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club scene



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From left, Jackie Hollander, Kendra Roldan and Perla Miranda learn new skills at a "coding party."

Girls Inc. gets with the programming

Girls Inc. of Carpinteria held a "coding party" on Dec. 12 in support of Made with Code, the Google initiative aimed to inspire millions of girls to learn computer coding and how learning computer programming language can play a role in their future. Approximately 25 local teenage girls, including current and former members of Girls Inc.'s Teen Program, participated in the workshop, putting their creative minds into high-gear and exploring the countless possibilities of what can be done through code. Following a brief overview about Made with Code and how coding touches every part of our world, the girls selected one of the five creative projects offered to jump into, from composing their own unique soundtrack to building an avatar with 3D personality, all through code.

"As parents, teachers and role models, we all have a responsibility to help make coding relevant and exciting for girls, and to provide them with just as much encouragement as we do for boys," said Victoria Juarez, executive director of Girls Inc. of Carpinteria. "Google's Made with Code initiative falls in line with our commitment at Girls Inc. to teaching girls that no matter what they want to do with their futures, STEM skills—including computer science—can help them get there."