



Implementing a Women of Welding Camp for Secondary Female Students



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Why do we need a WOW camp?

- Growing welding deficit in the U.S
- Making the next generation of women welders is vital.

Recruitment Process

- Camp advertisement via:
 - Social media
 - Ag mechanics shows
 - National Listservs
- 65 high school girls applied 26 girls were selected

Results to Date

- Significant change in pre and post survey answers in the Sense of belonging in the welding industry
- First camp saw positive impact on participants

Future Plans

- Funding to run an additional summer camp in 2023
- Work with industry and welding educational providers to develop financial support for long term sustainability

How is this funded?

- Project funded through USDA NIFA WAMS Proposal Number: 2021-03290
- No expenses to participants
- Industry in-kind donations



DAY 1
Metal Processing,
Oxy-fuel



DAY 2
GMAW



DAY 3
SMAW



DAY 4
FCAW / TIG



DAY 5
Torchmate /
Underwater Welding