Greetings from the MOSS Community,

The past many weeks have been challenging in so many ways. Those of us on the U of I McCall Field Campus have grieved for the cancellation of in-person programs this spring: students are unable to participate in the transformational educational experiences we are proud and dedicated to provide on our campus. Yet, through this disturbance and grieving comes new, unexpected opportunities. Although we cannot reach students in person through MOSS programming, we believe it is important now, perhaps more than ever, to provide opportunities for everyone to engage with the natural world and feel like we are a part of the natural systems that connect and provide for all of us.

We are pleased to re-launch the MOSS Adventure Learning webpage this spring. Through Adventure Learning, learners of all ages are invited to explore the natural world around them. We are excited to provide prompts for exploration and healing outside in the environment ("Weekly Outdoor Challenge" & "Ideas for Exploration") updates from the MOSS faculty, staff and graduate students ("Notes from the Field") and showcase some of the impressive science communication projects from our community ("Science Stories"). We hope that MOSS Adventure Learning will help you feel grounded and connected to the world and each other in this time of uncertainty.

Adventure Learning is a true collaboration between our partner organizations, MOSS faculty, staff and graduate students. It has been humbling to pivot our skills and programs to an online platform, but worthwhile; it encourages our greater community to get out and explore the world right outside their front door. Place-based outdoor science education at its very core.

So, we invite you to come observe, explore, investigate and heal with us. The adventure awaits!

Thank you,

The Team at MOSS