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Dear Leaders, Parents & Guides

We are excited to invite all interested Girl Guides to register for the annual Tech Girls Competition. This awesome competition encourages Girls to get involved in STEM, by designing and developing their very own problem-solving App, in a small team during a 12-week program. Competition registration is now open, and it closes on 25 April 2020. You can find out more information here:

<https://www.techgirlsmovement.org>

Key Documents to download:

- Key Dates and Milestones <https://www.techgirlsmovement.org/competition/key-dates/>
- 2020 Schedule and Curriculum <https://www.techgirlsmovement.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/2020-Techgirls-Curriculum.pdf>
- Competition Overview https://www.techgirlsmovement.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/TechGirls2020_Overview.png

A short message from the Tech Girls Movement Foundation:

'To say the current environment is challenging may be an understatement but the good news is the team at the Tech Girls Movement Foundation is embracing the new crazy with energy!

We have been delivering our annual 12-week STEM Entrepreneurship program online since it started in 2014. As our communities need to practice social distancing and adopt a more virtual existence to combat COVID-19 we say enrol TODAY in Tech Girls!! Surely there is a new range of community problems to be solved ONLINE?

We wish everyone strength & good health during this time.

We need to look out for, and after, each other, and above all else be kind'.

Mentors Wanted!

If you are a parent or Leader, you may be inspired to register as a Mentor. Each team of girls in the Tech Girls Competition will be matched with a mentor and to qualify as a Mentor, you need to:



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- Work in a STEM-related field
- Have a passion for technology
- Want to help a team of girls build confidence with technology and learn hands-on entrepreneurial skills
- Be available for an average of 1-2 hours each week online from 4 May until 24 July 2020
- Be willing to guide the team of girls to the information they need, adhering to deadlines etc
- Get a Working with Children Check (or equivalent) completed
- Register as a Mentor by 25 April 2020

NOTE: All team Mentors are to be female. This creates the opportunity for participants to access positive female industry role models during the program.

A common question asked is - 'Do I have to know how to code first'? The answer is no, there is no prior programming experience necessary for either the Girls or their Mentors.

I am the Girl Guides Queensland Coordinator for this year's Tech Girls competition, and I will be hosting a webinar on **Friday April 3 at 6pm - 6:45pm** and **Monday April 20 at 6pm - 6:45pm** to answer all your Questions. Alternatively, if you would like to know more, you can check out the frequently asked questions found here: <https://www.techgirlsmovement.org/competition/faqs/>

We are thrilled to be able to offer this program to the Girls and if you would like to sign up for a team or as a Mentor then please get in touch with me at Lisad@guidesqld.org without delay!

I would need to know the names, Districts and email addresses of any Guides interested in registering and the contact details if you are a parent or Leader interested in being a Mentor. I can also match girls up who don't have a full team or who are still seeking a Mentor.



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There is more information available at www.guidesqld.org Members/Program/Resource Library/Flexible Guiding where you can learn more about this exciting opportunity, the fantastic Tech Girls competition and how it is engaging and challenging its participants.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours in Guiding

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