WOW...What a Spring & Summer For MoLab!

MoLab's been busy since the last edition of MoNews! MoLab finished the spring with a continuation of its twelve-week after-school program at Holy Comforter. Students were engaged with an assortment of MoLab's Investigation Workshops and learned about a variety of science topics.

This summer had MoLab hopping! Summer Camp Spark—Igniting Knowledge! was a HUGE success! We are grateful to St. Paul's United Methodist Church and Cornerstone Learning Community for allowing us to host our camp at their wonderful locations. Campers had eleven weeks of hands-on FUN! By the end of last summer, we had filled 356 camper slots, this year we ended the summer with 599 camper slots filled—that is an additional 243 more slots for our second year of Summer Camp Spark!

MoLab was fortunate to partner with many local gems to help ignite science excitement in our campers. 2-3 grade campers had a visit from Carol's Critters during International Pet Expo, which is always a big hit. The campers got up close and personal with all kinds of international critters. This grade level also had the chance to join the 6-8 graders and take a field trip to Longview Farms during Farm Science Camp. Campers learned about sustainable agriculture and interacted with the animals on the farm. What fun!

The 4-5 graders had two awesome field trips this summer. First, they went to Gamescape during Go Code Gamers! camp. After a week of creating games, campers enjoyed ending the week playing some of their favorites. The next field trip had them taking a trip to the Gulf Specimen Marine Lab for Pixar Science camp. Campers really had fun traveling to the coast, seeing all of the sea creatures, and enjoying a picnic lunch by the water.

The 6-8 grade campers were busy with many cool activities this summer. In addition to going to Longview Farms and Gamescape, Veterinary Science campers had a chance to see what a day in the life of a vet clinic was like at Novey Animal Hospital—it was great! They also had the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission come out for some archery 101 during Camp Hunger Games. Cool!

Thank you to all of our awesome teachers, Counselors-In-Training HS volunteers, parents, and PreK-8th grade students for making this the best summer camp yet!

A big THANK YOU to MoLab’s first intern—Michael Mezich! Michael, we are truly grateful for your dedication!

Help Get MoBus On The Road! Please Support Our Indiegogo Campaign...

MoLab’s Indiegogo online crowdfunding campaign has launched! Please visit this link to view the campaign: http://igg.me/at/TallyMoLab

The goal of this 40-day campaign is to raise $70,000 to help retrofit & transform the RV into MoBus, a mobile science & technology lab. It only takes 700 people donating $100 each to reach our goal. We can do this!

Please MoFriends—consider supporting, share with everyone you know, and ask them to share with everyone they know. Let’s create a domino effect! This is an important endeavor for us and one that can positively affect the lives of so many!

Thank You North Florida Fairgrounds!

This summer, MoBus was fortunate enough to enjoy a ventilated, covered area at the North Florida Fairgrounds.

We are so grateful for their support and allowing MoBus to be safe and protected during the hot, rainy summer months! THANKS!
MoLab hosted two great fundraising events this past spring. The first took place this past March at BJ’s Brewhouse. The local restaurant dedicated an evening to deliciously help MoLab raise funds as MoFriends enjoyed a night out with family and friends. Thank you to BJ’s and everyone who supported us—it was a great success.

MoLab’s Science On Tap @ Domi took place this past May. MoLab partnered with Domi Ventures for a fun evening of science, craft beer, & delectable delights. This was a great opportunity for MoLab. Guests enjoyed interacting with hands-on activities, which highlighted some of MoLab’s programming.

They had a chance to climb aboard MoLab’s RV and understand the vision as well as bid on cool scientific and nonscientific silent auction items.

We would like to thank all of our partners, sponsors, MoEducators for volunteering their time, and guests for making this event such an enormous success! We are truly grateful for everyone’s support!

THANK YOU:
DOMI; Tallahassee Magazine; Genivia: genius via automation; Envision Credit Union; Novey Animal Hospital; Allergy & Asthma Diagnostic Treatment Center; Jowers Auto Service; Proof Brewing Co.; Featuring Foods; A&R Catering Creations; Tallahassee Nurseries; Wakulla Springs (DEP); Whole Foods; The Naturally Healthy Pet, LLC; Fresh Market; and Waterworks!

Spring/Summer Outreachs

One of MoLab’s favorite educational tools, StarLab—a portable planetarium—was brought to many schools and libraries this spring. Students had a chance to get an in-depth look at the unspoiled night sky. Students, parents, and teachers had a blast with StarLab!

Camp Spark was not the only thing that kept MoLab busy this summer. MoLab worked with two Title 1 summer programs, Ruediger Elementary and Apalachee Elementary. It was a great opportunity to provide hands-on science experiences to the students.

Fall has already proven to be active and MoLab is preparing for another busy year. We are conducting a twelve-week after-school program at Holy Comforter. In addition, MoLab is working with two Title 1 after-school programs—Griffin Middle School and Fairview Middle School. With this new opportunity, we have hired our first MoEducator to assist us with the additional programming. We are grateful for the assistance and growth as our programming continues to expand!

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 complement to in-school curriculum and teaching. In addition to our Investigation Workshops, MoLab 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!

“In good times and bad, we know that people give because you meet needs, not because you have needs.”
— Ray Grace

“As a parent, I fully appreciate the science-based camp option and learning opportunities your team offers, and sing your praises to anyone with children. Keep up the fantastic work!”
— Jennifer Shaw, Parent
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! Opens October 19, 2015

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 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, 31, 2015 and January 4, 2016.

Winter Camp Spark offers students 5 years old through the 8th grade the opportunity to participate in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) 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.

Daily Camp fees are $45 per day which includes lunch and 2 snacks. 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. A discounted rate is available for multiple days and additional siblings.

For more information and to register, please visit: [www.tallymolab.org](http://www.tallymolab.org).

Want to make a suggestion for a day’s theme? Contact us!