

Meet Four Tech Trek Alums



"Tech Trek showed me that I belonged in advanced science and math classes and encouraged me to be proud of my nerdiness!"

Samantha Andow attended Tech Trek camp in 2009, graduated from University High School in San Francisco, and then Harvey Mudd College with a degree in Computer Science, along with a summer internship at Microsoft. After graduation she worked for Facebook/Meta for 4 years, developing machine learning tools including PyTorch. Samantha is currently a Software Engineer at Jane Street Capital in NYC, where she works enhancing trading software.



"Tech Trek was truly so fundamental in my passion in the sciences and building confidence as a woman in STEM."

Maggie Kepler attended Tech Trek Camp in 2011, graduated from Redwood High School, and then from Cal Poly with a major in Biochemistry and minor in Biotechnology. Following graduation, Maggy worked in the laboratory at J. Lohr Vineyards assisting with harvest fermentation science and quality control before moving to San Francisco as a clinical patient navigator with Spring Fertility. Maggie is currently pursuing a Masters in Genetic Counseling at UCSF.



Christina (Tina) Schwartz attended Tech Trek at Stanford in 2007. She graduated from Redwood in 2012, then the University of Mary (in North Dakota) in 2016 with a double major in Respiratory Therapy (RT) and pre-med. She has worked as an RT in neonatal, pediatric and cardiac ICUs, consulting with physicians on ventilator and airway management. Her plan is to apply to Physician Associate program. Now she has come full circle by serving as a dorm mom at the Sonoma State Tech Trek camp in the summer of 2024!



"Tech Trek encouraged my love of STEM. Finding new avenues to utilize these tools and continuing to pursue endeavors around STEM have become my passion."

Lily Cohen is a 2014 Tech Trek alum. She graduated from Redwood High School in 2019 and plans to finish a degree in Fashion Design at San Francisco State this Spring. She has found her interest in STEM utilized throughout her studies in Fashion Design and is passionate about educating people on the intersections between STEM and the arts. Lily spoke at the September 2024 Tech Trek gathering, was a Dorm Monitor at the 2024 Camp Franklin at Sonoma State and will be a Camp Director in Training at the 2025 camp. She is

very excited for this leadership role and can't wait to bring new ideas to the director team to help shape Camp Franklin going forward.

