



Girls Incorporated of  
Southwestern Connecticut

## Girls Inc. Operation SMART®

Girls Inc. Operation SMART is a program designed to build girls' skills and interest in science, math and relevant technology. Hands-on activities give girls the opportunity to explore, ask questions, and solve problems. Components of Operation SMART include: Eureka!®, Girls Dig It, and Career Action, and STEM Growth Through Transformation.

- **Eureka!®** Girls ages 12-15 participate on a college campus during two consecutive summers to learn math, science, computers, and sports, as well as personal and career development. Follow-up sessions during the academic year and paid internships during the third year reinforce learning.
- **Girls Dig It<sup>SM</sup>** Girls ages 12-14 participate in activities linking together archaeology the humanities, and science. An online component designed to enhance the computer technology skills of girls participating in the program provides girls with the opportunity to upload their dig reports and share their findings with other girls across the country participating in Girls Dig It.
- **Career Action** Girls ages 6-18 explore, plan, and prepare for careers in media, health, sciences, business and sports. Skilled professionals are used as resources to connect girls to real work experience through internships, job shadowing, and field trips.
- **STEM Growth Through Transformation** is an allied health focused program developed to encourage high school girls ages 15 -18 years old to explore a more advanced learning. It reveals how Allied Health programs transform and impact lives. This after school program will encourage interest and exploration in the wide variety of careers available in the health field ranging from pharmaceuticals to nursing and general surgery, as well as to gain the knowledge needed to pursue STEM based careers in the future

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