

Hands On Tech Day For 8th and 9th Grade Girls

DigiGirlz Returns to Wilmington University's Dover Campus, May 2, 2017

Registration Now Open

Dover, DE: Girls in the 8th and 9th grades are invited to spend a fun filled day learning about careers in technology and getting an inside glimpse of what it might be like to work in the technical fields. DigiGirlz Day is designed to encourage young women to explore the possibilities available in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

DigiGirlz is May 2, 2017 at Wilmington University's Dover Campus starting at 8:30 am. It is free and open to 8th and 9th grade school year girls in public, private, charter and home schools. Teachers may attend to observe their students in selected program activities; individual students are also encouraged to participate. Pre-registration is mandatory and lunch will be provided.

This year's DigiGirlz Day features several different career track explorations including Chemistry, Video Game Creation, and Cyber Security. Girls will participate in hands-on activities including writing code for a simple video game, exploring the science behind creating beauty products, or learning about the tools professionals use to fight computer hackers. New this year will be Roundtable discussions with female professionals in the STEM-related careers.

Recognizing that young women historically shy away from STEM education, especially as they enter their high school years, DigiGirlz is designed to address some of the myths and misconceptions about careers in more technical industries.

Through lively discussion and interactive activities, the event is designed to encourage young women to put aside concerns about their ability to pursue education and careers in technical fields.

DigiGirlz is sponsored by Delaware's Department of Technology and Information, Microsoft, the Delaware Center for Educational Technology, Wilmington University, Delaware Department of Education, JP Morgan Chase, and Dell.

Registration information can be found at <https://digiknow.dti.delaware.gov/pages/DigiGirlz/2017/default.shtml>