



PARI SciGirls, shown here during a recent program, will have the opportunity to design electrical circuits during this month's session entitled "High Tech Fashion- Electrical Circuits." The event is scheduled Tuesday, Jan. 31, from 6-8 p.m., and will be hosted at the Transylvania County 4-H office at 98 East Morgan Street in Brevard.

Girls Ages 9-14 Invited To Join PARI SciGirls Program

Area girls ages 9-14 are invited to a PARI SciGirls program called "High Tech Fashion- Electrical Circuits" Tuesday, Jan. 31, from 6-8 p.m. at the Transylvania County Extension Center at 98 East Morgan St. in Brevard. The program is part of PARI's monthly SciGirls and is affiliated with the national effort to engage girls in science sponsored by Twin Cities Public Television.

"Our January program will introduce our SciGirls to electrical circuits," said Christi Whitworth, PARI education director. "Participants will learn about electrical circuits and develop circuits in series

and parallel. We will also experiment with material possibilities for use in the electrical design process. As with all our SciGirls programs, we will stress hands-on activities designed to introduce girls to science by making science fun."

PARI hosts a SciGirls event the last Tuesday of each month. The participation fee is \$10 per student. Program details, specific hours and registration details can be found on the PARI web site, www.pari.edu. Participants can register at www.pari.edu/programs/students/scigirls. Area teachers and parents are asked to

encourage girls who may be interested. The national SciGirls web site is <http://pbskids.org/scigirls>.

About PARI

The Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute (PARI) is a public not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) foundation established in 1998. Located in the Pisgah National Forest, the PARI campus is a dark sky location for astronomy and was selected in 1962 by NASA as the site for one of the first U.S. satellite tracking facilities.

Today, the 200-acre campus houses radio and optical telescopes, earth science instruments, 30

buildings, a fulltime staff and all the infrastructure necessary to support STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education and research. PARI offers educational programs at all levels, from K-12 through post-graduate research. The institute is a member of the NC Grassroots Science Museums Collaborative, a partner in NC OPT-ED and is affiliated with the 16-campus University of North Carolina system through PARSEC, a UNC Center hosted at PARI. For more information about PARI and its programs, visit www.pari.edu.