

Membership

Mobile Laboratory Coalition

Please consider **Membership** in the Mobile Laboratory Coalition. As a member you will receive immediate access to the MLC digital library, a user-generated online resource, plus other tangible benefits such as the quarterly **newsletter** and **discounts** to attend the annual conference.

Membership in the MLC also supports the development of our growing informal science community, keeping your organization abreast of **new & innovative education programs**, and providing a supportive peer network which encourages learning from each other's mistakes & successes.

Organization member \$250 annually

Organization or program devoted to informal STEM education (active or in development)

Benefits: Quarterly electronic newsletter, access to MLC digital library, reduced registration fee for five people to attend the Annual Conference, listing on the MLC website, and input on future member benefits tailored to community's needs

Supporting member \$500 annually

Typically vendors and service providers of organization members

Benefits: Quarterly electronic newsletter, access to MLC digital library, reduced registration fee for one person to attend the Annual Conference, listing on the MLC website, and input on future member benefits tailored to community's needs

Corporate member \$4,000 annually

Typically vendors and service providers of organization members

Benefits: Recognition as Annual Conference Sponsor (includes exhibit table or space, a 15 minutes presentation during the "Company Presentation Session," and two free registrations), quarterly electronic newsletter with the opportunity to author one article per year, access to MLC digital library, and listings the vendor directory and on the MLC website.

The **MLC Website** is mobilelabcoalition.org and is the current home of the MLC. The **MLC Digital Library** is available for members only at members.mobilelabcoalition.org. Resources include a vendor directory, example curriculum and activities from members, sample budgets, sample evaluations, FAQ on starting a ML, working groups and everything else the community creates. Access is gained instantly through membership. The **Vendor Directory** is a list of Corporate Members and is available on the MLC Digital Library. It includes a direct link to the organization's website, specific contact information and a 200 word description.

How to become a member

Your MLC membership is renewed annually and helps support this all-volunteer organization. The three categories of membership are **Organization Member**, an organization or program devoted to informal STEM education, **Supporting Member**, typically vendors and service providers of organization members, and **Corporate Member**, typically vendors and service providers of organization members who also support the annual MLC Conference and are included in the Vendor Directory.

A fourth membership category for organizations committed to help the MLC succeed is available in 2010 only: **Inaugural Member**. Organizations who become Inaugural Members in 2010 will always be listed as such on the website and in 2010 press releases in addition to the many other Organization Member benefits.

To become a member, please send your check payment and the following form to:

Mobile Laboratory Coalition
MdBio Foundation, Inc.
9713 Key West Ave, Suite 100
Rockville, MD 20850

Make check payable to: MdBio Foundation (with "MLC" written in the memo line)

JOIN THE MLC! To join the Mobile Laboratory Coalition, please print and complete both pages of this application with your check payment.

Membership Information | Membership Type | Select One

- Organization Member:** Organization or program devoted to informal STEM education (active or in development)
Annual Dues: \$250
- Supporting Member:** Typically vendors and service providers of organization members
Annual Dues: \$500
- Corporate Member:** Typically vendors and service providers of organization members
Annual Dues: \$4,000

Program/Organization Information

Organization Name: _____

Program Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Web: _____

Number of Program Staff: _____ Operating since (year): _____

Primary Contact Information

Name: _____ Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Web: _____

Organization Members: Attach a program description up to 100 words and three expectations for your MLC membership
Corporate Members: Attach a company summary for the Vendor Directory up to 200 words
Additional Program Staff: Attach a list of additional program staff names, titles, phone numbers & email addresses

The Mobile Laboratory Coalition is an all-volunteer organization. How would YOU like to be involved in the MLC?

For questions about MLC membership please contact Sarah Berke, Ph.D., at sarahberke@ymail.com or 203.687.5120

Membership Survey

What are your reasons for joining the Mobile Laboratory Coalition?

- Professional development for staff
- Access to other programs/members
- Keeping current
- Reduced conference fees
- Information gathering for your own program
- Access to funding opportunities (current or future)

And also... _____

What future programs and/or benefits would you like to be available to members?

- Purchasing program
- Joint funding proposals
- Ongoing professional development
- Local chapters

And also... _____

What type of program(s) is your organization currently offering?

Mobile Laboratory: Bus Trailer Other: _____

Equipment loan(s) to classrooms: With an instructor Without an instructor

Onsite facilities: Tours Laboratory activities Classroom activities Internships/graduate programs

We are service providers: Build mobile units Sell products/services Other: _____

In development - what are you developing? _____

How is/are your program(s) funded?

- Self-funded (via organization)
- Foundation(s)
- Grant(s)
- We charge users for our programs

What kind of grant(s) (optional)? _____

Mobile Laboratory Coalition Digital Library Retainer

The Mobile Laboratory Coalition maintains the Digital Library website for the sole purpose of sharing information between its members. By using the Digital Library website you agree to comply with the bylaws and procedures of the Mobile Laboratory Coalition. The Digital Library website contains confidential and/or copyrighted material. Any information gathered from The Digital Library website may be used for Mobile Laboratory Coalition members and their informal science education programs only. Members/Users shall not disclose, in whole or in part, confidential information obtained from the Digital Library website. Members of the Mobile Laboratory Coalition agree to share any curriculum developed in furtherance of the Coalition's goals. By using the Digital Library website you agree to hold the Mobile Laboratory Coalition harmless for the infringement of any proprietary information shared by another Member.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Payment

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