



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 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> 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 **7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> 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 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**

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Sincerely yours,

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## **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:**

- Camp1 June 13-17
- Camp2 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.