

THE ADLER PLANETARIUM HOSTS THIRD ANNUAL *GIRLS DO HACK*

Teza Technologies sponsors STEM event for third consecutive year

Chicago, IL – November 1, 2015 – On Saturday, November 14, the Adler Planetarium will host *Girls Do Hack*, a one-day event dedicated to inspiring and empowering young women to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). *Girls Do Hack* will provide 80 young women, in grades 9-11, from across the city, the opportunity to engage in activities that emphasize skills needed to pursue careers in a variety of STEM fields through hands-on, minds-on experiences and workshops.

Girls Do Hack, created by the Adler's team of educators, scientists and program specialists, brings together community partners and industry leaders to introduce young women to female STEM professionals and help them gain confidence in the skills needed to excel in these fields. There will be a variety of workshops that include exploring renewable sources of energy, exoplanet detection, building robots, game development, and an experiment to determine water quality.

"*Girls Do Hack* utilizes technology and mentorship to inspire young women to explore their academic pursuits and introduce them to the STEM workforce," said Kelly Borden, Adler Planetarium Citizen Science Education Lead.

The presenting sponsor for *Girls Do Hack* for a third year is Teza Technologies LLC. Founded in 2009, Teza is a science and technology driven global quantitative trading business headquartered in Chicago with additional offices in New York, London, and Austin, Texas. Teza CEO, [Misha Malyshev, PH.D.](#), is an active supporter of education initiatives focusing on STEM.



"Women currently make up less than one fourth of the STEM workforce, and early exposure for young women to STEM activities such as *Girls Do Hack* will help to bridge the gap," said Malyshev. "STEM education and programs provide multifaceted benefits – they encourage problem solving, create opportunity through exposure, improve critical thinking skills, and propel the world forward."

For more information about *Girls Do Hack*, please visit: girlsdohack.adlerplanetarium.org

For more information about Teza Technologies, please visit: <http://www.teza.com>

About the Adler:

The Adler Planetarium—America's First Planetarium—is more than a museum; it is a laboratory, a classroom, and a community exploring the Universe together. Each year, nearly 500,000 visitors experience the museum's interactive exhibitions, live planetarium shows, hands-on, minds-on STEM education programs, and world-class collections. Founded in 1930 by Chicago business leader Max Adler, the Adler Planetarium is a recognized leader in public engagement. The museum's scientists, historians, and educators inspire the next generation of explorers and invite you to explore space with us.