

## TTAG NEWSLETTER - October 2022



### TTAG Membership

If you attended Tech Trek during the Summer, you are invited to join the AAUW-SF Tech Trek Alumnae Group (TTAG; pronounced TeeTAG) of the San Francisco Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW-SF).

If you attended Tech Trek in prior years and are not part of TTAG yet, this is a good time to consider becoming a member.

TTAG Membership will not only provide you with a community of like-minded girls interested in STEM, but also with access to college readiness workshops, STEM career panels, and a newsletter with opportunities and events tailored to TTAG's goals and interests. Finally, TTAG members will be eligible to apply for the TTAG Scholarship offering up to \$16,000 over 4 years to support college related expenses. More info and application form to come.

To Join TTAG or Renew your TTAG membership, please fill in this [survey](#).

For questions; please contact us at: [rpcvalle@gmail.com](mailto:rpcvalle@gmail.com)

### Tech Trek Welcome Back Party

Thank you to everyone who attended the welcome back party! The campers had the opportunity to meet other Tech Trekkers from other campuses and talk to Tech Trek



alumni. It was really nice to see the girls interacting with one another and learning about their different experiences. TTAG members helped facilitate discussion, and we talked about topics ranging from the cool activities they did during the camp to the types of food they tried at the dining halls. It was nice to learn that campers still aren't allowed to use phones during camp, because I believe it truly helps to build stronger connections between campers. The campers also had the chance to ask TTAG members about their experiences after Tech Trek, and learned about the opportunities relating to STEM in high school and beyond. For example, Azalea and I shared the different types of clubs, programs and classes available at our schools for people interested in various fields like coding or pre-med. Having the opportunity to talk to new Tech Trek members made me feel inspired to meet so many younger girls interested in STEM, and I was able to reflect on how Tech Trek served as a strong point of encouragement for my interest in the STEM fields.

Lexian Nguyen, TTAG Newsletter Editor





### **A few testimonials:**

Thank you for sending your campers to Fresno Tech Trek in June. We had many challenges but believe the students had a variety of STEM experiences that will be helpful as they mature. We were unable to provide Branch photos but hope you have a chance to connect with those great young women, Thanks again for sending your campers to CSU Fresno! – Sue Jennings, Asst. Camp Director @ CSU Fresno

Dear Tech Trek,

Thank you for making this wonderful camp experience possible. I had no idea I would meet so many fun and inspiring girls and women. I was given the opportunity to build meaningful relationships and pursue one of my greatest interests, encouraging me to push myself and be fearless! For that, I will be forever grateful. I gained more independence, team building skills, and empathy. I know I've grown and matured vastly. I'm going to move forward with all of the valuable life lessons I've acquired at Tech Trek, equipping me to be successful. Thank you for your hard work and dedication. I hope my reciprocated energy is fulfilling. – Gina Gilson, Tech Trekker @ CSU Fresno

Dear San Francisco Branch,

Thank you for sending me to Tech Trek at UC Davis. Besides the tiring days I've learned so much. I learned how to engineer a sturdy structure, and how to draw blood from veins. This helped me think about what job I might want to pursue in the future, which is an embryologist. It also made me more open to other career choices. From learning how to make friends to

learning how to be without my parents, it has helped me grow so much. Now starting eighth grade, I'll be more confident and learn even more! Overall, thank you for this fabulous opportunity. I am beyond grateful. – Callista Leung, Tech Trekker @ UC Davis

## TTAG Announcements

### **EVENT: A Parent Panel for TECH TREK & TTAG Parents**

**When:** Thursday, October 13, 7:00 PM

**Who:** Tech Trek & TTAG parents ONLY

**Where:** online (link for registration coming soon)

**What:** Meet parents who have experienced their children's middle to high school transition in the SFUSD and get an inside scoop at some SF high schools!

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### **COLLEGE PREP SERIES:**

#### **EVENT: How to Find your College Fit**

**When:** Sunday, October 23, 12:30 - 2:30 PM

**Who:** TTAG, TTAG parents welcome

**Where:** online (link for registration coming soon)

**What:** In our College Prep Series, discover the criteria to consider when applying for college, from campus size to financials - with Brianna Bennett, independent Educational Consultant from Climbing to Success College and Career Consulting.

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### **EVENT: TTAG VISIT at the EXPLORATORIUM**

**When:** Sunday, December 4 or 11 - from 1 to 4 PM

**Who:** TTAG (8th to 12th grade)

**Where:** in person - at the Exploratorium - Pier 15 - Embarcadero, San Francisco

**What:** A visit tailored to our TTAG members featuring hands-on activities and presentations by Exploratorium volunteers - 3 hours (FREE)

**Registration:** Reserve your spot [HERE](#) to let us know of your availability!

**Check out the AAUW-SF website**

### **Provide a quote on your Tech Trek experience!**

**When:** ASAP

**Who:** opened to all Tech Trek Alumnae (whether or not part of TTAG, you must have attended a Tech Trek camp to participate) and particularly geared to our newest TTAG members and 2022 Tech Trek returning campers

**What:** email a testimonial (one sentence to one paragraph) on your Tech Trek experience to appear in the NEW Branch website; <https://sanfrancisco-ca.aauw.net/>

**Contact:** [soniale3068@gmail.com](mailto:soniale3068@gmail.com)

## **STEM Activities & Opportunities**

### **Girls Who Code Club**

**When:** School Year

**Who:** Middle and high school students

**Where:** School

**What:** Join or start a Girls Who Code Club at your school! You will be part of a large international organization focused on empowering girls to code. It's a great opportunity to learn more about computer science and sisterhood! Check out the link below to start a club!

**More information:** [Girls Who Code Website](#)

### **Program: Headwaters Science Institute Fall 2022 Research Experience**

**When:** September 13 to December 13, 2022

**Who:** high school students

**Where:** online meetings and independent research in location of student's choosing

**What:** Cost \$1,350- financial aid available - get out of the classroom and immerse yourself in hands on research - work along a professional scientist, get mentored and impress those college recruiters!

**Info:** [Headwaters Research Experience - Headwaters Science Institute](#)

## **CONTACT US**

It's our goal to bring you workshops, camps, extra-curricular activities, internships, and other exciting opportunities in STEM. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to share with your TTAG community any cool STEM Ed event taking place at your high school. Want to share info and opportunities or give us feedback?

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