



Dear Science Teacher,

This summer, Florida State University will be sponsoring Saturday-at-the-Sea Summer Day Camps (SATS Camp). This program introduces late middle school and early high school students to experimental marine biology. These camps are 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 6th, 7th or 8th grade.

As a science teacher, your role is very important to this program. Please nominate five of your students. We are not just 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 SATS Camp. You are in the judge of this so we appreciate your help!

You need to fill out a student nomination form for each student. Additionally each camp nominee needs a Student/Parent Application that should be completed by the student nominee with their parents or guardians. These forms are due back to you by **Friday, 23 March 2018**. 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 must be postmarked, emailed or faxed by **Friday, 30 March, 2018**. Our preference is email. 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/eo/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
Director of SATS Camps
1062 King Life Sciences Building
319 Stadium Drive
Tallahassee, FL
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TO BE VALID THE ENTIRE APPLICATION PACKET MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2018.

Camp Goals: Saturday-at-the-Sea Camp provides 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 11 – 15, June 25 – 29, July 9 – July 13, July 16 – 20, and July 23– 27**
- ELIGIBILITY:
 - Florida residents
 - Enrolled in the 6th, 7th, or 8th Grade
 - Nominated by their current science teacher
 - Strong swimmers
- COST: Free
- DEADLINE: The entire application must be postmarked by Friday March 30, 2018

Camp Details: Campers will spend their time at the Florida State University Coastal and Marine Lab (FSUCML). They will form research teams to investigate ecological questions. They will also learn about local sea creatures and coastal habitats. Campers will collect data, 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 can 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!

Campers will meet at the FSU campus in Tallahassee on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. They will commute to the Florida State Coastal and Marine Laboratory in a mini bus. Every camp will have one overnight stay at the FSUCML for evening field work, usually on Thursday night. For the overnight stay, dinner and breakfast will be provided, but students will need to bring their own lunches.

STUDENT NOMINATION FORM

Saturday-at-the-Sea Summer Camp 2018

Name: _____

Age: _____

Currently enrolled in (circle one): 6th grade, 7th grade, or 8th grade

School: _____

Has this student ever attended one-day Saturday-at-the-Sea program?	Yes	No
Has this student ever applied to or participated in SATS Camp before?	Yes	No
Has the student participated in their school's science fair?	Yes	No

Please assign a number to students in the categories below. A score of 1 means the student has the least of the characteristic, 5 the most, and 3 in an average score for most students. Our goal is to have camps filled with compatible students who will work well together and we will use these scores to help us select students.

	1	2	3	4	5	Comments
Group Work						
Interest in Science						
Maturity						
Motivation						
Scientific Curiosity						
Critical Thinking						
Diligence						
Self-Control						
Communication						
Detail-Oriented						
Observer						
Scholarly						
Outdoorsy						
Disruptive						
Gets Along with Others						
Fun-loving						

I would rank this student ___ out of the five students that I am nominating.

Is there anything that we should know to inform our decision about this student?

Please suggest revisions to this form here.

