

#### Introduction

GWC's College and Career team annually hosts MeetUps for our community with the support of our corporate partners. Many students and young professionals are often looking for career connections and social networks in new cities. These in-person events bring current students, regional interns, recent grads, and early career technologists together to connect with peers and learn about the local tech scene.

### **Event Overview**

- **Q: What are MeetUps?** A: Girls Who Code's College and Career team annually hosts MeetUps for our community. These in-person summer events bring together regional interns, college students, and recent grads to connect with peers and learn about the local tech scene.
- **Q: What is the event structure of MeetUps?** A: The event will last between 90 minutes to two hours and include light food and non-alcoholic drinks, introductions from our host and GWC, and interactive activities to get to know other attendees and volunteers.

# **Eligibility and Attendance**

- **Q:** Who can attend MeetUps? A: You must be at least 18 years old to attend our College and Career MeetUps on the event date, with no exceptions. The events are open to college students, regional interns, recent graduates, and other eligible members of the GWC community.
- **Q:** I'm not currently in college; can I still attend? A: Yes, the events are open to individuals at various stages of their technical careers, including those not currently enrolled in college and/or in entry roles. Regardless, you must be at least 18 years old to attend.
- Q: I identify as Male; am I able to attend? A: Men are welcome to attend.
- **Q: I registered but can no longer attend. What's next?** A: Please cancel your registration directly through Eventbrite **using these instructions**.

### **Travel and Accommodation**

- **Q: Will travel expenses be covered?** A: When public transportation is not readily available, \$30 Uber gift cards may be offered to each attendee following the event, depending on the specific city. If Uber gift cards are available, it will be communicated on the event registration page via Eventbrite.
- **Q: Can lodging costs be covered if I'm traveling from afar?** A: No lodging assistance is available for MeetUps, and Girls Who Code will not provide funding to attend the event.
- **Q: Are there any travel arrangements for people coming from nearby states?** A: Attendees are responsible for coordinating their travel arrangements for the event.



# **Registration and Participation**

**Q:** How do I register for MeetUps? A: You can register for MeetUps directly through Eventbrite. We'll be confirming events throughout the year. Keep an eye out in our <u>alumni newsletter</u> and <u>online</u> <u>Discord community</u> for more info!

**Q: What if I need to cancel my registration?** A: If you need to cancel your registration, please do so directly through the specific Eventbrite registration page. If you run into any issues, please <u>follow</u> <u>these instructions</u> or email our support team at <u>collegeandcareers@girlswhocode.com</u>.

**Q: Can I bring a guest to the event?** A: Each attendee must register individually. Share the Eventbrite link with your potential guest ASAP!

**Q: What if the event reaches its maximum capacity?** A: If it reaches full capacity, you will be placed on a waitlist through Eventbrite and notified if a spot becomes available. Please note that the waitlist will automatically close after we receive 15 registrations, and we will not be able to honor additional inquiries at that point.

### **Event Logistics**

**Q: What time do the events start?** A: Event start times will be listed on Eventbrite. Please check the event website or your registered email for updates.

**Q:** Is there a dress code for the events? A: There is no official dress code for this event, but you will likely be networking and mingling with peers, corporate volunteers, and GWC staff. We suggest dressing in a way that makes you feel comfortable and confident.

**Q:** Is there a fee for attending the events? A: No, MeetUps are free.

**Q: What should I prepare for the event?** A: Research the host company and learn a little about their business. You could also consider a digital business card (like **Bling**) to make it easy to share your information.

**Q:** What types of networking opportunities will be available? A: Networking opportunities will include small group discussions, activities with discussion cards, and informal mingling with peers and industry professionals.

# **Accessibility and Special Accommodations**

**Q:** Are the event venues accessible for people with disabilities? A: Yes, all event venues are ADA-compliant. If you require specific accommodations, please contact us in advance at collegeandcareers@girlswhocode.com.

**Q:** Will there be any provisions for dietary restrictions? A: Light food and drinks will be provided, and we will do our best to accommodate dietary restrictions. Please indicate dietary needs when you register and email <a href="mailto:collegeandcareers@girlswhocode.com">collegeandcareers@girlswhocode.com</a> if you need to elaborate.

### **Additional Concerns and Requests**





**Q: Will there be future meetups in other cities?** A: We are planning to expand our MeetUps to more locations. Stay tuned for future announcements in our <u>alumni newsletter</u>.

**Q: I have other questions, comments, or concerns. How can I reach out?** A: You can reach out to us by emailing our support team directly @ collegeandcareers@girlswhocode.com

### **Post-Event Information**

**Q:** Will any follow-up events or resources be available after the MeetUp? A: Yes, follow-up resources and future events will be emailed to attendees. Stay connected with us through our website, social media, and other community channels for further updates.

**Q:** How can I stay involved with Girls Who Code after the event? A: You can stay involved by checking out our <u>C&C</u> site, joining our <u>online Discord community</u>, participating in future events shared in <u>our newsletter</u>, and following us on social media like <u>Instagram</u> or <u>LinkedIn</u> for updates and opportunities.