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### **Computer Coding Program for Girls at the Westside Community Center**

New Braunfels, TX –Girls, Inc. of San Antonio and the Westside Community Center are partnering to host a free computer coding program and pizza party for girls and young women ages 12-18 on Monday, November 17th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The Westside Community Center is located at 2932 South IH-35.

The program will introduce concepts and offer projects from Google’s “Made with Code” initiative, including Blockly-based coding projects like designing a bracelet for 3D printing by Shapeways, learning to create an animated Avatar, GIFs or building beats for a music track. Google’s initiative has the goal of encouraging girls to take part in the creative and intellectual processes of coding by allowing them to do hands-on projects that pertain to their interests. **No previous coding experience is required.**

“The ‘Made with Code’ program and pizza party gives us a chance to demystify coding for girls and young women and allow them to see that coding can have appeal for girls just as it can for boys,” said Westside Community Center Outreach Coordinator, Michele Valadez. “Much of the high-tech world in which we live, and in which current and future generations will make a living, makes use of coding. Girls have a future in this, and we hope this introductory program encourages many to see the benefits while also having a fun time!”

Those interested in participating may register online on the library’s calendar at [www.nbtexas.org/library](http://www.nbtexas.org/library) or by calling 830-221-4300.

For more information about this event contact Michele Valadez at 830-221-4630.

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