

## GEERing UP!

GEERing UP! UBC Engineering & Science for Kids is a non-profit organization with the mandate of promoting science, engineering and technology to youth across BC. Affiliated with UBC, GEERing UP! is designed, organized and operated by UBC students. They endeavour to show youth how fun, exciting and useful engineering and science can be.

WWEST Partners funding for 2011-13 provided GEERing UP! with the opportunity to provide programs specifically for girls.

### Workshops

During 2011-2012, free workshops were provided for 233 Sparks, Brownies and Guides (girls aged 5-11). The girls took part in activities that enabled them to earn Girl Guide badges.

### Girls Only! Summer Camps

These camps create a comfortable learning environment for girls to explore their potential and build confidence. The number of girls attending has increased over three years, with 67 in 2011, 75 in 2013, and 87 in 2013. The Girls Only! camps were the first to fill up in 2013, and the girls were able to interact with women in STEM via the mentors, staff and volunteers. Over three years the WWEST Partners funds have paid for 26 university student staff for five days of full-time employment.

GEERing Up! continues as a WWEST Partner for 2014-2015, with funding to grow its all-girl programming in northern areas of BC, and to measure the impact of Girls Only! programs by surveying participants and their parents.

Check out the fabulous YouTube video on the GEERing Up! website that shows the 2013 summer camps in action: <http://www.geeringup.apsc.ubc.ca/about-us/>

