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The COLLEGE of ARTS & SCIENCES
Office of Science Teaching Activities



For the parent/guardian of nominee

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 overnigher), 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,

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Director, Saturday-at-the-Sea Programs

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Director, Sea-to-See

Student applications are due to their teacher by Wednesday 12 March 2014

