Editorial: TXT camp is a good addition for local girls

Last week, a group of more than 170 girls got a crash course in the career opportunities that are available to them somewhere down the line. The girls, who are in fifth through eighth grades, got hands-on experience with many of their options, and they learned what it will take for them to get where they want to go.

By all accounts it was a fun time for the girls as they were going through it, and its value will only become more apparent as they move toward their goals.

The Teens Experiencing Technical Education camp held last week at Dakota County Technical College is an exciting addition to summer options for Rosemount girls. Because while it’s becoming increasingly common to see women working in in technology-related fields, it never hurts to put the idea in the heads of more young girls. Technology will only become more important as computers and electronics become increasingly sophisticated, so there is a benefit in encouraging bright young students to consider the field.

The event wasn’t all about technology. The girls also explored fields like transportation and practiced yoga. But it was technology that formed the core of the experience.

From the responses we heard last week, the camp did a lot to get the girls who attended excited about learning and about the places a good education can take them. Several are already looking forward to returning next year.

The event’s organizer was happy with the results she saw. So are we. We can’t wait to see how the program develops.