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The Value of Affiliation with AAUW: By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

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Maureen White, AAUW Iowa President 2014-16

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The AAUW Storm Lake Branch will sponsor Tech Trek, a local, week-long camp to be hosted at Buena Vista University (BVU) for 50 rising eighth-grade girls to explore science and math, July 17-23, 2016. Tech Trek is uniquely designed for girls to see first-hand how exciting careers in the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields can be.

Tech Trek was created in 1998 by the AAUW branch in Palo Alto, California with a Community Action Grant from the AAUW national office. Over the last 18 years, Tech Trek expanded to eight college campuses in California and served more than 12,000 girls – that’s more than the combined number of women who earned bachelor’s degrees in computer science and chemical engineering in 2009. Now this successful program will expand and be offered in other areas, such as Storm Lake.

“The Storm Lake Branch of AAUW is excited to sponsor the 2016 summer Tech Trek Science Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) camp,” said Dr. Melinda Coogan, associate professor of biology at BVU and camp director for the Storm Lake Tech Trek. “We hope to increase STEM interest among young women through positive mentorships, interactions, and state-of-the-art equipment offered on campus at BVU. The Storm Lake AAUW Tech Trek Committee has already begun planning and anticipates this experience will foster a new appreciation for STEM fields among all participants.”

For more information about the AAUW Tech Trek camp to be held at BVU, interest in volunteering, or desire to financially support a camper, please contact Dr. Melinda Coogan, associate professor of biology, at 712.749.2293 or [coogan@bvu.edu](mailto:coogan@bvu.edu).