



The State of Girls in STEM in Tennessee: Insights, Pathways, & Possibilities

A convening powered by the Tennessee Girls Collaborative

October 30, 2026; 8-8:30 Registration; 8:30-12 Program
 Technical Education Complex (TEC) Building | Northeast State Community College
 2425 Highway 75 | Blountville, Tennessee 37617

AGENDA

- 8:00 Check In & Breakfast | Data Walk | Exhibit Tables
- 8:30-8:45 Welcome, Level Set, and Seed Grant Recognition
Dale McCreedy | LEAD, Tennessee Girls Collaborative
- 8:45-9:15 Speaker -- State of Girls in STEM and STEM Careers in Tennessee & U.S.
McKenzie Ketron | Development Director | BRIDGE
- 9:15-9:45 Networking CHATS: Connecting Humans & Telling Stories - Shared Experiences in STEM
Beth Huber | Collective Impact Specialist | STRONG ACC
- 9:45-10 Break | Data Walk | Exhibit Tables
- 10:00-10:10 Seed Grant Recognition
- 10:10-10:45 Panel 1 - Igniting STEM for Students
- *Alyssa Moise | Director of Appalachian Highlands Region | Girl Scouts of Southern Appalachians*
 - *Rebecca Stephens | Executive Director | Page Programs*
 - *Julie Wright-Short | President & CEO | Girls Inc. of Kingsport*
 - *Moderator: Jackie Morgan | Outreach Senior Advisor | Federal Reserve Education*
- 10:45-11:00 Break | Data Walk | Exhibit Tables
- 11:00-11:45 Panel 2 - Professionals in STEM Fields: Perspectives and Pathways
- *Linda Calvert | Vice President for Inclusive Excellence & Sponsored Programs | Northeast State Community College*
 - *Alison Christie | Section Chief, Urology | James H. Quillen VA Medical Center*
 - *Chelsie Dubay | Assistant Professor & Director of Instructional Design | College of Business and Technology | East Tennessee State University*
 - *Daria Vaden | Advanced Chemical Engineer | Eastman*
 - *Moderator: Alissa A. Lange | Interim Chair, Department of Early Childhood and Elementary Education; Director, Center of Excellence in STEM Education | East Tennessee State University*
- 11:45-12:00 Strategies for Taking Action | Closing Comments

OPTIONAL AFTERNOON OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS & YOUTH

- 12:30-1:30: Optional tour and interactive activity session in the NeSCC Technologies building - so many fun things to try. Open to all; no separate registration required.
- 1:30-2pm: Break
- 2-3:30pm: STEM Class for Girls (Registration Required – Limited, First Come First Served
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