



Welcome to the Sphere Newsletter, the monthly e-blast sent to every member of the San Diego organization for a quick read of things to know and do in AAUW!

Meet our branch-sponsored

Tech Trek campers for 2024

AAUW-San Diego has selected three girls to attend this year's Tech Trek camp at UC San Diego, June 23-28.

Tech Trek is a summer camp for middle school girls that focuses on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Campers spend one week on a university campus; they live in the dorms, eat in the cafeteria, attend labs and classes, and learn what it might be like to be a college student.



With the aim of encouraging girls to pursue STEM careers, the camp exposes them to a wide variety of STEM fields and occupations through hands-on experience in classes, workshops and demonstrations. The campers hear from women STEM professionals and receive guidance to help them prepare for their own future careers, including the critical next step of choosing the right classes in high school. The camp is funded through fundraisers, donations, and partnerships coordinated by local AAUW branches, which means that students who might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend summer camp are able to attend Tech Trek.

In order to be considered for a sponsorship to Tech Trek, students must first be nominated by their seventh grade math, science, or technology teachers. Tech Trek's goal is to ignite an existing spark of interest in STEM, so enthusiasm for STEM is one of the qualifications, along with a student's access, or lack of, to other enrichment programs, and evidence of curiosity and potential.

Meet the San Diego branch selectees as they introduce themselves below.



Adalyn Lara, 13, De Portola Middle School

I am currently taking Gateway to Tech. I wish to be a field meteorologist when I'm older for the Weather Channel. I have always had an admiration for weather and natural disasters. I also have interests in game development and animations. Reading is a huge part of my life. I never leave my room without a book in my hand. Currently reading *Warrior Cats*, and so far it's one of my favorite book series. My other interests are science, animation, drawing, 3-D art, and sports. One of my current hobbies is doing a *Warrior Cats* animation fan art project.



Dainya Truong, 12, De Portola Middle School

My favorite classes are Gateway To Tech (GTT), which is an engineering class, and PE. I really like doing robotics in GTT. My future goal is to be an Olympian in flag football or track and field. I also want to be a mechanical engineer. One fun fact about me: I love to jump! I can long jump almost 16 feet.



Annabelle Robbins, 13, De Portola Middle School

Hi! I'm Anni. I really enjoy building and creating things in my Gateway to Technology class, especially in On-shape. Right now I'm working hard to design and create a guitar using a C&C machine. My goal for the near future is to run a 5k. I just started running, so I hope to accomplish this by the end of the summer. I want to go to USC or Colorado School of Mines to double major in geology and archeology. I can't wait for my week at Tech Trek!!!

Scholarship Luncheon

June 15, 2024
11:30 am to 2:00 pm
Casa De Reyes
2754 Calhoun Street
San Diego, CA 92110

Join us to celebrate our scholarship winners and bring the 2023-2024 year to a close.

Please make your check for \$45 out to AAUW San Diego, and mail by 6/8/24 to: Sherry Eberling at 256 L Street, Chula Vista, CA 91911

Menu

Chicken Enchiladas Suizas Roasted chicken wrapped in corn tortillas with crema Mexicana, includes rice & beans.	Chili Colorado Tender roasted/simmered pork shoulder in smoky quajillo sauce, includes rice & beans	Tostado Salad Shredded lettuce, jalapeno ranch, beans, rice, cotija cheese, pico de gallo and tortilla chips
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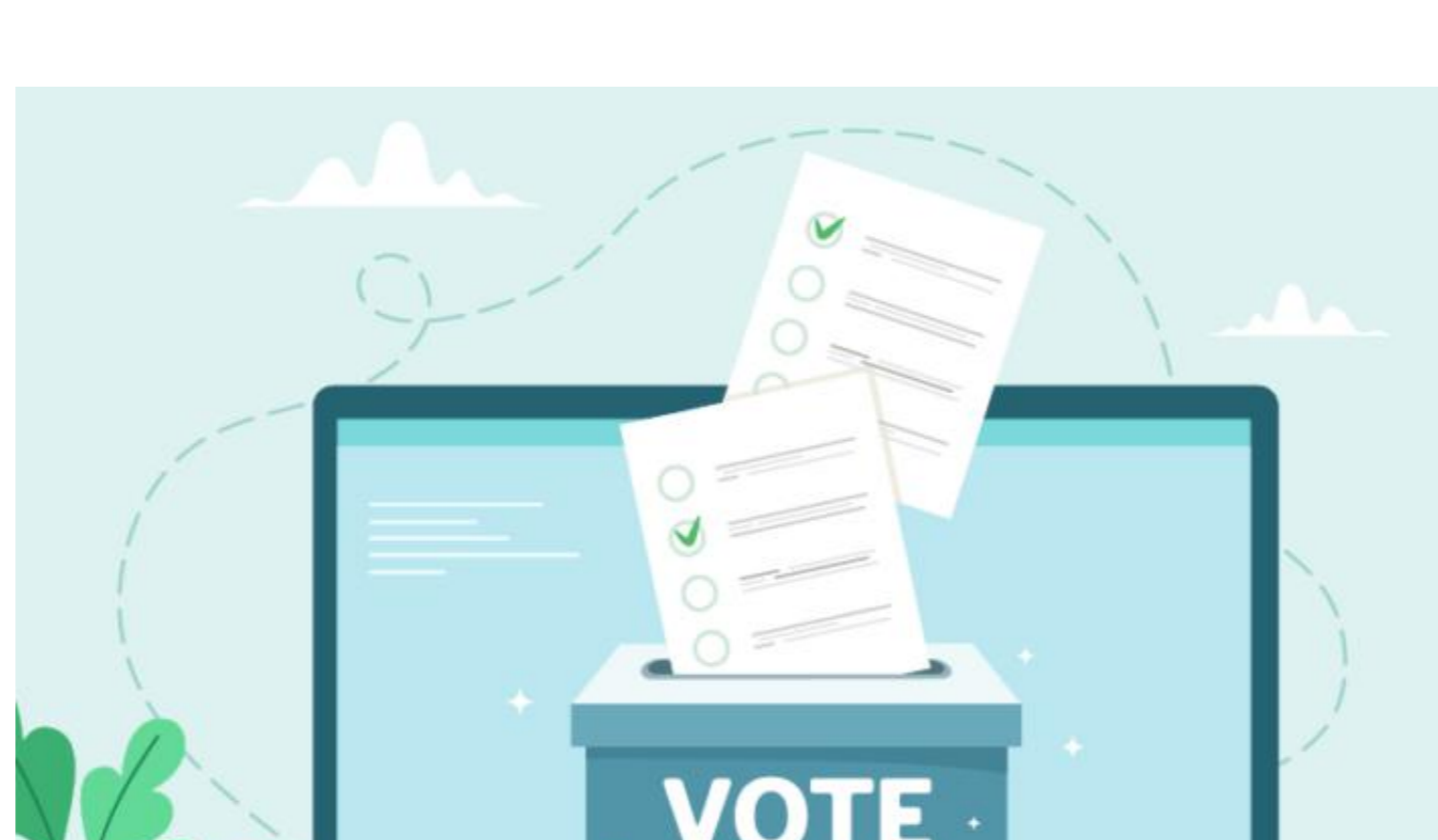
Dessert: Churros with chocolate drizzle **Choice of:** Lemonade, iced tea, coffee, or water

Scholarship fundraiser/luncheon next month

AAUW-San Diego branch will celebrate our 2024 scholarship winner(s) on June 15 at its annual scholarship and fundraiser luncheon. Look for an announcement of the scholarship winner(s) in the June Sphere.

This year the luncheon returns to a past favorite venue, Casa De Reyes in Old Town.

Be sure to **RSVP by June 8** (using the above form) to share this day with the student-leaders of the future and enjoy a good meal.



Bylaws vote closes May 15

Online voting is open until 9:00 a.m. PDT, May 15 on a proposed bylaws amendment on the AAUW National ballot that would eliminate the degree requirement. This amendment, if passed, will fully open membership to anyone who supports AAUW's work. This has been voted on once before. In 2021, 63 percent of members voted in favor of the amendment, however, it required a two-thirds (67.7 percent) vote to pass.

Throughout AAUW's 143-year history, members have voted on a handful of issues to better advocate for our mission. We know there may be strong feelings regarding this membership topic. Our purpose and work to improve opportunities for women and girls has never wavered. Our support of higher education has never stopped.

Please learn more [here](#) and be ready to cast your vote. AAUW is using [SimplyVoting.com](#), an independent, third-party voting system for this important vote. Results will be announced online.

(Paste this link into your browser: <https://www.aauw-ca.org/why-aauw-california-supports-removing-the-degree-requirement-for-membership/>)

Branch events

Check out the calendar of events in future issues of The Sphere to see what is coming up.

Calendar of Events

May
La Mesa-El Cajon branch Scholarship Fundraiser, Author's Luncheon with Linda Moore, author of *Attribution*, **May 4, Noon-2:30 p.m.** Handlery Hotel, 950 Hotel Circle North, San Diego 92108. Cost: \$75. Registration deadline was April 27.

THE SPHERE SUBMISSIONS

The deadline for submissions to The Sphere is the 15th of the previous month. Please email submissions to Patricia Watts: pw4justice@yahoo.com

Officers 2022-23

Listed below are the officers for 2022-2023. As you can see, we have a number of openings. If you know anyone who would like to help our wonderful branch, just let one of our Co-Presidents know.

Officers	
Co-Presidents	Jane Niemeier, Donna Lilly, Anne Hoiberg
Membership	Vacant
Finance	Sherry Eberling
Public Policy	Shauna Ruyle
Secretary	Lynne Batchelor
Chairs	
Sphere Newsletter	Patricia Watts
College & University	Donna Lilly
Scholarships	Lillian Payn
Tech Trek	Nanette Allen
Communications	
Historian	
Tech Outreach	

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SAN DIEGO BRANCH MEMBER?

Become a member at an in-person event, and your national dues are cut in half! The total will be \$74 for a new member if he/she joins at any in-person meeting. Total dues for 2022-2023 are normally \$110. (Dues: national—\$69 tax deductible + \$3 for the action fund/state—\$20/and branch \$18).

AAUW is a community of more than 170,000 people lending strong for gender equity. Your membership makes our powerful voice even louder on critical issues affecting women and girls.

AAUW MISSION AND VALUES

<p>OUR VALUES Intersectional. Inclusive. Intergenerational. Empowering. Though we are nonpartisan, we are not values-neutral: We fight to remove the barriers and biases that stand in the way of gender equity. We train women to negotiate for pay and benefits and to pursue leadership roles. And we advocate for federal, state, and local laws and policies to ensure equity and end discrimination.</p>	<p>OUR MISSION Gender Equity & Economic Security We've led the fight for fair pay and economic opportunity for women — and the battle continues: Women still get just 83 cents for every dollar paid to a man, and men continue to dominate the top roles and highest-paying professions.</p>
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