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The COLLEGE of ARTS & SCIENCES
Office of Science Teaching Activities



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.

The program is funded by the **Office of Science Teaching Activities** at Florida State University. Each session will include 12 students and 2 teacher participants. SATS Camp 2014 will accept students who live in Florida and are currently enrolled in 7th, 8th, 9th & 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 & 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 & enthusiastic about the opportunity to participate in this camp. You are in the best position to judge this, and we appreciate your help!!!

Enclosed are five student nomination forms (**blue forms**) for you to fill out. The **green forms** are to be completed by the student nominee and their parents /guardians. Student/Parent applications (green forms) are due back to you by Wednesday, 12 March 2014. 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 returned by you (the teacher) postmarked (or scanned & emailed or faxed) by

Wednesday 26 March 2014

(use enclosed envelope or mailing address on backside of this page). ***

If you have any questions, please contact me at satscamp@bio.fsu.edu. If you need additional forms, please visit the website: <http://bio.fsu.edu/eo/camp.html> Thank you very much for taking the time to help identify students that would benefit from this amazing opportunity!

Sincerely yours,

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2014 SATS CAMP DETAILS:

Dates: This year we will be hosting five, free-of-charge week-long day camps:

June 09-13, June 16-20, June 23-27, June 30-July 03*, July 07-11

Cost: No charge to students currently enrolled in 7th, 8th, 9th & 10th grade living in Florida. This allows any student who expresses a desire to learn more about the marine environment & is nominated by their science teacher a chance to participate.

Application Deadline: Entire application must be postmarked by teacher by Wednesday 26 March 2014.

Eligibility: To be eligible, students must be nominated by their current science teacher.

Camp Details: Camp participants will spend their time at the FSU Coastal & Marine lab. They will be forming research teams & investigating ecological questions, as well as learning more about the local habitats and how they fit in. Students will be collecting & analyzing data, discussing & interpreting their results, and presenting their findings to their peers. In short, they will become marine scientists for the week! Never fear, though, SATS Camp will not be all work and no play! Students will be snorkeling on Turkey Point shoal, doing animal behavior investigations, making trips to salt marshes, oyster bars and sandy beaches, as well as going on a night boat ride to the local seagrass meadows!

The groups will meet each morning at the FSU campus in Tallahassee, and travel to and from the Florida State Marine Lab in FSU buses. Every Camp will have one overnight stay at the marine lab to do evening field work. For the overnight stay, dinner and breakfast will be provided. Students will need to bring their own bag lunches each day.

* this 4 day camp will have overnights on both Tuesday 01 July & Wednesday 02 July.

Camp Goals: The goal of the SATS Camp Program is to provide positive, science-related experiences for Florida Students. We hope that the SATS Camp experience will encourage these students to choose further instruction and eventually careers in sciences, as well as raise their environmental consciousness as they learn more about their coastal marine resources.

