

# Women in Science

**OUR GOAL** is to increase awareness and encourage young women to pursue the many exciting opportunities available to them.

**WE PROVIDE** an annual conference for area eighth grade girls to expose them to careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Over 900 girls from multiple schools in the Sioux Falls area attend every year. They have the opportunity to explore so many possibilities for their future.

**WE ARE** Women in Science – Sioux Falls; founded in 2004. Our purpose is to provide an annual conference for area students to expose them to occupations and training options that can lead to employment in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.



## Donate today!

As a non-profit organization, we depend on the generous support of donors to make the Women In Science event available for students. All contributions to the "Women in Science-Sioux Falls" organization are tax-deductible.



Learn more about our work at:  
<http://wissiouxfalls.com/>

## To donate by mail:

Women in Science – Sioux Falls  
Attn: Michelle Knuppe, Treasurer  
1103 Wyland Drive  
Dell Rapids, SD 57022

Checks should be made payable to WIS – Sioux Falls.  
Please include a contact name and address  
so we can send you a receipt. (Tax ID: 27-0590466)



# Presentations

Students participating in the Women in Science event attend presentations by local women professionals in STEM related fields. They learn about the types of education necessary for career paths, as well as activities, salary and other related expectations. The girls see and experience technology and equipment used in many STEM related careers.

**WHO PRESENTS** Pharmacists, veterinarians, wildlife biologist, dental hygienists, engineers, physical therapists, optometrist, GIS analysts, IT security, interior designers, architects, meteorologist, mortician, crime lab scientist, and many others.

**WHY PRESENT** You have the opportunity to influence young women about your career, share your passion about your job and show them what you do so they become excited about a career in STEM.

# Exhibit Hall

The students also browse through exhibit hall booths where they can participate in hands-on activities and talk one-on-one with companies, colleges and women working in local STEM careers.

**WHO EXHIBITS** Commercial companies, government agencies, colleges and universities, research facilities and others. They exhibit the latest instruments, programs, degrees and jobs within the STEM community.

**WHY EXHIBIT** You have the opportunity to show these students about your career, educational program or company, and build awareness of how critical science, technology, engineering and mathematics are to making a difference in the lives of these young girls.

# Donations

Donations and sponsorships to Women in Science make the event FREE for every student to attend! Thanks to our generous sponsors, over 900 students are able to attend this event every year, free of charge.

**WHY DONATE** Your investment will make it possible for schools to attend this event by covering their substitute teachers, student lunches and supplies needed for the day. Likewise, students that attend this event are inspired after meeting women with similar backgrounds and challenges, and they leave with a stronger sense of purpose about their future.

**HOW DO I DONATE** For more information on how to help increase our impact, please contact Danaca at [Danaca.Schettler@siouxfalls.gov](mailto:Danaca.Schettler@siouxfalls.gov) or scan the QR Code on the first page to donate today!

# Why a Women In Science Day?

Statistics show that girls score high in math and science classes during early school years. While in high school, their scores remain high, they often choose not to take optional math and science classes. Even fewer go on to earn college degrees or pursue jobs in these traditionally male dominated areas.

Women In Science – Sioux Falls, however, is breaking the social stigma. Our job is to stimulate the interest in STEM careers by connecting the girls with local women already working in these professions.

By providing contacts with potential mentors, we encouraged the young women to explore the possibilities available to them and to continue taking the math and science classes necessary to prepare them for careers in STEM fields

