

**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.



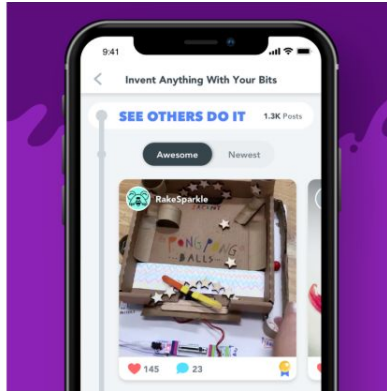
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## IT'S FREE!

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



Hands on learning with littleBits



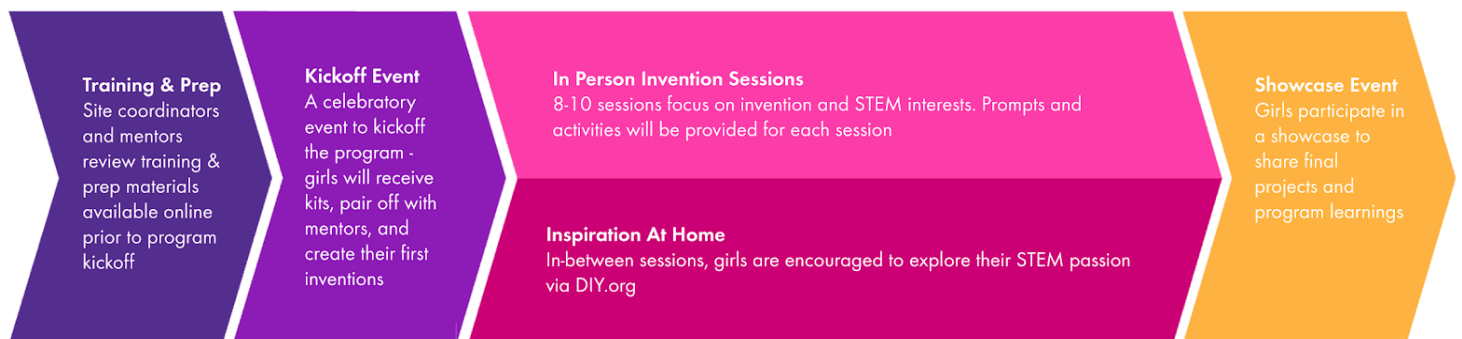
DIY.org subscription allows youth to identify personal STEAM interests and connect with a peer community of like-minded inventors



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](http://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.
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.)
  - 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](mailto:snapthegap@ucdavis.edu) with any questions before applying.**
5. Must have **dedicated space** to host the program and store kits in between
6. **Commit to one of the two session schedules**
  - o 10 weeks (1 session per week)
  - o 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
- \*\*Note: We will work towards reaching out to industry, professional organizations, and higher education to assist with promoting the mentoring opportunity and encouraging engagement with your site.*
- 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 (previously 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