

Tech Trek 2019 at Camp Curie@Stanford University



The six 2019 Tech Trekkers from Fremont, Newark and Union City

Months of preparation that commenced back in November 2018 culminated in two weeks of high energy, when seventy-four, 13 year old tech trekkers selected by AAUW branches from Monterey to Healdsburg and Palo Alto to Walnut Creek and Livermore across the bay gathered at the Stanford campus early July. This included our six tech trekkers selected from the tricity public schools who attended Camp Curie. The girls were closely supervised by dorm mom volunteers from various branches and returning tech trek alumni counselors. For five exhilarating days the girls engaged in STEM related core classes, heard from inspiring guest speakers from the STEM field, learnt life skills like managing your money, took field trips to STEM related sites including Knightscope where they learnt about Intelligent 'machine learning' robots, had fun at the Stanford fountains, star gazed at astronomy night and got a taste of life in the Stanford dorms. Thanks to generous grants and donations, the camp re-introduced a Robotics workshop that all girls attended.

Branch members were invited to visit the camp on Thursday of camp week. President Kathy McDonald and former Tech Trek parent Geeta Prashar joined us on Branch visitors day and saw the 'village' of energy and enthusiasm created at the camp. Our 2019 Tech Trekkers will now take their place on our 'Pathway to STEM' and grow into leaders and mentors for younger girls locally.



Field Trip: Symantec



Teamwork: Jenga



Coding: Build your own game



Computers: What is inside?



Cyber Security: Digital Footprints



Marine Biology: The wow factor



Engineering: Balloon powered Car

A big Thank You to the Fremont branch members and other donors who made this possible—hear it from the Tech Trekkers

I hope that one day I will make myself, my family, and the AAUW organization feel proud of sponsoring this camp, not only for me but for all the girls.....

This camp has shown me that women can be empowering too. Although camp was only for a week, I feel like I have accumulated knowledge of STEM worth an entire year

I realized by talking to many of the outstanding women that a career in STEM can be challenging, exciting and life changing. Many of them had jobs I had not even heard of

This camp opened my mind up and strengthened me in science, technology, engineering, and math

I hope and believe that I will have better time management skills, better social skills, and better appreciation of everything I have

Thank you for this wonderful opportunity that you've given me. I have learnt multiple things at Tech Trek including astronomy and marine biology. This experience was amazing and once-in-a-lifetime opportunity



Tech Trekkers 2014-2019