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
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TO BE VALID THE ENTIRE APPLICATION PACKET MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FRIDAY, April 7.

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).