



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 is designed to educate students about coastal resources and stimulate their interest in environmental science. The camp is a fun and challenging introduction to the exciting field of marine biology. These no-cost, week-long day camps are funded by the Office of Science Teaching Activities at Florida State University (FSU).

Campers become part of an environmental research team that will study the ecology of the Florida coast surrounding the Florida State University Coastal and Marine Laboratory (FSUCML). During camp, we will explore local marine habitats and conduct scientific studies. On the last day of camp, the students will give 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 lunch each day. You must drop them off at the FSU campus meeting site by 7:45 am and pick them up at the same site no later than 5:00 pm. Campers will travel by bus to and from the FSUCML. Students from Wakulla/Franklin Counties will have alternate transportation options. There will be one overnight stay at the marine lab to do evening field work, usually on Thursday. Dinner and breakfast will be provided for the overnighter. We 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 them to fill out the attached student application. **It is important that you indicate all possible dates for participation and rank them by your preference on the application form.** Prospective campers must submit a short essay about why they would like to attend the SATS Camp with this application. You must return the completed application to your child's science 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. Late applications will not be considered.**

We will notify you **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 the SATS Camp please visit our website ([bio.fsu.edu/eo/camp.html](http://bio.fsu.edu/eo/camp.html)) or email us at [satscamp@bio.fsu.edu](mailto: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 Programs

**Student/Parent portion of application are due to teacher by Wednesday 16 March 2016**

# For parent to complete

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

I understand that my child will be committing to attend **every day** of camp.

I am aware that my child will be snorkeling from a pontoon boat during the camp and 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 the Florida State University (FSU) Campus meeting site by 7:45 am and will pick up my child at the same site by 5:00 pm Monday through Wednesday. Students from Wakulla/Franklin Counties will have alternate transportation options.

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|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| DROPOFF SCHEDULE: | Monday-Thursday        | 7:45am            |
| PICKUP SCHEDULE:  | Monday-Wednesday       | 5:00pm            |
| FRIDAY:           | Presentation FSU Camps | 5:15 pm – 6:15 pm |

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

I understand that my child will spend a 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 anything we should know about \_\_\_\_\_

I am aware campers will be presenting at 5:15pm on the last day of the camp week (usually Friday) and will try to be there!  
Your camper will leave with you following presentation ~6:15 pm.

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 **by email** no later than 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 2016, I will be going into the (circle one): 8<sup>th</sup> grade    9<sup>th</sup> grade    10<sup>th</sup> grade    11<sup>th</sup> grade

Select camps that you could attend and rank them in order of your preference.

| Camp | Date             | I can attend this camp! | My preference rank |
|------|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1    | June 13 - 17     |                         |                    |
| 2    | June 20 - 24     |                         |                    |
| 3    | June 27 – July 1 |                         |                    |
| 4    | July 11 - 15     |                         |                    |
| 5    | July 18 - 22     |                         |                    |
| 6    | July 25 - 29     |                         |                    |

If I am selected to participate in one of the Saturday-at-the-Sea Summer Camps (please initial):

\_\_\_ I am aware that both I AND my parent must attend an important pre-camp orientation on  
**Sunday 22 May 2016 from 11:00-1:00 pm.**

\_\_\_ I am aware that we will be snorkeling during the camp and 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 journal 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, so I will make the most of my time there!

**Student Essays:**

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?