

New Mexico Science and Math Teachers: Please nominate 7th grade girls from your school who are excited by STEM to apply for the AAUW Tech Trek NM summer science camp!

The AAUW Tech Trek NM is proud to announce our 9th annual week-long STEM summer camp for rising eighth grade girls **June 19-25, 2022**. We are planning to return to the campus of New Mexico Tech in Socorro, NM unless the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic makes changing to a different format prudent.

Because of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, we will be taking great precautions to make the residential camp as safe as possible. We will require all campers and Tech Trek staff to be fully vaccinated (including boosters) for Covid-19, and we will follow all the recommended CDC and NM-DOH guidance including masking and social distancing. We will also require rapid testing as part of the check-in process at camp as well as following the recommended testing protocols during camp.

In the event that changes in the situation in New Mexico make holding a residential camp inadvisable, we will change to a hybrid format that will have a mix of small in-person core classes around the state, followed by virtual workshops and field trips for all the campers.

Each girl will take a core class in a subject ranging from robotics to coding to climate science. All the girls will participate in various workshops and field trips. As always, the classes will be taught by women who are experienced middle school science teachers. AAUW Tech Trek NM is a diverse and inclusive science camp experience for New Mexico girls who may not have had exposure to STEM programs out of school.

We invite you to nominate up to 4 girls (now in 7th grade) per school to apply for Tech Trek NM using the attached forms. If multiple teachers at your school participate, they should agree on the girls nominated to apply.

We ask that you **rank** (1 being high) your nominees on how well they exhibit the qualities listed below. Please consider what you know about each girl and whether she would truly benefit from a weeklong summer science camp. The best students academically are not necessarily the best fit for Tech Trek. Some students show their true potential in a setting such as Tech Trek.

Submit nominations no later than **Friday, January 28, 2022** to:
techtreknm@gmail.com OR to Tech Trek NM, PO Box 90322, Albuquerque, NM 87199.

The cost to each girl selected is only \$50.

Please visit our webpage at <https://techtrek-nm.aauw.net/> to learn more about Tech Trek NM.

Qualities of a Tech Trek Camper:

✓ Is excited by science and math with the potential to excel;	✓ Demonstrates willingness to follow safety protocols for Covid-19.
✓ Has at least a "B" average;	✓ Shows interest in learning new things, especially in science and/or math;
✓ Works well in group situations, is willing to help other students, and can work alone;	✓ Follows directions well and shows patience and persistence in task completion;
✓ Will benefit from exposure to STEM opportunities;	✓ Cooperates with teachers, shows respect for others and participates in class;

✓ Adapts well to new situations like going to camp;	✓ Demonstrates responsibility, self-control, and has no serious discipline issues;
✓ Demonstrates maturity when interacting with her peers;	✓ Makes positive choices for herself, in and out of class;
✓ Has not participated in a week-long STEM camp;	✓ Willing to try a challenging task and complete it;

In early February, we will send application packages to every girl nominated.

The deadline for submitting the completed application is **Monday, February 28, 2022**.

Our selection committee will review the completed applications and then select up to 60 girls to attend the 2022 camp. It is our priority to select girls who may not have had an opportunity to participate in an inspiring STEM program. We also strive to select a group of campers who reflect the demographics of New Mexico with a mix of urban and rural girls of all ethnicities and races.

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