



## WE Explore Frequently Asked Questions

### **What ages is this program for?**

This program is for girls currently in 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade only.

### **What does the \$15 fee cover?**

The registration fee covers all materials being used in the design activities as well as the preparation time to get the activities ready. The types of materials that participants will physically take-away varies by activity, but will include take-home information on the activities that they completed during the program. Each participant will participate in two unique engineering design activities led by current female engineering students, as well as a cinematic engineering experience complete with popcorn!

### **Are refunds given if my participant can't attend?**

Yes, but only up to 7 business days ahead of the event. A cancellation fee of \$5 will apply, bringing the refund to \$10.

### **Can I request that my participant be paired with another participant?**

No. WE@RIT will fully handle the activity assignments and who is assigned to them. We have many things to take into consideration, including an even distribution of ages among our engineering activities. Also, we have an obligation to make this program a positive experience for all participants, including those attending alone. Thank you for understanding and for your help in making the experience a positive one for everybody attending.

### **Will any food be served during this program?**

Yes, popcorn will be served during the movie.

### **Can participants bring food?**

No. It's a disruption to the design activity schedule and may create an allergy issue for other participants. If you'd like to bring food to eat for when you pick up your participant, there are many lounge areas to make use of in James Gleason Hall and elsewhere. There are water fountains available should any participants need a water break during the morning.

### **Can parents/guardians attend the program?**

No. Beyond drop-off and pick-up, this event is strictly for the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade girls, and will be enforced. Parents will not be allowed to accompany youth during the program. Exceptions will only be made in the case of disabilities with pre-approval. E-mail [we@rit.edu](mailto:we@rit.edu) at least 1 week ahead of the event to make accommodations. Thank you for understanding and for supporting the best possible learning environment for both your participant and others.

### **Will my participant be under supervision the entire time?**

Yes. All volunteers and staff have successfully undergone a background check in order to work with minors. Furthermore, at least two volunteers are assigned to each group at all times so that no

participant is ever unaccompanied. Please be advised that no RIT staff or volunteer may distribute food or drugs of any kind to any participant in this program.

### **What are the activities that will be offered?**

WE@RIT has identified one activity to present in each engineering major offered at Kate Gleason College of Engineering. These activities will change each year on an approximate three year rotation. At this time, we are not taking requests for which engineering activity participants want to complete, as the number of spots we have per major varies depending on the availability of our volunteers throughout the morning. For each activity, participants will be learning and applying the engineering design process.

### **Who will be leading the activities?**

The small group engineering design process activities will be led by volunteer female engineering students. Many are using this event to gain experience with speaking and facilitating about technical topics with diverse audiences. All of the engineering students are phenomenal role models, but please keep in mind they are studying engineering, not teaching or communication. They rely on events such as these to gain valuable experience that they can put back to use in their studies and co-op experiences.

### **What will my participant get out of the program?**

By the end of the morning, your participant should have a rudimentary understanding of the engineering design process and how to apply it; a better understanding of some ways in which engineering makes a difference in the world; and a better understanding of different types of engineering. She will also have had the chance to meet and work with real-life female engineering students, enabling her to see herself as an engineering student down the road! Furthermore, your participant should come home with information about the activities she completed, so be prepared to engage with her after the program ends! Don't worry, parents & guardians! An engineering degree is not required; your interest and encouragement go an awfully long way.