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Girls explore engineering with hands-on fun at this family event

On Saturday, September 22, girls will explore the world of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) when The Works Museum hosts its fourth annual Girl Time event. At this event, girls and their families will try hands-on activities, see demonstrations, and chat with women involved in engineering to learn more about their work and how they knew this was the career for them. With over 20 unique activities, families can spend the day learning and having fun with chemistry, architecture, robotics, biomedical engineering, and more.

At Girl Time, The Works Museum brings together women engineers from corporations around the Twin Cities (including Boston Scientific, Emerson, Seagate, North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters, Colder Products Company, etc.) to showcase their work, discuss their experiences studying and working in STEM, and to facilitate interactive activities and demos. Girls will also meet young women studying these fields at universities and girls from local high schools and middle schools.

“Girl Time is all about inspiring young women to get involved in science and engineering activities,” says Kit Wihilite, Director of Education. “Women are still underrepresented in STEM fields, and it's important for girls to meet women who do really cool work in these areas. They get the chance to talk to them, see their enthusiasm, and have tons of hands-on fun. We want every girl that attends to leave feeling empowered and excited about their future.”

Activity Examples:

- Create chemistry-powered batteries
- Build tables with carpentry apprentices
- Learn to drive robots
- Explore agility and movement with physical therapists
- Create a model robotic hand
- Engineer spaghetti skyscrapers

What: Girl Time, The Works Museum’s special event for girls and their families, featuring hands-on activities and demonstrations from women engineers and students in STEM fields.

Who: Perfect for girls ages 5-12 and their grown-ups. Boys also welcome.

When: Saturday, September 22, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Where: The Works Museum, 9740 Grand Ave S., Bloomington, MN, 55420

Cost: \$9 Pre-registered/\$12 at the door; Members free. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

More: Visit theworks.org for more details or call 952-888-4262.

ABOUT THE WORKS MUSEUM: The Works Museum is all about hands-on engineering and design for kids and families. It serves more than 75,000 children, families, and educators annually, inspiring the next generation of innovators, engineers, and creative problem-solvers.

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