

Why Should You Form a GEMS Club?

Why not just tell girls to do more science?

Why not just buy girls chemistry sets and LEGO® kits?

Why not just tell parents to encourage their daughters to take more math courses?

Our experiences as GEMS club leaders and mothers show us that it just doesn't work that way. Girls need more than one invitation, more than one encouraging voice. And they like to do things with their friends. They also need to feel that they can try new things without risk, without fear of "breaking it." And that is exactly what a GEMS club does for a girl—it gives her the chance to try new things with her friends and to succeed without the pressure of grades, test scores, or boys watching.

You will find that your GEMS club gives many girls their first experience of using tools, mixing chemicals, wearing goggles, and making mistakes and laughing. These are wonderful experiences for every child, and they are the making of scientists and engineers.

You will also find that your GEMS club gives you experiences that you will never regret—the excitement of young girls understanding a difficult concept, the laughter as they experiment and explore the materials, and the eagerness with which they greet you each meeting. Girls are hungry for these kinds of experiences, and you are the lucky one who gets to provide them and share their enjoyment.

You are changing lives!

