



GWC @ MHL: Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is it?**

Girls Who Code is a **free** program that will: teach girls and non-binary students the basics of computer programming and coding; get them interested in STEM fields and careers; and build useful skills and confidence.

- **Who can join?**

GWC @ MHL is for girls in grades 6—12. The class is limited to students who identify as girls or as non-binary. Students do not have to be Andover residents or have a library card. The goal of the program is to encourage girls to participate in STEM fields, so if you have a boy who is interested, please ask us about our other STEM programming.

- **How many students can you accommodate?**

Unfortunately, only 12 students can participate because we hold our club meetings in the Teen Room. The Teen Room is a popular destination for many Andover teens so it needs to be available the rest of the week for other teen patrons.

- **When is it?**

The fall semester will start on **Saturday, September 21** and run until **December 14**. Each Saturday session runs in the morning, exact house to be determined. Please see the next page for the Saturdays we will be meeting for the fall.

- **How many days is it?**

Each semester is a session of 12 Saturdays, time TBD.

- **What if I miss a Saturday session?**

We ask that you miss **no more than one Saturday**. Because this is a semester long club instead of a year long club, we need to cover a lot of ground in 12 Saturdays. If you miss more than that, you're letting down your fellow coders and they have to make up the work! It's not fair to them if you miss. If you can't commit to this schedule, we ask that you let another student participate in this club.



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- **How do I register?**

Please fill out the **GWC 2019 Fall Semester Registration** form at <https://mhl.org/gwcspring2019> before **9:30 am on Monday, September 12 at 9:30 am**. Applicants will be entered into a lottery, and 12 students will be chosen for the Fall Semester. Filling out this form does not guarantee you a spot in the program but it is the only step students need to take. Spots will be assigned randomly. We will email students by **10:00 am Monday, September 12** to let them know if they got into the program.

- **I need more help!**

No problem! Contact Anna at ya@mhl.org for general questions or call the Reference Desk at 978-623-8430 if you need help filling out the registration form.

- **What are the dates again?**

Please see the next page for a list of dates for the Fall 2019 Semester.



2019 Fall Semester Important Dates:

Information Session I—Tuesday, August 20 at 5:00 pm

Information Session II—Monday, August 26 at 3:00 pm

**Interested teens/parents only need to attend
one of the information sessions.**

2019 Saturdays, time TBD:

September 21, 28

October 5, 12, 19, 26

November 2, 9, 16, 23

December 7, 14

For more questions, please contact Anna Tschetter at
atschetter@mhl.org or 978-623-8432.