

# SWOSU and AAUW Partner Again for Tech Trek Summer Camp

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University and the Weatherford branch of the American Association of University Women hosted one of the inaugural “not in California” summer Tech Trek Camp for young girls in 2013, and the camp was so successful that SWOSU and the Weatherford branch were awarded the camp once again in 2014.

Thirty girls entering the eighth grade were selected to participate in the week-long pilot camp, which was the first to be held outside of the state of California. In 2014, 48 girls will be selected for the Tech Trek program on July 13-19 at SWOSU where the young girls will be motivated to pursue degrees and careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Seventh grade girls can now be nominated for the camp by teachers with a deadline of February 14. The deadline for girls to submit applications is March 7 and they will be notified around April 11 if they are selected for the Tech Trek program.

Camp director Dr. Lisa Appeddu said the camp is designed to create interest, excitement and self-confidence in the girls by educating them in science and math, doing hands-on activities, and helping the girls make important connections with role models who currently work in STEM fields.

During the camp, girls will be staying in the residence halls on campus, designing robots in the Engineering Technology Building, working in university classrooms, and participating in on-site educational activities around Weatherford.

Tech Trek was established 15 years ago in California and since then it has impacted more than 9,000 girls.

For information about making a donation, applications, and volunteering, contact Tech Trek at SWOSU at [tswosu@gmail.com](mailto:tswosu@gmail.com) or visit the website at <http://techtrek-ok.aauw.net/>