Girls STEAM Project Talladega County, AL

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AAUW advances
equity for women and
girls through
advocacy, education,
philanthropy and
research.

The Girls STEAM Project goal is to help seventh and eighth grade girls in Talladega County Expand their horizons in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) with an Art component.

Spring has Sprung

As I began writing this article, I couldn't help think of how beautiful this time of the year is for me. I hope you find pleasure in the simple beauty of nature. Although April 15 is the earliest date we are advised to plant annual flowers, many of us have seen nature providing us beautiful blossoms since January and February. In March, perennials began bursting through the soil. It is said, April showers will bring May flowers, even though it may not be entirely true. Spring is a time to clean our yards and prepare for the upcoming season with a fresh look. At Girls STEAM Project, we hope to give you a fresh outlook on how you view women and girls in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math). We believe we need everyone's talents and skills to create a better world. Spring has Sprung. It is time to spring into action. - Audrey L. Salgado, Girls STEAM Project Director



Empower a Girl, Change the World

Art Class – April 8

Create a group mural at this art class on April 8, 2017 at 9:00 am or 10:30 am. If you are a seventh or eighth grade girl living in Talladega County, you are invited. Register by downloading an application online at comermuseum.org/apply, or pick up a hard copy application at Comer Museum and Arts Center, 711 North Broadway, Sylacauga, AL 35150, or just call 205 249-7788 and let us know which time you would like to attend.

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Today's Female Student – Tomorrow's Scientist

So how do we achieve this?

Just one in seven engineers are female, only 27 of all computer science jobs are held by women, and "women have seen no employment growth in STEM jobs since 2000" reports Forbes.

Women who work in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math, and those who campaign for higher numbers of women in these field like the Girls STEAM Project, think they have some solutions to this growing problem.

"The toys and games that young girls play will mold their educational and career interests; they create dreams of future careers," says Andrea Guendelman, cofounder of Developher. "Extensive research shows that certain toys and games can help young children develop the spatial logic and other analytical skills critical to science, technology, engineering, and math. A huge part of the reason why women are not entering these fields and a huge part of the solution starts at the very beginning."

So how do we start at the beginning? Read more of Girls STEAM Project solutions in future newsletters at comermueum.org.

Want to be involved with the Comer Museum and Arts Center Girls STEAM Project? Let's talk.....

Share your interests and passions with the Girls STEAM Project Director to find a perfect fit for you. Be a part of the action. Volunteer in an area you feel comfortable. Get involved with the Comer Museum and Arts Center. Be a productive member of your community. Be recognized as an adult or student museum volunteer. Let us empower you. Email audrey5190@yahoo.com, or call 205 249-7788 to learn more.

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