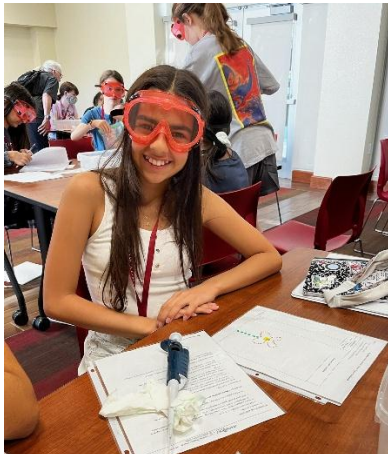


TECH TREK CAMPS AN INSPIRING SUCCESS!

During July, our selected Tech Trek campers had the chance to build lifelong friendships and become inspired about STEM! Due to the generosity of our members, our branch sponsored seven rising 8th grade girls at the week-long Tech Trek residential camp at Santa Clara University, aka: Camp Hopper. Two additional campers completed the virtual Tech Trek camp.

At this year's camps, the girls explored Climate Science, Botany, Engineering, Robotics and more. They took a field trip to explore water purification and wastewater treatment up close. Campers had the chance to combine Morse Code and 3D art in "creative and expressive ways". Camper Aadya described the experiences as "an unforgettable week of learning and fun."



Lab in progress!

More inspiring quotes from campers:

"I loved how we created something new everyday, and used our brains to come up with cool designs for solving certain challenges...I felt like a real scientist!" – Amrit

"Thank you for sending me to Tech Trek. I've never done anything this fun and educational!" – Hritvi

“The whole week has been nothing but a magical experience. I’ve had so many new workshops that could be replaced anywhere else.” – Mridula

“It was an amazing experience and it not only taught me about science, but it taught me about myself” - Susanna

“An activity I especially enjoyed was making a solar oven in my engineering class. This class greatly changed my perspective toward STEM.” – Natalie

“From learning about chemistry in a working lab environment to learning how to build a flashlight, being in this camp has taught me so many vital skills.” – Aadya



Camp Hopper Attendees.

We’d like to thank all those members who contributed to make this a successful experience. When we first sent girls to Tech Trek 27 years ago, the cost of camp was \$500. Today the cost is \$1200. We could not do it without your support.

Thanks also to our Tech Trek Co-Chairs: Nitu Shinde and Karen Cowan, and to all who participated in this year’s selection process: Anita Massey, PJ Wells, Trish Shannon, Tina Amber, Sheryl Morgan, Charlene Granfield, Sandra Bauer, Carolyn Kotch.