

What is Tech Trek? It's an exciting weeklong residential summer camp that focuses on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) for girls going into eighth grade. The American Association of University Women Florida (AAUW) is bringing Tech Trek to two university settings in Florida during June of 2023. One camp will be held at Stetson University in Deland (June 11-17), and the second one will be at Florida Atlantic University in Jupiter (June 18 to 24). Each camp will serve 48 girls from throughout Florida.



During the week, girls attend a daily technology or science core class, perform hands-on activities throughout the day, attend a field trip to a STEM learning environment and are exposed to female STEM role models. This one-week summer camp is backed by AAUW's research and designed to make STEM fields exciting and accessible to girls in middle school — the age when girls' participation in these fields drops markedly. For many girls, the weeklong camp sparks their curiosity and places them on a path toward success.



To attend the camp, 7th grade girls are nominated by their teachers (limited to 5 per school), and then applicants are interviewed by local AAUW branch members. To ensure that cost would not be a barrier to attendance, the cost to the girls is only a \$50 registration fee (waivable). The remainder of the cost is paid by AAUW Florida, and contributions by AAUW Branches, sponsors and donors.

Since 2014, the St Augustine branch of AAUW has sent more than 100 St. Johns County girls to the camps. Check out the webpage to learn more: <u>https://techtrek-fl.aauw.net</u>

Tax-deductible donations are most welcome as are volunteers to help at the camps. Make checks payable to **AAUW FL Supporting Foundation., Inc.**, and send to: Treasurer, Tech Trek Florida 2019, Post Office Box 2938, Jupiter, FL 33468 (Please put <u>St. Augustine</u> in the memo line)