Girls Go Techbridge 101 (Frequently Asked Questions)

How many topics are available?

Five: 1) Make It Green 2) Design Time 3) Power It Up 4) Engineers to the Rescue 5) ThrillBuilders Descriptions of each are on page 4.

How do the programs-in-a-box work?

Each topic spans 4-5 sessions (90 minute sessions are recommended). Alternative schedules can also be found in the Leaders' Guides for a 6.5 hour session (with a 30 minute lunch break) or a 4.5 hour session.

What is in each program box?

Each "box" is actually a plastic bin that contains a Leader Guide (lesson plans for hands-on activities, career information and family resources), as well as enough non-consumable and consumable materials for 10 girls. When a box is returned, make sure to add refill packs as replacement. For any groups with more than 10 girls, they will need to check out two of the same box.

Please note that each program box MUST have the necessary evaluation surveys included each time it is checked out. Please see the Evaluation section for more information.

How many program boxes are available?

For each topic, three boxes are available in your council. You will determine how many will be available for check-out to your council volunteers.

How many refill packs are available?

Each council receives three refill packs per box that are grant funded. Please keep track of the number of refill packs remaining. If you are running low on refill packs and need to re-order, please review the re-ordering instructions in this manual.

What online resources are available?

The Leaders Guides and Training videos are available on the Techbridge website. Go to http://www.techbridgegirls.org/GirlScouts/ The videos are also posted on YouTube, simply search Girls Go Techbridge.

To see the PDF of the Leaders Guide or a training video for a unit, click on the link for the unit (on the left side of the page) and then click on the FULL CURRICULUM link. The username is girlscouts and password is leaders.

Please share these resources with your staff, leaders and volunteers who are using the boxes.

How many times do we need to use these programs-in-a-box?

Each council has a goal of 500 girl uses per membership year (October through September).

A girl use is counted when, while using a Girls Go Techbridge box, a girl has completed at least one hands-on activity plus a career activity, or engaged in a visit with a role model in an applicable engineering field. There must be a matched pre- and post-survey for each girl user, and the Activity Tracking Sheet must indicate which activities were completed.

Exceeding your council goal is encouraged!