



Girls Can!! Is a half-day Career Awareness Conference for sixth-grade girls. The girls select three workshops to attend from a list representing twenty-one different careers. The workshops are conducted by women from our community, and include activities that reflect aspects of their professions. These women volunteer their time for the conference, and provide the girls with information concerning the educational requirements needed to enter their particular professions. The workshops expose the girls to a wide variety of career possibilities and are meant to inspire and ignite their imaginations.

The major purpose of this project is to encourage girls to continue their education as long as possible. We want girls and their parents to realize that higher education is a possibility for them. The conference also provides role models and encourages planning for the future.

We choose to work with sixth grade girls knowing that habits and attitudes toward careers form at this early age. We hope it leads girls to make plans to become a part of our professional community.

Concurrently, workshops are held for parents that address such issues as: *Helping Your Daughter Succeed in School, Health Issues Facing Girls Today, Financial Planning for College, and Keeping Connected with Your Middle School Daughter.*

Please see the reverse side for a description of a typical **Girls Can!!** morning.

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A Typical Morning at the Girls Can!! Career Awareness Conference

- 8:00-8:15am Registration and distribution of Girls Can T-shirts and goodie bags provided by the local business community.
- 8:15-8:55am Participants enjoy a continental breakfast with women athletes from New Mexico State University.
- 9:00-9:55am First Workshop
Space Shuttle Simulation: The girls act as flight controllers in Mission Control Houston or astronauts who fly the shuttle spacecraft into space and return to a safe landing on Earth.
- 10:00-10:55am Second Workshop
Impressions in Dentistry: Each girl views a video about dental hygiene and then makes a mold of her own upper teeth.
- 11:00-11:55pm Third Workshop
Party Perfect: How to Plan Any Activity Successfully: This workshop teaches that the skills you need to plan a successful party can be transferred to many other areas of your life.

Other Workshops may include:

- Lions and Tigers and Wolves—Oh NO!** (Wildlife Biology)
- So What Do Vets Do?** (Veterinary Medicine)
- Making Green Slime** (Chemical Engineering)
- Nursing---30 Careers in One** (Nursing Specialists)
- Let Your Light Shine---Electronically** (Electrical Engineering)
- Keeping Your Pets Happy and Healthy** (Animal Nutrition and Grooming)
- Here's to Your Good Health** (Family Practice Medicine)
- Making the Most of What You've Got** (Cosmetology)
- Using Your Skull for Work or Fun** (Forensic Sculpture)
- Wild Art with Math** (Mathematician)
- Theater: Act It - Teach It!** (English and Drama Teaching)
- Rockets and Space Environment** (NASA Scientists)