

FLORIDA STATE
UNIVERSITY*The COLLEGE of ARTS & SCIENCES*
Office of Science Teaching Activities

Dear Science Teacher,

This summer, Florida State University will again be sponsoring the Saturday-at-the-Sea Summer Day Camp (SATS Camp). This program introduces late middle school and early high school students to experimental marine biology. This program is funded by the Office of Science Teaching Activities at Florida State University. Each camp will include up to 12 students and 2 teacher participants. To be eligible, students must be Florida residents, able to swim and currently enrolled in 7th, 8th, 9th or 10th grade.

As a science teacher, your role is very important to this program. Please nominate up to 5 of your students. We are not only looking for only your best and brightest students, but also those need encouragement to develop their enthusiasm for science. We are looking for a diverse group of students who are inquisitive and enthusiastic about the opportunity to participate in this camp. You are in the best position to judge this so we appreciate your help!

We enclosed five student nomination forms (blue forms) for you to fill out. The green forms must be completed by the student nominee with their parents or guardians. Student/Parent applications (green forms) are due back to you by **Friday, 31 March 2017**. Nominees are asked to write a brief essay explaining why they would like to come to the camp. Final selection will be based on the information you provide and the student's essay.

For a nomination to be considered, the entire application (blue and green forms) must be postmarked, emailed or faxed by **Friday, April 7, 2017**. They must be sent to one of the following:

SATS Camp

1062 King Life Sciences Bldg.-FSU 319 Stadium Drive Tallahassee, FL 32306-4295

FAX 850-644-0643 or email: satscamp@bio.fsu.edu

If you have any questions, please contact us at satscamp@bio.fsu.edu. If you need additional forms, please visit the website: bio.fsu.edu/eeo/camp.html Thank you very much for taking the time to help identify students who would benefit from this amazing opportunity!

Sincerely yours,

Bill Turner

Director of SATS Camps

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Camp Goal: The goal of SATS Camp is providing positive, science-related experiences to encourage Florida students to seek further scientific instruction and scientific careers. We also hope to raise their environmental awareness as they learn more about coastal marine habitats.

- DATES: **June 5 – 9, June 19 – 23, July 3 – July 7, July 10 – 14, and July 17 – 21.**
- ELIGIBILITY: Florida residents that are strong swimmers who are nominated by their current science teacher
- COST: Free!
- DEADLINE: The entire application must be postmarked by Friday April 7, 2017

Camp Details: Campers will spend their time at the FSU Coastal and Marine Lab. They will form research teams to investigate ecological questions. They will also learn about local sea creatures and coastal habitats. Campers will collect and analyze data, discuss and interpret their results, and present their findings to their peers. They will become marine scientists for the week! Never fear, SATS Camp will not be all work and no play! Students may snorkel on Turkey Point shoal, investigate animal behavior, explore salt marshes, observe oyster bars, survey sandy beaches, and take a night boat ride to the local seagrass meadows!

The groups will meet each morning at the FSU campus in Tallahassee. They will travel to and from the Florida State Coastal and Marine Laboratory in a mini bus. Every camp will have one overnight stay at the FSU Coastal & Marine Lab for evening field work. This is usually on Thursday night. For the overnight stay, dinner and breakfast will be provided, but students will need to bring their own lunches for each day (two lunches).

STUDENT NOMINATION FORM (Blue Form)

Saturday-at-the-Sea Summer Camp 2017

Name: _____

Age: _____

Currently enrolled in (circle one): 7th grade, 8th grade, 9th grade, or 10th grade

School: _____

Has this student ever attended Saturday-at-the-Sea?	Yes	No
Has this student ever applied to SATS Camp before?	Yes	No
Has the student participated in their school's science fair?	Yes	No

Please assign a number to students in the categories below. A score of 1 means the student has the least of the characteristic, 5 the most, and 3 in an average score for most students. Our goal is to have camps filled with compatible students who will work well together and we will use these scores to help us select students.

	1	2	3	4	5	Comments
Group Work						
Interest in Science						
Maturity						
Motivation						
Scientific Curiosity						
Critical Thinking						
Diligence						
Self-Control						
Communication						
Detail Oriented						
Observer						
Scholarly						
Outdoorsy						
Disruptive						
Gets Along with Others						
Fun-loving						

I would rank this student, ___ out of the ___ students that I am nominating

Is there anything that we should know to inform our decision about this student?

Please suggest revisions to this form here.

Nominator Information (Blue Form)

Teacher Name: _____
Subject Taught: _____
School: _____
Work Phone: _____
Email: _____

How long have you known this student? _____

Please describe how this student would benefit from the SATS Camp and provide information to help us decide whether this student is accepted. Admission to this camp is very competitive and your input here is extremely valuable to the decision process. Thank you for your valuable time! Please include extra pages if necessary.

Signature _____

Return this form **with student application** (green forms) filled out by student/parent.

Return this form to:

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Dear Parent/Guardian of a SATS Camp Nominee:

Your child has been nominated by their science teacher to participate in the Saturday-at-the-Sea Summer Day Camp (SATS Camp). This camp teaches students about coastal resources and stimulates their interest in marine biology. Camp is always a fun and challenging introduction to this exciting field. These free, week-long day camps are funded by the Office of Science Teaching Activities at Florida State University.

Campers become part of a marine biology research team to study the Gulf Coast ecology at the Florida State University Coastal & Marine Laboratory. During camp week, we will explore marine habitats and conduct scientific studies. On the last day of camp, the students will present their research.

If your child is accepted into SATS camp you will need to provide shorts/bathing suits, old tennis shoes, and a sack lunch each day (dinner and breakfast will be provided for the overnigher). They need to be dropped off at 7:45 am and picked up 5:00 pm at the FSU campus near the King Building. They will travel by bus to and from the FSU Coastal & Marine Laboratory. Students from Wakulla/Franklin Counties may make alternate transportation options. There will be one overnight stay at the marine lab on Thursday night to do evening fieldwork. We will also require that you and your child attend a pre-camp orientation on Saturday, May 20th, from 10:00am - 12:00pm.

To give your child the best chance at being selected to participate, please help her/him to fill out the attached student application. Please make sure that all possible dates for participation are marked and ranked on the application form. On the back of the application form, your child must also write a short essay about why they would like to attend the SATS Camp. Return completed application to your child's teacher as quickly as possible to ensure that the entire application packet can be returned to us on time. **Students must return the student/parent portion of the application to their nominating teacher by Friday, March 31, 2017.**

You will be notified **VIA EMAIL** by Friday, April 28th, if your child is chosen to participate. If accepted, you will receive more details regarding the camp. If you have any questions about SATS Camp please visit our website (bio.fsu.edu/eo/camp.html) or email us at satscamp@bio.fsu.edu. Hopefully, we will be meeting you and your child soon!

Sincerely yours,

Bill Turner

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Student/Parent portion of application are due to teacher by Friday 31March 2017

For Parent To Complete

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Best Contact Email: _____

***DO YOU CHECK YOUR EMAIL REGULARLY? Yes() No()

Should my child be selected to participate in one of the Saturday-at-the-Sea Summer Camps (please initial):

_____ I am aware **I AND MY CHILD** must attend an important pre-camp orientation on Saturday, May 20th from 10:00am-12:00pm.

_____ I understand that my child will be committing to attend all days of camp.

_____ I am aware that my child will be snorkeling from a pontoon boat during the camp.

_____ My child can swim.

_____ I understand that this camp is FREE of charge to my child, so I will support them so that they get the most out of this opportunity!

_____ I will be responsible for getting my child to FSU Campus meeting site* in the morning and being at the pickup location by times listed. Students from Wakulla County or Franklin County may make alternate transportation plans for convince.

DROPOFF SCHEDULE: Monday-Thursday: 7:45 am

PICKUP SCHEDULE: Monday-Wednesday: 5:00 pm

PRESENTATION: Friday 5:15 – 6:15 pm

_____ I understand that I will need to provide my child's lunches during their camp week.

_____ I understand that my child will spend a night at the FSU Coastal & Marine Lab supervised by SATS camp staff.

_____ I am NOT aware of anything (medical, emotional, physical) that would prevent my child from attending this camp. Please list any medical condition about which we should know:

_____ I will attend the camp group presentation starting at 5:15 pm on the last day of the camp week.

_____ I will provide my child with sun-protective clothing and lots of water each day!

_____ I understand that we will be notified of camp status **VIA EMAIL** by Friday, April 28th. I will be checking my email regularly during this time.

Parent's signature: _____

Date: _____

Student/Parent portion of application are due to teacher by Friday 31 March 2017

STUDENT APPLICATION

Saturday-at-the-Sea Summer Camp 2017

Student Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____

My Email: _____

My Parent's Email: _____

My School: _____

Gender: _____

I have attended SATS before. If so, when? _____

Do you know anyone who has attended SATS Camp before? If so, who?

In Fall 2017, I will be going into the (circle one): 8th grade, 9th grade, 10th grade, or 11th grade.

Camp selection: (the more camps you check, the better chance of getting in!)

Camp	Date	I can attend this camp!	My preference rank
1	June 5 - 9		
2	June 19 - 23		
3	July 3 - 7		
4	July 10 - 14		
5	July 17 - 21		

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Should I be selected to participate in one of the Saturday-at-the-Sea Summer Camps (please initial):

_____ I am aware that both I and my parent or guardian must attend an important pre-camp orientation on Saturday, May 20th, 2017, from 10:00am-12:00pm.

_____ I am aware that we will be snorkeling during the camp (read: I can swim)

_____ I am aware that, in addition to doing work outside, I will spend many hours inside, doing lab work

_____ I am aware that I will be required to do journaling during camp.

_____ I am aware that I will be required to work hard at this camp (but I will also have fun!)

_____ I am aware that this camp is offered free of charge. I will make the most of my time there!

What do you like most about science?

What other summer camps have you attended in the last four years?

In the space below, please describe why you would like to participate in the Saturday-at-the-Sea Camp. What makes you a good candidate for this camp?

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