

Tech Trek 2018 Update: Alumni Welcome the 2018 Tech Trekkers



Tech Trek 2015 to 2017 alumni with the six 2018 Tech Trekkers in the front row

On Sunday April 29 2018, the Tech Trek committee, Tech Trek patron Judy Wolf, Ambassador of Fun, Mary Lynn Pelican, and 17 Tech Trek alumni from 2015 through 2017 gathered for an ice-cream social at the home of AAUW members and former Tech Trek parents, Narinder and Geeta Prashar. The afternoon started with the six new 2018 Tech Trekkers taking a bit of time to meet each other separately, while the alumni mingled and caught up with each other, a part of our effort to build and sustain this STEM cohort. The group then gathered in the Prashar's living room where the new girls were introduced to the team. We then split into three groups, roughly along High School lines and each led by committee members, Nalini Jayanthi, Shuchi Sharma and Karen McCready. The alumni gave the new girls a feel of what camp was like and answered questions—there was plenty of chatter, laughter and bonding. We wrapped up the afternoon with the girls regrouped. Judy Wolf shared her history with and support of Tech Trek over the years, Karen talked about how we raise funds, and Letha wrapped it up with our Pathway to STEM vision of keeping the Tech Trekkers and alumni on the STEM Pathways through High School. The 2018 Tech Trekkers were each given the book "Women in Science: 50 Fearless Pioneers Who Changed the World" with a custom certificate, signed by our President Elaine, permanently pasted in the inside front cover—a lifetime keepsake. Just as we were wrapping up, former Tech Trekker from 2015, Vanshika Sharma, received confirmation from Camp Curie that she has been selected to return to camp as a Counselor this year! *Photo Credits: Mary Lynn Pelican*



The New Six: 2018 Tech Trekkers



Tech Trek Alumni: Ice cream Time



Breakout Group: Sharing Experiences



Judy Wolf: Sharing Experiences



Tech Trek 2018 Committee members Nalini Jayanthi, Shuchi Sharma, Letha Saldanha, and Karen McCready, with hosts Narinder and Geeta Prashar, and patron Judy Wolf