Dear Science Teacher:

This summer Florida State University will again be sponsoring the Saturday-at-the-Sea Summer Day Camp (SATS Camp), a program that introduces late middle school & early high school students to experimental marine ecology. The program is funded by the Office of Science Teaching Activities at Florida State University. Each session will include 12 students and 2 teacher participants. SATS Camp accepts students currently enrolled in 7th, 8th & 9th grade living in Florida.

2012 CAMP DETAILS:

Dates:

This year we will be hosting three, free-of-charge week-long day camps on

June 18-June 22, July 16-20 & July 30-August 03

and two, free-of-charge three day-long day camps on


Cost: No charge to students currently enrolled in 7th, 8th & 9th grade living in Florida. This allows any student who expresses a desire to learn more about the marine environment & is nominated by their science teacher a chance to participate.

Application Deadline: Entire Application due Friday 30 March 2012.

Eligibility: To be eligible, students must be nominated by their current science teacher (YOU!)

Camp Goals: The goal of the SATS Camp Program is to provide positive, science-related experiences for Florida Students. We hope that the SATS Camp experience will encourage these students to choose further instruction and eventually careers in sciences, as well as raise their environmental consciousness as they learn more about their coastal marine resources.

Camp Details: Camp participants will spend their time at the FSU Coastal & Marine lab. They will be forming research teams & investigating ecological questions, as well as learning more about the local habitats and how they fit in. Students will be collecting & analyzing data, discussing & interpreting their results, and presenting their findings to their peers. In short, they will become marine scientists for the week! Never fear, though, SATS Camp will not be all work and no play! Students will be snorkeling on Turkey Point shoal, doing animal behavior investigations, making trips to salt marshes, oyster bars and...
sandy beaches, as well as going on a night boat ride to the local seagrass meadows! The groups will meet each morning at the FSU campus in Tallahassee, and travel to and from the Florida State Marine Lab in FSU buses. Every Camp will have one overnight stay at the marine lab to do evening field work (Thursday night of the camp). For the overnight stay, dinner and breakfast will be provided. Students will need to bring their own bag lunches each day.

Nomination Information

As a science teacher, you play a very important role in this program. Please nominate up to five of your students who are currently enrolled in either the 7th, 8th, or 9th grade. We are not necessarily looking for your best & brightest students, but instead, those who, with a little of the right kind of encouragement will develop an enthusiasm for science. We are looking for a diverse group of students who are inquisitive & enthusiastic about the opportunity to participate in this camp. You are in the best position to judge this, and we appreciate your help!!

Enclosed are five student nomination forms (blue forms) for you to fill out. The green forms are to be completed by the student nominee and their parents/guardians. Student applications (green forms) are due back to you by Wednesday, March 30. Nominees are asked to write a brief essay explaining why they would like to come to the camp. Final selection will be based upon your nomination and the student's essay.

*** For a nomination to be considered, the entire application (blue and green forms) must be returned by you, postmarked (or scanned & emailed or faxed) by Friday 30 March, 2012 (use enclosed envelope or mailing address below). ***

If you have any questions, please contact me at bshop@bio.fsu.edu or 644-1113. Thank you very much for your help!

Sincerely yours,

Barbara M. Shoplock
Director, Saturday-at-the-Sea Programs

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OR
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ENTIRE APPLICATION PACKET MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FRIDAY 30 MARCH 2012

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NOMINATION FORM
Saturday-at-the-Sea Summer Camp 2012

Student Information
Name: ____________________________________________________________

Age: _______ Currently enrolled in:  7th grade ( )  8th grade ( )  9th grade ( )

School: _________________________________________________________

Has this student ever attended Saturday-at-the-Sea? Yes____ No____

Please indicate with an "X" along the continuum how you feel this student compares to an “average” student in these qualities:

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I would rank this student _______ out of the _______ students that I am nominating as most in need of this program.

Nominator Information:
Teacher Name: ________________________________
Subject Taught: ________________________________
School: _________________________________________
Work Phone: _______________ email: ____________________________

PLEASE TURN OVER AND COMPLETE OTHER SIDE OF NOMINATION!!!!! →

ENTIRE APPLICATION PACKET MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FRIDAY 30 MARCH 2012
For teacher to fill out

* How long have you know this student __________________________________________

* Please describe how this student could benefit from the SATS Camp & provide any information that will help us make decisions concerning this student’s acceptance. This is a very competitive camp & your input here is EXTREMELY valuable in deciding who gets in. Thank you for your valuable time! (include additional pages if necessary)

Signature__________________________________________

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

By mail in the enclosed envelope to:
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OR
Scan & Email bshop@bio.fsu.edu

ENTIRE APPLICATION PACKET MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FRIDAY 30 MARCH 2012
Dear Parent/Guardian of a SATS Camp Nominee:

Your child has been nominated by her/his science teacher to participate in the Saturday-at-the-Sea Summer Day Camp (SATS Camp). These free, 3 day to week-long day camps are funded by the Office of Science Teaching Activities at Florida State University. SATS Camp is designed to educate students about coastal resources and stimulate their interest in environmental science. The camp is always a fun and challenging introduction to this exciting field.

If accepted to SATS Camp, your child will be part of an environmental research team that will study the ecology of the Florida coast surrounding the Florida State University Marine Laboratory. During the week, we will explore marine habitats and conduct scientific studies. On the last day of the camp the students will make presentations about their week.

If your child is accepted into one of the camps you will need to provide your child with shorts/bathing suits, old tennis shoes, a sack lunch each day (dinner and breakfast will be provided for the overnighter), and a ride to and from the FSU campus each day (drop off 7:45 a.m. and pick -up 4:45 p.m). The day-camp groups will meet each morning at the FSU campus in Tallahassee, and travel by bus to and from the FSU Marine Laboratory (students from Wakulla/Franklin Counties will have alternate transportation options). There will be one overnight stay (Thursday) at the marine lab to do evening fieldwork. We will also require that you and your child attend a pre-camp orientation on Sunday 20 May 2012 from 12:00-2:00pm.

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 front page of the application form. They must also write a short essay about why they would like to attend the SATS Camp (on the back page of the application). 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 their applications to their nominating teachers by Wednesday 14 March 2012).

We will notify you Monday 23 April should your child be chosen to participate. If chosen, you will receive a packet at the orientation which will contain more detailed instructions regarding the camp. If you have any questions about the SATS Camp that this letter or your child's teacher cannot answer, please do not hesitate to email me at bshop@bio.fsu.edu or call 644-1113. Hopefully, we will be meeting you and your child soon!

Sincerely yours,

Barbara M. Shoplock
Director, Saturday at the Sea Programs

Student applications are due to their teacher by Wednesday 14 March 2012
Parent/Guardian Name: _____________________________________________

Student Name: ________________________________________________

Daytime Phone: ____________________  Your Email: ____________________________

Should my child be selected to participate in one of the Saturday-at-the-Sea Summer Camps,

___ I am aware both I AND my child must attend an important pre-camp orientation on **Sunday 20 May 2012 from 12:00-2:00pm**

___ I understand that my child will be committing to attend **all days** of camp activities

___ I am aware that my child will be snorkeling from a pontoon boat during the camp (read: my child can swim)

___ I understand that this camp is being offered **FREE** of charge to my child. I will do what I can to support their getting the most out of this opportunity!

___ I understand that I will be responsible for getting my child to FSU Campus meeting site* in the morning & being at the pickup location by times listed. (*students from Wakulla/Franklin Counties will have alternate transportation options)

**FULL WEEK CAMP:**
DROP_OFF SCHEDULE: Monday-Thursday: 7:45am
PICKUP SCHEDULE:   Monday-Wednesday: 4:45pm ,
                    Friday: presentation will be at 4:45pm. Student will leave with you following presentation (~5:45).

**3 DAY CAMP:**
DROP_OFF SCHEDULE: Wednesday-Thursday: 7:45am
PICKUP SCHEDULE:   Wednesday & Friday: 4:45pm ,

___ I understand that I will need to provide my child’s lunches during her/his camp week.

___ I understand that my child will be spending Thursday night at the FSU Marine Lab under the supervision of SATS camp staff

___ I am NOT aware of anything (medical, emotional, physical) that would prevent my child from attending this camp
   Please list anything we should know about ____________________________________________________________

___ I am aware that the camp will be doing a group presentation on the Friday of the camp week. Presentation will start at 4:45pm. I will try to be there!

___ I understand that this will be a field intensive camp for my child! Though not all of it will be spent outdoors, my child will be in the hot Florida environment for much of the day. I will provide my child with sun-smart clothing & lots of water each day!

___ I understand that we will be notified by the Monday 23 April 2012 if my child is selected for a camp.

__________________________________________________________________________

Parent's signature  Date

Student applications are due to their teacher by Wednesday 14 March 2012
STUDENT APPLICATION
Saturday-at-the-Sea Summer Camp 2012

Student Information (please be complete):

Student Name: ____________________________ ____________________________________
Last                                                          First                                                          Middle
Address: ________________________________________________________________
Street                                                                 Apt.
City                                                                 County                                                                 Zip
Home Phone: ____________________________ Birth Date ____________________________
Month                   Day                   Year
My email: ________________________________ My parent’s email: ________________________________

Sex: M ( )  F ( )

___ I have attended SATS before. If so, when ___________________

In Fall 2012, I will be going into:  8th grade ( )  9th grade ( )  10th grade ( )

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

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Student applications are due to your teacher by Wednesday 14 March 2012
___ 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!

**Students:**

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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