

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

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 overnighter). 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://bio.fsu.edu/eo/camp.html)) or email us at [satscamp@bio.fsu.edu](mailto:satscamp@bio.fsu.edu). Hopefully, we will be meeting you and your child soon!

Sincerely yours,

Bill Turner

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•ENTIRE APPLICATION PACKET MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FRIDAY APRIL 7, 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:

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\_\_\_\_\_ 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 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 31March 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?

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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		

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

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?

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

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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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