Coding for Good at GiG FAQs

Q: What is the difference between Geek is Glam and Coding for Good?

A: This event was designed specifically because older girls asked for it! Geek is Glam is for grades 4-8, and Coding for Good is for grades 9-12. The older girls were looking for something a little more focused, and wanted to earn badges. Don't worry, we heard you! Older girls can still visit the Expo Hall and enjoy the all-you-can-eat lunch in the college dining hall!

Q: I will be bringing my child to the event. Can I spend the day with her?
A: This event is designed for girls only. Girls gain great independence and social skills working in groups with girls only. *If your child needs special accommodations, please contact Tammy Breen at tbreen@gscwm.org.

Q: I am a leader and will be bringing a few girls. Can I stay for the event?
A: Please see above. We are looking for a large crew of volunteers to help in various roles at the event (not stay with their troop/girl or participate). Volunteers for the event MUST be registered, CORI'd adults who understand they are not going to be with their daughter or girls. If you are interested in volunteering for the event, please contact Alysha Stevens at AStevens@gscwm.org .

Q: Who will be watching my children?
A: GSCWM staff and registered, CORI'd volunteers, WPI staff and faculty, and 2 nursing supervisors and/orEMTs will be present for the event and will more than cover proper adult/girl ratios as set forth by GSUSA and GSCWM.

Q: What if my child is not ready to stay by herself?
A: Try explaining what she can expect at the event. Talk about the fun, new things she will learn, and the new friends she will make. You can relate this event to being away from home during a day of school. If she is still not comfortable, then she may not be ready for this type of event-and that is okay! We have many other programs and events scheduled this year where you can stay and participate with your child.

Q: In the event of an emergency how will I be contacted?
A: You would be contacted on your phone/cell phone you listed on the permission slip given to us the day of the event during the event. Prior to the event you may be contacted by phone/cell phone or e-mail.

Q: Is lunch included?
A: Lunch will be provided in the WPI college dining hall! Additionally, snacks and drinks will be provided during the day.

Q: My child has food issues, what does the lunch consist of? Can she bring her own lunch?
A: The dining hall offers many food choices and is accustomed to providing choices to accommodate different food concerns. Your child will have many options available to her. We will not have refrigeration available to us but if you feel you need to send a lunch or her snacks, please provide her with something she will be able to carry in her backpack.

Q: My child has severe food allergies; what considerations have been taken?
A: The dining hall has a "clean" kitchen where your daughter can choose from many options for lunch that should meet any severe food allergy requests. There will also be gluten-free, nut-free table options clearly marked and staff available to help guide in decisions.

Q: Do I need to send my child with a permission slip?
A: Yes, all girls will be required to bring an event permission slip with them and they will be collected at drop off. The event permission slip will be sent to you in your confirmation packet prior to the event and must be returned to council staff at drop off; do NOT send to council prior.

Q: What size will the workshops be?
A: The workshops are intended to be groups of 15-20 girls.

Q: Do the girls get to pick the badges that they earn?
A: All girls will take the Coding Basics Badge workshop and then be able to choose one of the other two available badges from the new Coding for Good Badges when you register for the event. When you register on-line, you will be able to see immediately if workshops have openings and know what you are enrolled in. If registering by paper, registrations and workshops will be entered on a first-come basis. When registering by paper, you will not have the ability to see immediately what workshops are still available. For this reason, we ask that you register on-line if possible. Due to many factors such as last minute cancellations, unforeseen circumstances, etc.**, girls do not receive confirmations of workshops until the day of the event when they will receive their schedules.**

Q: Do the girls receive both badges that they earn the day off the event?

A: Yes! They will leave the event with the two badges in hand!

Q: Do the older girls still get to visit the Expo Hall?

A: Yes! We know how popular the Expo Hall is and we want the older girls to have an opportunity to enjoy it as well.

Q: Who will be running the workshops?
A: All our exciting workshops are being run by professionals in their fields, every workshop is being presented by those who do it best! Each workshop will have GSCWM staff members and/or volunteers to assist in the program as well and to meet girl/adult ratios.

Q: Why do you ask for a photo release and what if I do not give permission?
A: The press attends this event yearly to help spread the word about girls doing great things in STEM. GSCWM also takes photos to use in our publications and social efforts. If you do not want your daughter photographed for these purposes, you need to note that on the registration under "other" and on her permission slip. A yellow sticker is placed on her name tag and every adult is aware she cannot be photographed. Have a conversation with your daughter so she is aware of what the sticker is for IF APPROPRIATE, and so that she can actively take part in meeting your concerns.

Q: What does the $50.00 cover?

A: Everything from the all-you-can eat lunch in the dining hall, t-shirt, drawstring backpack, a NEW GiG patch, both earned Coding for Good Badges, workshops and supplies, expo hall, demonstrations, hands-on activities and snacks are all included in this one-low price.

Q: I know the girls receive a free t-shirt, how will you know what size?

A: You will tell us! You will be prompted to provide your child's size during the registration process. Girls will receive their t-shirts at the event. No exchanges can be made.

Q: Do the girls receive a patch for attending?
A: New this year-an exclusive GiG patch to all registered girls!

Q: What if I can't afford to send my child?
A: We have a limited amount of financial assistance available. Please fill out the event FA form available on our website and submit it to Tammy Breen at TBreen@gscwm.org.

Q: Does my child need to be a Girl Scout to attend?
A: Yes; for the 2022-2023 membership year. If your daughter is not a registered Girl Scout, please visit gscwm.org to register for her yearly membership. The membership fee will also give your daughter access to many other great and exciting programs and events throughout the year and put her on our mailing list to receive the Program Guide. Troop participation is not required. Did you know older girls have the opportunity to earn our Highest Awards for scholarships and other great opportunities?

Q: Should the girls wear their uniform?
A: A uniform is not required but we always love to see girls showing their Girl Scout pride! It is up to the individual girl whether she wears her uniform or not. Keep in mind some of the workshops may be messy. And many girls chose to change into their GiG t-shirts anyway!

Q: My child has an appointment in the afternoon; do they have to be there for the entire day?
A: We hate to see your child miss out on any part of this day but we understand there are special circumstances. Please contact Tammy Breen at TBreen@gscwm.org and she will work with you to make sure your child can experience this day.

Q: Can my child bring her sister or brother?
A: This is a girl-only event and we would love to have any girl in grade 9-12th join us.

Q: Can my child's best friend come?
A: Absolutely! The more the merrier! If your child's friend is a girl and also in grade 9-12th, we'd love to have her register as a Girl Scout and join us not only for this event, but many other great programs and events throughout the year!

Q: My daughter has aged out of GiG and wants to volunteer instead of doing the older girl track; can she still volunteer?

A: Absolutely! If she is in grade 9-12, she can volunteer for the event. Have her reach out directly to Alysha Stevens at AStevens@gscwm.org.