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Frequently Asked Questions

What is Open Minds, Open Doors?

Open Minds, Open Doors is a conference for 7th and 8th grade girls intended to encourage girls to pursue future career fields with foundations in science, technology, engineering and math.

When and where will Open Minds, Open Doors 2016 be held?

Open Minds, Open Doors will be held on Thursday, October 13th, at Coe College in Cedar Rapids.

How are girls selected to register for Open Minds, Open Doors?

There are no eligibility requirements to attend. All ability levels are welcome and diversity is encouraged. A limited number of girls may register per school. Each school has their own system for recruiting girls to attend the conference. Please talk to your school counselor.

How much does it cost to attend?

The registration fee is \$12.00. All students will receive a morning snack, lunch, and a t-shirt.

How will my daughter get to the conference?

Schools generally provide round-trip bus transportation for girls attending the conference. Please confirm with your daughter's school.

How many workshops can my daughter attend?

Each girl will be assigned to 2 workshop sessions. The list of workshops will be available online on September 1 at www.gwaea.org/openmindsopendoors/conference.html.

When will my daughter know which workshops she will attend?

When students arrive on conference day, a folder of materials (including a schedule and a campus map) will be provided. There will be directional signage and volunteers available to answer questions regarding room locations.

What if my daughter's school is not participating?

All participants must register through school. We do not accept individual registrations. Talk to your school principal/counselor/teacher about this opportunity and how you might help organize participation.

Can girls be assigned to the same session as a friend?

Girls are assigned to sessions in the order that registrations are received. We do not take special requests for session assignments.

Who sponsors Open Minds, Open Doors?

Open Minds, Open Doors is a joint initiative of the local chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Coe College, Grant Wood Area Education Agency, and the Workplace Learning Connection.

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