

Dorm Mom Job Description

(\$100 stipend plus gas mileage for 1 trip to and from campus)

Purpose of the Position:

Provide the emotional foundation these girls-becoming-women need while on their Tech Trek adventure. You are both advocates and enforcers – looking out for the girls' best interests and representing their needs, while making sure they get where they need to be and do what they need to do; as well as helping them to have fun, while following the rules and staying safe.

Dorm Mom Selection Criteria:

Dorm Moms should be patient but firm and have an interest in working with 12-13 year-old girls.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Provide emotional support and guidance for 10-12 girls all of whom will be entering the eighth grade in the fall (ages 12-13 years).
 - The girls are a very diverse group, varying greatly in life experience and personality. Some have never been away from home. Some will be homesick. Others might be hyperactive, shy or have special needs. Some may get sick, get their periods, sprain an ankle, cut a finger, etc. The most important things are to keep them busy, keep them safe, and treat them with respect and concern.
- Establish structure and reinforce camp guidelines to ensure safety of all campers
- Create a sense of cohesion within your dorm group so that all campers feel included
 - Hold brief dorm group meetings with your campers each day to remind them of rules, inform them of any changes to the schedule, review the day, and touch base with your group
- Provide instruction and oversight for your dorm group in writing thank you notes to speakers and to branches that provided them scholarship
- You will be expected to know where your girls are at all times.

Qualifications:

- Minimum age: 21
- Successfully pass a federal background check/California LiveScan deadline, typically 6 weeks prior to start date of camp
- Firm, Fair, Fun, Fit and Flexible. If you can answer affirmatively to the five 5's of UC Davis Tech Trek, then you will be an ideal Dorm Mom.

Commitment Expected:

- Live on campus for the duration of the camp and be available for your campers whenever needed. It is very important for the well-being of the

campers that you remain at camp the entire week unless there is a personal or family emergency.

Training:

- The Camp Co-Directors will provide training on camp policies and procedures and campus safety procedures
- The Dorm Mom Coordinator will provide training on what to expect and other procedures prior to camp

Benefits:

While the week at camp is a very busy time, it's a wonderful, stimulating learning opportunity, a time to make new friends, explore an interesting campus, and, most of all, to enjoy being with dozens of delightful Tech Trekkers.

The intangible benefits you will surely receive, and that you in large part provide to the girls, are priceless.