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 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/eeo/camp.html) or email us at satscamp@bio.fsu.edu. Hopefully, we will be meeting you and your child soon!

Sincerely yours,

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• Entire Application Packet Must Be Postmarked by Friday April 7, 2017
Student/Parent portion of application are due to teacher by Friday 31 March 2017