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 **five 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:**

- **DROPOFF 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:**

- **DROPOFF 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

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STUDENT APPLICATION
Saturday-at-the-Sea Summer Camp 2012

Student Information (please be complete):

Student Name: ____________________________

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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___ 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?