THE 411 FOR FACILITATORS

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Y Girls Code is dedicated to closing the gender gap in technology by increasing the number of girls interested in technology and creating a pipeline of future tech engineers.

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Participating girls learn key concepts behind computer programming languages, whether their goal is to build an app, create a website, or program a robot. Additionally, the club environment encourages sisterhood. Activities are designed to increase self awareness, confidence, and esteem.

WHO FACILITATES Y GIRLS CODE MEETINGS?

Club facilitators. These are not required to have a coding background. We encourage after-school teachers or other interested staff to support the club by walking the girls through the online modules. Ideally the facilitator-to-student ratio should be 1 for every 10 students, with 10-12 students in total, and no more than 2 students per computer.

IS THERE A CURRICULUM TO Y GIRLS CODE?

Yes! It’s a curriculum consisting of online modules. Facilitators and volunteers will complete a course that familiarizes them with this curriculum, and will then walk the students through it. This will be provided by the Y Girls Code program.

WILL THERE BE ANY ACCOMMODATIONS DUE TO COVID-19?

Yes! Each club can decide whether they’d like to operate virtually or in person using appropriate health and safety measures such as social distancing.

WHAT’S NEXT?

Please contact YWCA.GC’s director of women’s & youth programs, CJ Gathers, at 843.722.1644 or ygirllscode@ywca-charlestonsc.org for details and any other questions!