

Girl Scouts North Carolina Coastal Pines invites girls, families, and volunteers to stay involved while at home. We know that today's girl is ready to pivot on a moment's notice and is willing to embrace new ways to explore Girl Scouting. That's why we're promoting these options for engaging with us while you're at home today ... or any day!

LIFE SKILLS, ENTREPRENEURSHIP & FINANCE

shares activities, tips, and tricks each Wednesday for developing the skills necessary to prepare her to do amazing things for herself and her community, and grow into the incredible woman she's destined to become.

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Pursuing A Career In STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)

You've likely heard a lot about STEM lately: science, technology, engineering, and math. So what is all the buzz about? A career in STEM:



- Exciting opportunities to make a difference in the world — and have some adventures along the way!
- Jobs that pay 33% more than non-STEM jobs.
- More career options — STEM jobs will increase by 17% in the next two years.

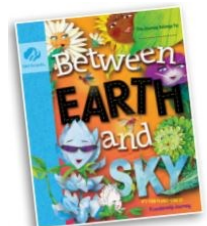
So how do you get started in choosing the perfect STEM Career? Read on to learn more about career exploration.

Getting Started: STEM Career and Interest Exploration 101

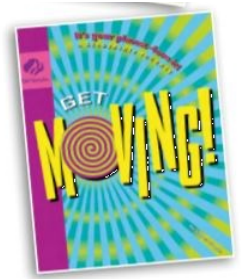
Career exploration is the process of researching, evaluating, and learning about modern work opportunities. Girls gain a broader view of career paths available to them, and the skills needed to advance in whatever path they choose. Each girl's interests and hobbies are as unique as she is. There is a world of endless possibilities to explore through Girl Scouts. Try new things while you are young and start exploring potential careers as you get older.

STEM careers are very broad, ranging from astronaut and chemical engineer to fashion designer and yoga instructor! As you begin to explore careers, assess your skills and interests. Girl Scout Journey's are a great place to start! Journey's not only help you develop skills to execute your Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award, but they also help you discover new educational and career opportunities. Many Girl Scout Journeys include a career section. Girls can see a list of jobs that relate to the topic of each Journey. Check out these STEM Journeys:

- **Daisies (grades k-1):** learn about animals, plants and the outdoors when they do the Between Earth and Sky program.
- **Brownies (grades 2-3):** learn about saving and protecting water through WOW! Wonders of Water program. They also build STEM skills by earning badges such as Bugs, Computer Expert, Letterboxer, Home Scientist, Inventor, and Money Manager.



- **Juniors (grades 4-5)** learn about energy through the Get Moving program. Their STEM badges include Digital Photographer, Detective, Entertainment Technology, Animal Habitats, Flowers, Product Designer, and Geocacher.



Don't forget about the digital Journey's available for all grade levels on the Volunteer Toolkit (VTK)

DAISY BROWNIE JUNIOR CADETTE SENIOR AMBASSADOR MULTI

- **Engineering | Think Like an Engineer**
Girls discover how to think like an engineer by participating in hands-on design challenges and completing a Take Action project.
- **Computer Science | Think Like a Programmer**
Girls learn how programmers solve problems by participating in computational-thinking activities and completing a Take Action project.
- **Outdoor STEM | Think Like A Citizen Scientist**
Girls make observations and collect data by doing a citizen science project and completing a Take Action project.

Next Steps

Need extra help getting started? Explore careers that you might like and find your path with this [Career quiz](#).

Once you have a general idea of your interest area (ex: engineering, space, etc.) the next step is to learn more about careers within your area of interest. Now that you have learned as much as possible about careers that you are interested in, it is very important to then experience the career in real life- interview someone in the profession. Find out who they are, what they do on a daily basis and what they love about their profession.

Check out our interview with our very own Girl Scouts—North Carolina Coastal Pines, IT professional, Shanika Corrica and learn about the “T” in STEM and DISCOVER the world of Information Technology.

<https://vimeo.com/407635615>

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STEM Women Take Action!

Real-life women scientists are doing things like:

- ◆ using math to find out what causes poverty and how to solve it.
- ◆ using technology and science to protect wildlife.
- ◆ building websites and designing apps to give a voice to young people who live in remote and poor areas around the world.
- ◆ studying the brain to find cures for Alzheimer's and autism.

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