

GIRLS INC. SMART GIRLSSM

WHY THIS PROGRAM?

GIRLS INC. SMART Girls helps girls develop the skills they need to thrive in the information age. Today's girls are as likely as boys to use computers, however they still remain underrepresented in science, math, and technology fields. Oregon's women earn 68 cents on every male dollar, an income gap attributed to under representation in Oregon's primary and most profitable industry, technology. SMART Girls makes science, math, and technology fun and engaging for girls. Marshmallows explode, water samples from the Willamette horrify, and time capsules represent the future generation of Oregon's great scientific minds.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

GIRLS INC. SMART Girls consists of sixteen, 90 minute hands-on sessions that give girls the opportunity to explore, ask questions, and solve problems. Components of SMART Girls include Eureka! Girls Dig It, and Career Action. In hundreds of sites across the country, close to half a million girls between the ages of 6 and 18 have started on the path to becoming engineers, auto mechanics, micro surgeons, and astronauts. They're asking questions, making guesses, and taking chances.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- ⌘ Expose girls to the fun and "work" of math, science and technology
- ⌘ Let girls make big, interesting mistakes
- ⌘ Help girls get past the "yuck" factor

WHAT GIRLS SAY ABOUT SMART GIRLS

- ⌘ "I used to think science was boring until I helped rebuild a robot, now I think I might want to be an engineer." LUCRETIA AGE 14
- ⌘ "I always thought I was really bad at math until I started counting bacteria in water samples." TARA AGE 9
- ⌘ "I met the coolest women with the coolest jobs. I am going to take more science classes." STEPHANIE AGE 12

TO BRING SMART GIRLS TO YOUR SCHOOL OR COMMUNITY

The SMART Girls program can be implemented in Portland area schools by GIRLS INC. staff by contacting Kamesha Robinson at 503 230 0054.

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