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. This program is funded by the Office of Science Teaching Activities at Florida State University. Each camp will include 12 students and 2 teacher participants. To be eligible, students must be a Florida resident, able to swim and currently enrolled in 7th, 8th, 9th or 10th grade.

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, 9th or 10th grade. We are not necessarily looking for your best and 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 and enthusiastic about the opportunity to participate in this camp. You are in the best position to judge this so we appreciate your help!

Enclosed are five student nomination forms (blue forms) for you to fill out. The green forms must be completed by the student nominee with their parents/guardians. Student/Parent applications (green forms) are due back to you by Wednesday, 16 March 2016. 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 postmarked (or emailed or faxed) by Friday 1 April 2016

SATS Camp
1062 King Life Sciences Bldg.-FSU 319 Stadium Drive
Tallahassee, Fl 32306-4295 OR
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 that would benefit from this amazing opportunity!

Sincerely yours,
TO BE VALID THE ENTIRE APPLICATION PACKET MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FRIDAY 1 APRIL 2016

2016 CAMP DETAILS:

Camp Goal: The goal of SATS Camp is providing positive, science-related experiences to encourage Florida students to seek further scientific instruction and ultimately a scientific career. We also hope to raise their environmental consciousness as they learn more about coastal marine habitats.

Camps will be held on the following dates:
- Camp 1 June 13-17
- Camp 2 June 20-24
- Camp 3 June 27-July 1
- Camp 4 July 11-15
- Camp 5 July 18 – 22
- Camp 6 July 25 – 29

Eligibility: Students must be Florida residents, nominated by their current science teacher and able to swim.

Cost: The camp is free, but limited to eligible students.

Application Deadline: Entire application must be postmarked by Friday 1 April 2016.

Camp Details: Camper will spend their time at the FSU Coastal and Marine Lab. They will form research teams to investigate ecological questions. They will also learn more about local sea creatures and coastal habitats. Students 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, though, SATS Camp will not be all work and no play! Students will 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 SATS buses. Every camp will have one overnight stay at the marine lab 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 each day.
NOMINATION FORM  
Saturday-at-the-Sea Summer Camp 2016

Student Information
Name: ________________________________

Age: _______ Currently enrolled in:  7th grade ( )  8th grade ( )  9th grade ( ) 10th grade ( )

School: ________________________________

Has this student ever attended Saturday-at-the-Sea?    Yes______  No_____

Has this student ever applied to SATS Camp before?    Yes______  No_____

Has the student participated in their school’s Science Fair?    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: ________________________________
For teacher to fill out (page 2 of 2)

* How long have you known this student ________________________________

* Please describe how this student could benefit from the SATS Camp and provide information to help us decide whether this student is accepted. Admission to this camp is very competitive and your input here is extremely valuable to the decision process. Thank you for your valuable time! Please include extra pages if necessary.

Signature________________________________________

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

Return to:
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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). This camp teaches students about coastal resources and stimulates their interest in environmental science. 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 an environmental research team that will study the ecology of the Florida coastal area near the Florida State University Marine Laboratory. During the week, we will explore marine habitats and conduct scientific studies. On the last day of camp, the students give presentations about their week.

If your child is accepted into SATS camp you will need to provide your child with 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 Marine Laboratory (students from Wakulla/Franklin Counties will have 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 21 May 2016 from 11:00am-1:00pm.

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 Wednesday 16 March 2016.

You will be notified **VIA EMAIL** by Friday 29 April 2016 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,

Bill Turner  
Director, Sea-to-See
Parent/Guardian Name: ____________________________________________________________

Student Name: ___________________________________ Daytime Phone: _____________________

Best contact Email: __________________________________________________________________

***DO YOU CHECK YOUR EMAIL REGULARLY? ____________

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

___ I am aware both I AND my child must attend an important pre-camp orientation on **Saturday 21 May 2016 from 11:00am-1:00pm.**

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

___ I am aware that my child will be snorkeling from a pontoon boat during the camp and 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 and being at the pickup location by times listed. (*students from Wakulla/Franklin Counties will have alternate transportation options)

    DROP OFF SCHEDULE: Monday-Thursday: 7:45am  
    PICKUP SCHEDULE: Monday-Wednesday: 5:00pm,  
                      Friday: presentation will be at 5:15pm. Student will leave with you following presentation ~6:15

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

___ I understand that my child will spend 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 any medical condition about which we should know ________________________________

___ I am aware that the camp will be doing a group presentation @ 5:15pm on the last day of the camp week. 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-protective clothing and lots of water each day!

___ I understand that we will be notified of camp status VIA EMAIL by Friday 29 April 2016. I will be checking my email regularly during this time.

_________________________________________________________________________  
Parent's signature                                     Date

Student/Parent portion of application are due to teacher by Wednesday 16 March 2016
STUDENT APPLICATION
Saturday-at-the-Sea Summer Camp 2016

Student Information (please be complete!):

Student Name: ____________________________________________
         Last         First         Middle

Mailing Address: ____________________________________________
                  Street         Apt.
                  City          County         Zip

Home Phone: ____________________________ Birth Date ____________________________
            ___________________ Month      Day      Year

My email: ____________________________________________ My parent’s email: ____________________________

My School: ____________________________________________ Sex: M ( ) F ( )

___ I have attended SATS before. If so, when? ____________________________

___ Do you know anyone who has attended SATS Camp before. If so, who? ____________________________

In Fall 2015, I will be going into: 8th grade ( ) 9th grade ( ) 10th grade ( ) 11th 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?