MoLab has been very busy since the last MoNews! Here are some highlights:

**Spring Update:**

MoLab kicked off the spring season with Spring Camp Spark—Igniting Knowledge! Campers enjoyed a variety of daily camp themes and ended with 217 spots filled! That’s a 17% increase from last year.

MoLab’s weekly after-school program to Holy Comforter wrapped up for the spring. Students enjoyed many hands-on experiences such as: Engineering Challenge, Anatomy: Heart Science, Chemistry Explosions, Harry Potter: Potions Class, and ended with the students’ favorite—Food Science—YUM! Thank you, Holy Comforter, for a great spring semester!

MoLab also participated in school and community events such as: DeSoto Elementary STEAM Night, Healthy Communities Festival, and Shadeville Elementary Health Fair.

MoLab completed the school year with hands-on programs to Seminole Montessori as well as visited Roberts Elementary for two-days of StarLab shows. What a fantastic spring!

**Summer Update:**

Summer kicked off with eleven weeks of Summer Camp Spark with 668 slots filled—that’s a 12% increase from last year. Camp was filled with lots of hands-on activities and great field trip experiences. Our 2-3, 4-5, and 6-8 grade campers enjoyed exploring the Tallahassee Museum and our 4-5 and 6-8 graders loved their gaming time at Gamescape. Our Architecture 101 campers got a special treat when they toured the Spring House, the only private residence Frank Lloyd Wright designed that was built in Florida. A HUGE thank you to all of our wonderful MoFamilies, MoTeachers, MoCITs, and MoPartners in St. Paul’s and Cornerstone for a fantastic summer session!

In addition to summer camp, MoLab conducted hands-on programming to 21st Century Title 1 schools at Apalachee and Ruediger Elementary, and Griffin Middle. MoLab also brought programming to Advent Episcopal Church, the Leroy Collins Public Library, and Celebration Baptist Church. What a busy summer for MoLab!

**Fall Update:**

Fall has MoLab conducting another great semester of after-school programming to Holy Comforter, which has gotten off to a great start! MoLab is also providing programs to Fairview Middle; Southside Elementary in Cairo, GA; and Bucklake Elementary. What a great way to finish off 2016!

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**The Able Trust and Florida High School HighTech!**

MoLab was fortunate to conduct a workshop on hands-on programming at The Able Trust’s Florida High School HighTech (HSHT) 2016 Annual Conference. This workshop focused on how to deliver hands-on education for the benefit of statewide HSHT teachers and coordinators. This was a wonderful opportunity for MoLab to provide two-days of professional development to such a remarkable group of educators. Thank you Able Trust and Florida High School HighTech!

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**MoLab Receives A Grant from Capital City Bank Group Foundation!**

MoLab was presented with a $500 check from Capital City Bank Group Foundation. These funds will help continue MoLab’s mission to provide on-the-go, dynamic, hands-on, and inquiry-based science experiences through a mobile laboratory that promotes discovery. Thank you Capital City Bank Group Foundation!
As MoLab grows, so do the needs of the organization. As a young not-for-profit corporation, the Founders of MoLab are constantly assessing the financial situation of the institution to ensure funds are appropriately directed to further MoLab’s mission. MoLab seeks to partner with entities on a mutually beneficial basis through sponsorship opportunities. There are many ways a sponsoring organization can become involved.

Here are some things MoLab is seeking sponsorship for: MoLab enjoys providing free hands-on activities during community outreaches and events. MoLab seeks a sponsorship for two (2) outreach tablecloths that will include MoLab’s logo and the sponsoring organization’s logo.

One of MoLab’s popular programs during Summer Camp Spark— Igniting Knowledge! is our Lego Mindstorm Robotic Kits. We seek sponsorship funds to purchase new kits to continue further programming.

MoLab also seeks general operating sponsorships to help offset costs associated with furthering MoLab’s mission. These sponsorships will include, but are not limited to, assisting MoLab in updating programmatic supplies and scientific equipment, and assisting with MoBus supplies and needs.

MoLab has identified costs associated with each sponsorship as well as created recognition packages for sponsoring firms. Anyone interested should contact Trish A. Hanson at 850.264.6224 or trish@tallymolab.org.

MoLab Education Program Offerings

MoLab has added new programs to its Investigation Workshop menu and continues to grow its program offerings to meet student and teacher needs.

All Investigation Workshops offer interactive science engagement, inquiry, and experimentation. These new programs will be added to our website, so please always check our site, www.tallymolab.org, to keep updated.

All of Molab’s programs are a compliment to in-school curriculum and teaching. MoLab also offers Tech-Labs, and StarLab; a portable planetarium.

MoLab can create custom programs and tailored curriculum to meet your classroom needs. MoLab is also available to provide these opportunities for your school’s after-school program.

So, do not hesitate, book your next MoLab in-school visit today!
Providing the fuel to ignite excitement and curiosity to the sciences – MoLab – was founded by two passionate women who had a vision to go beyond the confinement of a physical location to educate about the wonders of science. MoLab drives science education to schools, after-school activities, outreach programs, community events…anywhere there is a need.

**Mission Statement:** To provide on-the-go, dynamic, hands-on and inquiry-based science experiences through a mobile laboratory that promotes discovery.

**Vision Statement:** To provide resources that cultivate and inspire a greater understanding of the role of sciences in our world.

**Philosophy:** Based on equal access to hands-on science education and expertise – creatively and positively impacting those we serve.

The goal of MoLab is to enhance student achievement in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) in a fun, interactive setting that allows students to realize career paths in STEM related fields. All of MoLab’s curriculum assists in developing 21st Century learning skills through project-based education and helps promote digital literacy through programs that enable youth to think, create and communicate effectively.

Based on successful models throughout the country and a member of the Mobile Laboratory Coalition, MoLab provides a vehicle for onsite and offsite interactive engagement. The founders share an excitement for increasing hands-on inquiry in education, for creating the “aha” moments, and for inspiring the next generation of innovators.

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**Registration For Winter Camp Spark—Igniting Knowledge! Is Now OPEN.**

We are excited to host daily sessions of Winter Camp Spark at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church located at 1700 North Meridian Road Tallahassee, FL 32303. Winter Camp Spark will be offered December 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, and 30, 2016 & January 3, 2017.

Winter Camp Spark will offer students 5 years old through the 8th grade the opportunity to participate in art and science activities in a fun, interactive, and safe environment. Each daily session will present campers the opportunity to explore science through creative play, experimentation, and inquiry-based learning experiences. These sessions present age-appropriate curriculum and are designed to provide students with engaging educational activities that are both informative and entertaining.

Registration is now OPEN. Our Camps fill on a first-come, first-served basis. Daily Camp fees are $45 per day, which includes lunch and 2 snacks. A discounted rate is available for multiple days & additional siblings. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; drop off starts at 8:45 a.m. and pick up is until 4:15 p.m.

Extended Camp care is available starting at 7:45 a.m. for $5/day and until 6 p.m. for $5/day.

For more information and to register, please visit: www.tallymolab.org.

Camp Spark makes learning fun and links Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM) concepts to the real-world.