

ROSIE'S GIRLS® AFTERSCHOOL

Description:

Since 2000, Rosie's Girls® has been empowering middle school girls and gender non-conforming youth to build skills in STEAM and technical fields in safe, fun, and welcoming camps and afterschool programs. Youth learn to use new tools, like saws, drills and MIG welders. They engineer projects using wood, metal and other materials, and see them through to completion. At the same time, they build their social-emotional skillset through a "Power Skills" curriculum that, when combined with hands-on technical experiences, expand self-confidence, grit, sense of possibility, and connection with others. Power Skills lessons are interactive, group-based, and include topics like Self-Advocacy, Challenge by Choice, Healthy Relationships, and X-Ray Vision (valuing what's on the inside, instead of outward appearances).



Project Kit Model – 2021-2022 School Year:

The COVID-19 pandemic challenged us to temporarily adjust our delivery model, and still maintain the heart and power of Rosie's Girls Afterschool. During the 2020-2021 school year, this became Rosie's Girls Afterschool Project Kits, which empower students to explore non-traditional technical and STEAM concepts through hands-on, self-contained activity sets. VWW will be employing the same model for the 2021-2022 school year. We look forward to reintroducing the traditional Rosie's Girls Afterschool model as soon as it is safe to do so per COVID-19 guidelines.

Interested in bringing Rosie's Girls to your students next year?

Vermont Works for Women partners with schools and organizations to host and facilitate Rosie's Girls Afterschool throughout the state. VWW provides all program materials to run Rosie's Girls, including Power Skills curriculum, opening and closing activities, supplemental online lessons, and supply lists. We also provide a facilitator training, administrative materials (flyers, registration forms, surveys) and ongoing support.

Each Rosie's Girls kit includes projects, all necessary tools, and supplemental activities in a given theme, like wood and metal or water and natural resources. Students experience the shared learning and joy that comes with completing projects together, but do not need to share tools, equipment, or close space. Examples of projects include metal sun catchers, wooden mechanical models, and homemade water filtration systems. **VWW provides a full supply list for partners to purchase or procure all necessary supplies – individual programs can make slight adjustments to the projects based on student interest and school and community resources.**

This adapted version of Rosie's Girls provides 6-10 weeks of programming, roughly 60-90 minutes per week. It can be condensed or expanded as needed, and can be conducted in person, virtually, or in a hybrid schedule.

Partner Considerations:

- Program Space – Rosie's Girls Afterschool can be in person, virtual, or a hybrid. Project kits do not require specialized equipment, tools, or even electricity! If virtual, access to Google, Zoom, etc.
- Facilitator(s) – Rosie's Girls Afterschool is most successful when at least one facilitator identifies as female or gender non-conforming.
- Hands-on & Social-Emotional – Rosie's Girls Afterschool is about facilitating the project kits and Power Skills activities in tandem. VWW provides full training for all aspects of the curriculum.

Cost:

\$500 per program, includes all curriculum materials, facilitator training and ongoing support. Partner programs can maintain their respective tuition, registration, or scholarship structures as needed.

To learn more: <https://www.vtworksforwomen.org/programs/youth/rosies-girls-afterschool>
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