SNAP THE GAP is a grant-funded initiative aimed at closing the opportunity gap in STEM. Girls start dropping out of STEM from age 10. Our mission is to instill every 10-12 year old with the courage, confidence, and tools needed to become tomorrow’s STEM leaders.

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IT’S FREE!

Our program is no-cost and includes three key components to impact the STEM opportunity gap:

Hands on learning with littleBits  
DIY.org subscription allows youth to identify personal STEAM interests and connect with a peer community of like-minded inventors  
Mentorship by an inspiring adult in STEM

PROGRAM EXPERIENCE

- The Snap The Gap Program starts with a kickoff event.
- During the program, youth will be mentored depending on recruitment in small groups or one-on-one by a mentor working in a STEM field. The program consists of 10-12 sessions, adding up to 20 in-person mentorship hours. In addition, youth will have opportunities in-between sessions to explore their STEM passion via DIY.org (previously called JAM.com).
  - Site Coordinators can choose between two scheduling options for the 10 sessions
    - 10 weeks (1 session per week)
    - 6 weeks (~2 sessions per week)
- The program concludes with a final showcase event.

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HOW TO GET INVOLVED
We are currently running our pilot program in the state of California through June 2020!
Visit snapthegap.org/program

Host an Official Snap the Gap Site
Are you an after school program or organization interested in bringing Snap The Gap to your community? Apply to be a Site Coordinator today!
Click to Apply!

HOST SITE REQUIREMENTS
To be considered for an official Snap the Gap program site, you must meet the following requirements:
1. Be located in California
2. Must have a minimum of TEN 10-12 year old youth participating in the program
3. Each site requires a volunteer site coordinator (you!). To become a site, you must commit as a site coordinator to facilitate the program and be the ultimate STEM cheerleader.
   a. **If you are not currently associated with an affiliated institution, Snap the Gap recommends connecting with a teacher/principal at a school or presenting this opportunity to an after-school program. Email snapthegap@ucdavis.edu with any questions before applying.
4. Your site must be associated with an affiliated institution. Affiliations include school-based programs, after-school programs, non-profit organizations, and youth-serving organizations (Girl Scouts, 4H, YMCA, PTA, etc.)
5. Must have dedicated space to host the program and store kits in between
6. Commit to one of the two session schedules
   ○ 10 weeks (1 session per week)
   ○ 6 weeks (~2 sessions per week)
7. Provide extra batteries and basic craft materials (cardboard, markers, paper, scissors, tape, recycled materials)

SITE COORDINATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

1. PREP
   - Set program dates, times, and locations
   - Distribute & collect parent consent forms
   - Connect with mentors and verify background checks
   - Pick up Kits and paperwork at designated location
   - Review mentor training materials

2. KICKOFF EVENT
   - Intro the program & get participants excited about joining!
   - Pair girls with mentors
   - Facilitate pre-survey
   - Distribute Kits & a method for girls to label them
   - Distribute DIY (perversely called JAM) codes to girls/parents
   - Provide a place to store Kits between sessions

3. PROGRAMMED SESSIONS
   - Set the tone for the day! Make it fun :)
   - Make sure girls and mentors are paired
   - Provide a place to store Kits between sessions

4. SHOWCASE
   - Introduce showcase
   - Facilitate post-survey
   - Provide program feedback to the Snap The Gap team

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