



WHAT IS GIRLS' GEN?

GIRLS' GEN is an annual event designed to maximize female engagement with *FIRST* robotics and support Oregon's next generation STEM workforce. This year's hosting partners are *FIRST* Robotics Competition Team 1425 - Error Code Xero, the West Linn-Wilsonville School District, and First Tech Federal Credit Union. GIRLS' GEN is a critical program for both *FIRST* and ORTOP efforts to increase participation by underserved and underrepresented communities.

WHEN IS GIRLS' GEN 2019?

October 5th, 2019 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Wilsonville High School 6800 SW Wilsonville Rd. Wilsonville, OR 97070

EVENT DAY ACTIVITIES

Partners come together each year to present a vibrant event day such as:

- A tournament focused on all-female roles in the competition
- Behind the scenes VIP and public tours and event day programs with potential and current partners
- Recruitment booth to answer questions of potential corporate volunteer coach and mentor candidates

WHY IS GIRLS' GEN VALUED?

Studies show a drop off in elementary and middle school participation in STEM career paths by female students. *FIRST* is proven to increase interest in STEM participation, especially among girls. This positive effect is compounded when girls have female role models and opportunities to take on technical roles on teams. GIRLS' GEN focuses on increasing opportunities for young women in Oregon to practice and demonstrate their skills in a day of fun competition.

HOW IS GIRLS' GEN DIFFERENT FROM *FIRST* TOURNAMENTS?

While the event is a competition with awards, GIRLS' GEN participants are all female in each competition role. Male counterparts participate in support roles for their female teammates for this event. This event is not a qualifying round for *FIRST* competitions, rather hosted by Oregon partners to insure access and exposure to robotics competition.

GET INVOLVED

- **Register a *FIRST* Robotics Team** -Northwest *FIRST* Robotics Competition Teams are invited to participate. Questions? Contact Debbie Kerr, the ORTOP *FIRST* Robotics Competition Program Manager, at debbie-kerr@ortop.org
- **Sponsor an Event Day Area** - Each year ORTOP's partners make this event happen. Contact us for our sponsor guide and event attendance metrics.
- **Enjoy the Day** - Bring family & friends to see female leaders in action. RSVP to receive an annual event reminder!

TO LEARN MORE or RSVP

Visit: www.ortop.org/girls/gen

EVENT QUESTIONS? Contact: Sarah Tenney, Development and Communications sarah-tenney@ortop.org