

## Tech Trek Tracks

*Linda Quinby, Tech Trek Chair*

Tech Trek 2013 is in the books! Arleen von Schlieder and I helped with registration on June 23 and enjoyed seeing our excited campers (and 100 others), accompanied by parents and other family members, arrive for their week at camp. Below are some excerpts from the girls' thank you notes to the Branch:

"The most significant memories that I have gained include an experiment in my core class, Glaciology [which] entailed using 'glacier goo' and foam molds to model the different types of glaciers... Visiting ViaSat was memorable because it caused me to seriously consider careers in robotics and engineering... Thank you for providing this amazing experience!" Grace Wesson (Carmel Valley)

"I loved [my core class] Documentary Filmmaking... Now I feel like I can do the editing of a producer, or the research of an interviewer... thank you so much for the opportunity to make new friends, learn about captivating jobs that are available to women, and for showing me a preview of college life. I know now that math and science are open to women, and that I will definitely proceed into a math or science career." Olivia How (Earl Warren)

"I have had so much fun at Tech Trek including making memories & friends. My favorite part was being in the Documentary Film Making core class because we got to make a 2-minute documentary where we filmed lots of amazing footage and then got to use professional editing software to finish the documentaries." Carolyn Knapp (Earl Warren)

"I loved meeting new girls and living in a dorm like college. Also, in polymers we made silly putty (gak). I learned how important teamwork is, and I had to build a bridge with a team... Thank you again for giving me this experience! I feel Tech Trek will help me in the future with college and teamwork." Valerie Zerfas (Oak Crest)

"Tech Trek has been an amazing experience! One of my favorite experiences... was Sea Camp. I learned all about San Diego's sea animals, while exploring the ocean on a boat! I even dissected a squid! I also loved creating my robotic hat in my core class [and] listening to women in fields of math and science speak about their jobs!" Daniella Lumkong (Oak Crest)

"My core class was glaciology. It was pretty fun to learn about glaciers and how they move and how they melt. We also took a trip to sea camp where we looked at sea creatures and we got to dissect a squid and got to touch sea creatures that were alive. ViaSat was a communications company that we took a field trip to and I learned about satellites and how they work. Thank you for sending me to this awesome camp. Sincerely yours, an excited camper" Magdely Benitez (Oak Crest)