

CALIFORNIA ONLINE PROGRAM SUMMARY  
FEBRUARY PROGRAM 2017  
“WHAT’S NEW WITH TECH TREK”  
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The February California Online program discussed many aspects and changes of AAUW CA’s project “Tech Trek”. Special guest was Linda Stinebaugh, Project Coordinator for the California Tech Trek Camps.

We began the program by sharing Linda’s song of “Best Week of My Life” and asking her how and when she became involved in Tech Trek. She replied:

**“I first became aware of Tech Trek in 1998 when it started up. I would have loved to join at that point as I was an IT Professional, but I worked for a corporation related to the Real Estate industry, and everyone knows you can’t take a vacation at the beginning of the summer, as that is the best time for buying and selling a house. When the UCSB camp came up in 2005 at the end of the summer, I was able to hop on board.**

**I started out as a Dorm Mom, but as an IT Professional, my other skills were soon put to the test. I currently work as the SC/JC Coordinator at three camps (Whittier and the two UCSB camps), and a Coding teacher (I have been coding for 30+ years) at UCSD. In the past I have worked as a Dorm Mom at Davis, UCSB, and UCSD.**

**I became a co-State Coordinator with Carol Holzgrafe in 2014, and took over that role completely in 2015. Since then, I have visited and/or worked seven of the camps, and hope to catch the other three in the next year or so”.**

Many members shared their local branches’ involvement of sending girls to Tech Trek and the interview questions they use in making selections.

There was some discussion about National transitioning Tech Trek back to AAUW CA control after this year's camp. Linda's reply was:

**“As for the move of Tech Trek management back to the States, we just learned about that in the past few weeks. We are still working out the details, but the transition should be transparent to the rank and file. The major change will be the transition back to a local fiduciary agent (in our case SPF). We don't know all the details yet, but more will be released as things are firmed up. We did not really expect this, but we will work diligently to make sure we do what is in the best interest of the Tech Trek program and the girls it serves.”**

Further discussions followed regarding the selection process and definition of Title I schools. Again, Linda replied: **“We strive to select girls who are not already going to other camps. We are not mandated to seek out Title 1 schools. We do strive to find girls who would benefit from this experience who might not otherwise have such an opportunity”**.

In conclusion, several members asked if a new research study could be forthcoming and how California Online can help Tech Trek monetarily with a possible reunion at the 2018 convention.

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