



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)**. 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. These free, week-long day camps are funded by the Office of Science Teaching Activities at Florida State University.

SATS Camp students become 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 & conduct scientific studies. On the last day of 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 am, pick -up 5:00 pm). 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 at the marine lab to do evening fieldwork. We will also require that you and your child attend a pre-camp orientation on **Saturday 10 May 2014 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***. 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 the student/parent portion of the application to their nominating teacher by **Wednesday 12 March 2014**).

We will notify you VIA EMAIL by Wednesday 23 April 2014 should your child be chosen to participate. If chosen, you will receive more details regarding the camp. If you have any questions about the SATS Camp that this letter or your child's teacher cannot answer, please visit our website (<http://bio.fsu.edu/eo/camp.html>) or email me at satscamp@bio.fsu.edu. Hopefully, we will be meeting you and your child soon!

Sincerely yours,

Barbara M. Shoplock
Director, Saturday-at-the-Sea Programs

Bill Turner
Director, Sea-to-See

Student/Parent portion of application are due to teacher by Wednesday 12 March 2014

For parent to fill out

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Student Name: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Your 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 10 May 2014 from 11:00-1:00pm**.

___ 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 (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)

Camps 1,2,3 & 5:

DROPOFF 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

Camp 4 (6/30-7/03):

DROPOFF SCHEDULE: Monday & Tuesday: 7:45am

PICKUP SCHEDULE: Monday: 5:00pm ,

Thursday: 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 be spending a night at the FSU Marine Lab under the supervision of SATS camp staff
(For Camps 1,2,3 & 5: the overnight is Thursday night, Camp 4 has overnights on Tuesday & Wednesday nights)

___ 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 @ 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-smart clothing & lots of water each day!

___ I understand that we will be notified VIA EMAIL by Wednesday 23 April 2014 if my child is selected for a camp.

Parent's signature

Date

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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?