TREK CAMP

The 2014 Tech Trek Camp program will be held at eight college campuses throughout California. Our participants will spend a full week at either CSU Fresno or UC Santa Barbara. They will live on campus and share dorm rooms with other participants and counselors. Credentialed middle school teachers and professional guest presenters – who all possess a high degree of expertise in science, mathematics, and technology -- will lead the activities the participants attend.

HOW PARTICIPANTS ARE SELECTED

Seventh grade teachers initially nominate Santa Clarita Valley participants for this program. Each candidate then completes an application and writes an essay that explains why she is interested in attending the camp. Once the applications and essays are received by the AAUW branch coordinator, the branches arrange for a face-to-face interview with the girl and, if possible, her parents. AAUW members then decide which girls would benefit the most from attending camp. Branches must raise the money for each camper's scholarship.

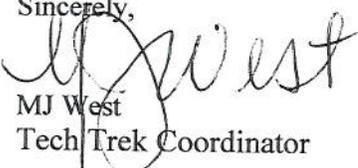
HOW YOU CAN HELP

The goal of our branch is to obtain sponsors for at least 15 young women from the Santa Clarita Valley for the summer of 2014. Tuition for each participant this year is \$900. This covers the cost of room and board, field trips, and all teaching materials and other expenses associated with a week-long, university – based educational program. AAUW is requesting a sponsorship of 2 local girls, for a total donation of \$1,800. However, any donation will be greatly appreciated.

Our goal is for the Commission to become aware of this valuable program. Branches in all 5 supervisorial districts are raising funds and sending girls to the Tech Trek Camps. Supervisor Antonovich has supported this program for several years. If you would like more information about the program, please go to www.aauw-techtrek.org or www.scv-aauw.org. Both of these websites showcase short videos about the camp experience and the impact on the girls.

Should you have any questions regarding this program and donation request, please feel free to email me at mjwest258@ca.rr.com.

Sincerely,


MJ West
Tech Trek Coordinator

Enclosures:
AAUW Tech Trek Criteria
Sponsorship Form
Brochure
State and Local Program Detail
2013 Donor List

AAUW
P.O. Box 800354
Santa Clarita, Ca. 91380

WEST MJ (Mary Jane)
22441 Circle J Ranch Rd
Santa Clarita CA CA
91350



Santa Clarita, CA

Yearbook 2013-2014
Chartered 1968

AAUW Mission: Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy,
education, philanthropy and research

ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS (*Voting members)

- * President
Rebecca Corona-Nickerson
- *1st VP/Programs
Roberta Kessler
Virginia Prager-Elford
- *2nd VP/Membership
Judy Morrow
Jenewyn Van Wfe
- *President Elect
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- *Treasurer
Diane Bartley
- *AAUW Funds
Marianne Bakic
- *Recording Secretary
Kelly Burke
- * Public Policy
Robin Clough

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MJ West
- Corresponding Secretary
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- Tech Trek
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- Women in History
Nancy Heinisch
MJ West
Debbie McIntosh

2013 Tech Trek Donors

**Donors Sponsoring
More Than One Tech Trek Participant**

Kaiser Permanente
Boston Scientific Corporations
Lynda May Rick

**Donors Sponsoring
One Tech Trek Participant**

Gina MacDonald
Jim Sweeney, Esterline TA-Aerospace
Dr. Dianne Van Hook, Chancellor, College of the Canyons

**Donors Sponsoring
More Than One-Half of a Tech Trek Participant**

Drs. Ram and Marian Subbarao
Mike Antonvich, LA County Board of Supervisors
TriSept Corporation

Tech Trek Donors

The Brynjegard-Bialik Family
Sue McCabe
Louise Schultz
Diane Kreyenhagen
Rose Romeka
Jim and Angela Birchfield
Melody Bustamante
Richard Patterson of Owen, Patterson and Owen
Dr. Cynthia T. Morales
The David West Family
Joy Aaron, DVM
Linda Hart
Kelly and Vernon Burke
Valencia Pediatrics
Jane Hanson



To All Seventh-Grade Science and Math Teachers: SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

for current seventh grade girls to attend AAUW's Tech TrekSM, an exciting, weeklong residential, hands-on science, technology and math camp, next summer.

Your recommendations should be based on the suggestions below, as well as your evaluation of students during the first semester.

A nominated 7th grade student must

- Be excited by math or science and be motivated to learn
- Have active listening skills; have a blossoming awareness of self-potential
- Be likely to profit from this experience.
- Have at least a B- grade; does not need to be the top student
- (Or may) have limited access to programs such as these

Academically, the student should

- Show an interest in learning new things, especially math or science
- Follow directions carefully
- Participate in class discussions; be ready to learn
- Work well in group situations and be willing to help all levels of students in the class
- Show patience and persistence in task completion

Personally, the student should

- Cooperate with teachers and students
- Show respect for other students
- Exhibit self-control and have no serious discipline issues
- Demonstrate responsibility, accountability, and honesty
- Have enough self-esteem to be willing to try a challenging task
- Make positive choices for herself, in and out of class

GIRLS WHO DO NOT MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS OFTEN DO NOT ENJOY TECH TREK.

Each AAUW branch can provide scholarships for only a few girls. Nominated students will be requested to complete an application and write an essay. AAUW members may select several candidates for interviews and campers will be chosen from that group. Your cooperation in the nomination process is appreciated and you will be notified of the final selection.

Please contact your local Tech Trek branch coordinator, shown below, for additional information or for an e-file of the nomination form. Online, go to www.aauw-techtrek.org/ You will find more information on the "Teacher" page.

Branch Coordinator MJ West AAUW Branch Santa Clarita Valley
Phone 661-259-2116 E-mail mjwest258@ca.rr.com

Maximum number of recommendations per teacher _____; maximum number of recommendations per school 5

RECOMMENDATIONS ARE DUE: Friday, February 7, 2014

Thank you for your time and assistance.



SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND

FEDERAL TAX ID: #68-0463071

CALIFORNIA CHARITABLE TRUST
ID: CT-127807

PO BOX 160067
SACRAMENTO, CA 95816-0067
www.aauw-ca.org

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR BRANCHES

All donations to the AAUW California Special Projects Fund (AAUW CA SPF) for Projects using SPF as their 501(c)3 fiduciary agent (e.g., Tech Trek) are tax deductible to the donor. Note: all California branches may use SPF for Tech Trek donations without applying for individual permission, Tech Trek is a state project using SPF.

AAUW CA SPF is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit foundation (see tax ID numbers listed on this letterhead). A copy of the IRS letter approving the 501(c)(3) status is attached. Potential donors may ask for a copy of this letter. You may **duplicate it as needed**.

Donation checks should be sent in **as they are received** to the Project Treasurer, (e.g., Tech Trek Camp Treasurer at the camp your girls will attend). Checks will be deposited on a year round basis, with the appropriate project entity (e.g., Tech Trek Camp) being credited with the contribution. Checks should not be held for longer than **14 days**.

All checks dated by December 31 of any year must be in the hands of the your project (e.g., camp) treasurer by January 5 in order for them to be received by the SPF Treasurer **by January 15. This is an IRS requirement.** Please get your checks to your camp treasurer early to allow time to transmit the checks to AAUW CA SPF no later than January 15th.

DONATIONS FOR DEPOSIT TO AAUW CA SPF

Donors should make checks payable directly to **AAUW CA SPF or AAUW California Special Projects Fund. THESE DONATIONS SHOULD NOT BE DEPOSITED INTO A BRANCH ACCOUNT or the tax deduction will be lost.**

Checks must have the donor's address on them so the donation can be acknowledged. Donors should be asked to write in an address if it is not printed on the check.

After making a record of the donation checks for the branch files, checks for the project should be sent directly to the project treasurer (e.g. Tech Trek camp treasurer).

The AAUW California Special Projects Funds purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. It receives and distributes contributions from individuals, corporations, and AAUW California for programs and projects that further education and equity for all women and girls in the communities served by AAUW California branches. Contributions to the AAUW California Special Projects Fund are tax deductible under the 501(c)3 regulations of the federal and California State Tax Codes.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508 CINCINNATI
OH 45201

Date: **MAR 23 2006**

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
UNIVERSITY WOMEN - SPECIAL
PROJECTS FUND
PO BOX 160067
SACRAMENTO, CA 95816-0057

Dear Applicant:

Our letter dated March 2001, stated you would be exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and you would be treated as a public charity, rather than as a private foundation, during an advance ruling period.

Based on the information you submitted, you are classified as a public charity under the Code section listed in the heading of this letter. Since your exempt status was not under consideration, you continue to be classified as an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, provides detailed information about your rights and responsibilities as an exempt organization. You may request a copy by calling the toll-free number for forms, (800) 829-3676. Information is also available on our Internet Web Site at www.irs.gov.

If you have general questions about exempt organizations, please call our toll-free number shown in the heading.

Please keep this letter in your permanent records.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Lois G. Lerner
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Employer Identification Number:

68-0463071

DLN:

17053367804005

Contact Person:

CHADWICK A KOWALCZYK ID# 31221

Contact Telephone Number:

(977) 829-5500

Public Charity Status:

170(b)(1) (A) (vi)

Letter 1050 (DO/CG)

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the
 requester. Do not
 send to the IRS.

Print or type
See Specific Instructions on page 2.

Name (as shown on your income tax return)
AAUW California Special Projects Fund

Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above

Check appropriate box for federal tax classification:
 Individual/sole proprietor C Corporation S Corporation Partnership Trust/estate
 Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ _____
 Other (see instructions) ▶ **Charitable Organization**

Exemptions (see instructions):
 Exempt payee code (if any) _____
 Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____

Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)
PO Box 160067

City, state, and ZIP code
Sacramento, CA 95816 -0057

List account number(s) here (optional)

Requester's name and address (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on the "Name" line to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number								

Employer identification number								
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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below), and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.

Sign Here Signature of U.S. person ▶ _____ Date ▶ _____

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. The IRS has created a page on IRS.gov for information about Form W-9, at www.irs.gov/w9. Information about any future developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) will be posted on that page.

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, payments made to you in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

- Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct for you are waiting for a number to be issued).
- Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and
- Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct.

Note. If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

WHY TECH TREK?

Tech Trek gave me the self-confidence to think women can excel in math and science. I am one of the few female students sitting in the front row of (an) 800-person lecture at UC Berkeley. I raise my hand with the answer, never waiting for the boy in back of me to step in.

As revealed in the ground-breaking report *Shortchanging Girls, Shortchanging America*, during early adolescence, social acceptance begins to trump academic interests and achievement for many girls, even those who have previously been good students.

To counteract the tendency of middle school girls choosing to drop math and science, members of AAUW California launched Tech Trek. The first camp convened in the summer of 1998. For an entire week, 150 girls from throughout the state participated in hands-on STEM learning and mentoring at Stanford University.

Although the situation has improved, young women still report feeling isolated in the sciences. The 2011 study, *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*, documented that women remain underrepresented in these fields. Once again, the middle school years were noted as the critical time for removing stereotypes about girls' abilities and building the positive self-assessment and growth mindset needed to effect true change.

TECH TREK SEEKS TO:

- ENCOURAGE** a diverse group of young women to take math and science courses throughout high school
- MOTIVATE** students to attend college and
- INSPIRE** young women to consider STEM careers

EVERY CONTRIBUTION MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

- \$25 / \$50** Pays for a field trip for one camper
- \$125** Provides for a full day (24 hours) at camp
- \$425** Covers half of a scholarship
- \$850** Awards a full scholarship
- \$2,550** Funds three full scholarships

Contributions to Tech Trek should be made to **AAUW California – Special Projects Fund (AAUW CA SPF)**. Please note on memo line Tech Trek and include the name of the branch to be credited. Checks should be sent to the branch's Tech Trek coordinator or to AAUW CA SPF P.O. Box 160067, Sacramento, CA 95816-0067

Branch: Santa Clarita Valley

Contact: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

www.aauw-techtrek.org
info@aauw-techtrek.org

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American Association of University Women (AAUW) advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. Tech Trek Science and Math Camp for Girls is a Project of AAUW California.

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A Project of
AAUW California

Fostering a Future in a Girl's Opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math



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SCIENCE & MATH CAMP FOR GIRLS

"I never imagined becoming a mathematician, but this experience opened up my eyes to see that I can do anything..."



Tech Trek opens the door to a world of opportunities. Hands-on activities in math, science and related fields develop interest, excitement and self-confidence in young women entering the eighth grade. Campers live the life of a college student with a full university experience of eating and sleeping in a dorm, attending classes and using available recreational facilities. Off-campus field trips further broaden their horizons.

Not only do these young women meet and make friends among like-minded peers, they are introduced to role models in the form of the instructors and guest speakers. Post-camp mentoring provides continuing encouragement.

Seventh grade math and science teachers from public school districts served by AAUW California branches nominate young girls using the academic habits and character development criterion:

- be excited by math or science
- have active listening skills
- have at least a B-minus grade (do not need to be a top student)
- be likely to profit from this experience
- have less access to this type of program

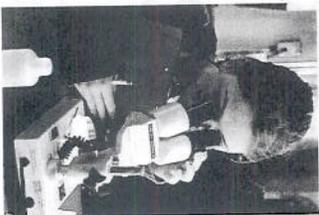
Nominees submit applications and essays, and then are interviewed by branch-designated committees. The number of scholarships awarded is determined by the funds raised by each branch. The girls selected attend the closest available camp. Depending upon the facilities and staffing, each camp accommodates between 75 and 105 girls. Completely volunteer developed and run, Tech Trek has grown and flourished since 1998.

Currently ten camps are held on eight campuses:

- California State University, Fresno
- Sonoma State University
- Stanford University
- University of California, Davis
- University of California, Irvine
- University of California, San Diego
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- Whittier College

By the end of the summer of 2011, more than 8,000 girls attended a Tech Trek camp and many early participants returned as counselors, camp directors and mentors.

Tech Trek continues to operate without any paid administrative staff and every effort possible is made to ensure that monies are directed towards curriculum improvements and expanded opportunities for the Tech Trek participants.



"Did Tech Trek change my life? Absolutely... One of the girls funded through this program will find the cure for cancer, save people from AIDS, become president, save the world. And she will need all of the help and encouragement she can get."

In 2006, AAUW California surveyed the nearly 875 young women who had attended a Tech Trek Camp during the program's first four years. From among 230 respondents, 96% were currently enrolled in



college and, far exceeding national averages, 53% were majoring in science and math-oriented fields. Virtually all credited their Tech Trek experience with having encouraged them to pursue a broader spectrum of educational and career options.

More than 90% of Tech Trek program funding comes from the AAUW California branches, which raise the necessary scholarship monies so that local girls can attend a nearby camp.

To send even one girl from each middle school to camp for a week, support from community organizations and local businesses is needed to supplement individual and member donations.

All Tech Trek funding is handled through AAUW California Special Projects Fund, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, not-for-profit foundation.

"Thank you for helping me to never join the girls at my high school who complained that math and science were boring or pointless. Thanks to Tech Trek, I've seen how they apply in the real world, and that by avoiding math and science, you miss out on the most fascinating elements of life."

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