



## Spotlight

The Girls of Promise® Conference is a FREE conference for 8th grade girls in Arkansas that will be held during the first week of April!

Our conference introduces girls who love science, technology, engineering, arts, and/or math (STEAM) to women and careers in these fields of study, tons of interactive activities, and likeminded peers! Our 2021 Conference will be completely virtual, engaging



girls across the state with speakers from across the country. Breakout sessions will be interactive with most materials provided prior to the week of the conference to the girls.

## Steering Committee

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## Programs

### Arkansas STEM Coalition

The Arkansas Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Coalition is a statewide partnership of leaders from the corporate, education, government and community sectors which plans, encourages, coordinates and advocates policies, strategies, and programs supportive of excellence in STEM teaching and learning in order to expand the economy of Arkansas and produce higher paying jobs.



### AETN Arkansas STEM Girls

AETN is supporting Arkansas's goal to increase the participation of women and girls in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics by expanding the engagement of girls in STEM subjects using both formal and informal environments. AETN Arkansas STEM Girls provides workshops and special events to engage, educate and inspire girls to pursue STEM careers.

### Arkansas Discovery Network

The Discovery Network, a statewide program of the Museum of Discovery, was initiated in 2006 with funding from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation. More than \$14,000,000 has been awarded from the Reynolds Foundation and other donors over the years to support the goal of making hands-on, interactive STEM learning more accessible to the state's school children and their families. The Network provides high-quality professional development and training opportunities to its members' educational staff. Essentially, the Discovery Network is the way in which the Museum of Discovery supports other educational entities in their efforts to bring quality STEM education to its learners.



K-5th joined Girl Scouts at the STEAM Center in Fort Smith on January 23rd for a fun day of learning the basics of coding. Girls learned

how programmers write programs that make computers work and how people can use computers to help others.

### Statewide STEM Career Awareness

Arkansas continues to utilize the Learning Blade platform statewide to introduce girls to STEM and computer science careers.

