



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How to register for the GEMS event? Registration is available online at KYScienceCenter.org or by calling 502-561-6100.

Where is the GEMS event? The GEMS event will be hosted on Western Kentucky University's campus in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Within the campus, the programs will occur in Thompson Complex (central wing). Please click here for a [campus map](#).

Where do I park?

Parking is recommended for the College Hill Lot or Chestnut Street North lot. Please click here for a [parking map](#). Parking is free on the weekends. Please follow GEMS signage for guidance.

What to expect?

A conference style program with a focus on empowering girls to enter STEM careers. Girls and adults will be able to attend different hands on experiences or sessions featuring a variety of STEM career connections.

Will food be provided?

Yes, a light breakfast and lunch will be provided for all participants. We will have a vegetarian option for breakfast and lunch.

Do I have to be a registered Girl Scout to attend?

GEMS event is presented by Girls Scout of Kentuckiana and open to all girls in grades 4-12. You do not have to be a registered Girl Scout to attend.

Will the program fulfill steps or requirements for a badge, patch or journey?

This program is being designed with SKY Teach to provide a variety of STEM content with a focus on hands on. Girls will receive a commemorative GEMS t-shirt.

Are adults allowed to attend?

Yes! The agenda is designed to include adults such as parents, guardians and leaders to attend one session with their girls and then the adults will be separated from the girls to attend a session to learn how to engage girls in STEM and resources to extend the learning.

Can students leave program early?

No, full day participation is crucial for the optimum experience and students will receive their t-shirt at the end of the program.

What do students need to bring?

Students should bring completed Health and Permission Form and an enthusiastic attitude!

What time should we arrive for check-in?

Participants can arrive anytime between 8:15 AM and 8:45 AM and should register at the table located inside Thompson Complex Central Wing.

What time should guardians arrive for pick up?

If guardians do not register to attend the event, they can arrive anytime during 2:00 -2:30 PM for pick up for grades 4th- 12th grades. Please note that we will not release any students to an adult without proper ID verification. Guardians may sign a waiver that allows the High School students to sign themselves out at the end of the day.

Where can guardians drop off?

Parents and Guardians are encouraged to park and walk in for registration during 8:15 AM-8:45 AM. Please ensure that you have signed the confirmation packet and health and permission forms.

How much is registration and when is it due?

There is a registration fee that is required at the time of reservation:

- Girls in Grades 4th-12th registration is \$20
- Parents, troop leaders and caregivers registration is \$5

I wanted to sign up my 2nd-3rd grader, but cannot find the link?

Due to low enrollment for this age group, we have decided to focus on STEM content and presentations for 4th-12th graders. Please visit our pages for other options for 2nd – 3rd graders with KyScienceCenter.org or Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana.