

# Savannah State University's Coast Camp



## Parent & Participant Handbook

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Camp Coordinator: Rachael Buskirk

# Hello!

Thank you so much for your interest in Coast Camp, a marine science camp offered by Savannah State University. We have prepared an exciting schedule of activities to provide campers with an environment to enjoy educational activities that help encourage ocean literacy; an understanding of the ocean's influence on them and their influence on the ocean. All of the activities they will experience will focus on one of the seven ocean literacy principles:

1. The Earth has one big ocean with many features.
2. The ocean and life in the ocean shape the features of the Earth.
3. The ocean is a major influence on weather and climate.
4. The ocean makes Earth habitable.
5. The ocean supports a great diversity of life and ecosystems.
6. The ocean and humans are inextricably interconnected.
7. The ocean is largely unexplored.

We are happy to provide this experience at no cost to you. Coast Camp is held the four full weeks of June annually on our beautiful marsh front campus. This handbook outlines our camp structure; which is designed to keep the campers healthy and happy throughout the course of the day. Please read this handbook and retain it for your reference. The information that follows will help you and your camper know what to expect from our program. In addition, your understanding and adherence to key parental responsibilities will assist us in our commitment to provide a fulfilling camp experience to each camper. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please email me at [buskirkr@savannahstate.edu](mailto:buskirkr@savannahstate.edu).

Thank you for your support and assistance. We look forward to serving your family this summer!

Rachael Buskirk

SSU Coast Camp Coordinator



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## BASIC INFORMATION:

### Camp Location

Savannah State University  
3219 College St.  
Savannah, GA

### Camp Central Office

Marine Bio 101 – 8am to noon

### Mailing Address

Savannah State University  
Coast Camp  
Box 20467  
Savannah, GA 31404



### Camp Hours

7:30 – 8:00 a.m. Check-in & Drop-off  
8:00 – 12:00 Scheduled Activities  
12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Check-out & Pick-up

### How to Contact Us

Text @coastcam to the number 81010 to join Remind

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**\*IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY AND YOU NEED TO CONTACT YOUR CHILD, PLEASE CALL THE PHONE NUMBERS LISTED ABOVE. CAMP STAFF WILL BE CONTACTED IMMEDIATELY AND WILL RESPOND APPROPRIATELY. \***

## **REGISTRATION POLICIES:**

### **Who is Eligible for Coast Camp?**

Coast Camp is open to any child, ages 7 to 18 years old. Participants must be no younger than 7 and no older than 18 on the first day they attend camp.

### **Forms**

Campers and their families will receive an acceptance packet with forms to complete registration by May 10<sup>th</sup>. This includes an enrollment confirmation, media waiver form, assumption of risk form and a behavior contract. A sample of each form can be found in Appendix 1 of this handbook. Completion of these forms is required for camp attendance.

### **Cancellation**

If your child will be unable to attend Coast Camp after having already confirmed acceptance, please be courteous and contact us ASAP so we may offer the empty seat to a child on our waiting list.

### **Absenteeism**

If your child misses the first day of camp, they will forfeit their seat for the current camp session. In addition, 3 or more absences will result in your child being removed from the camp roster for the rest of the camp session. We will accept medical excuses in writing (i.e. handwritten note or email).

### **Waiting List**

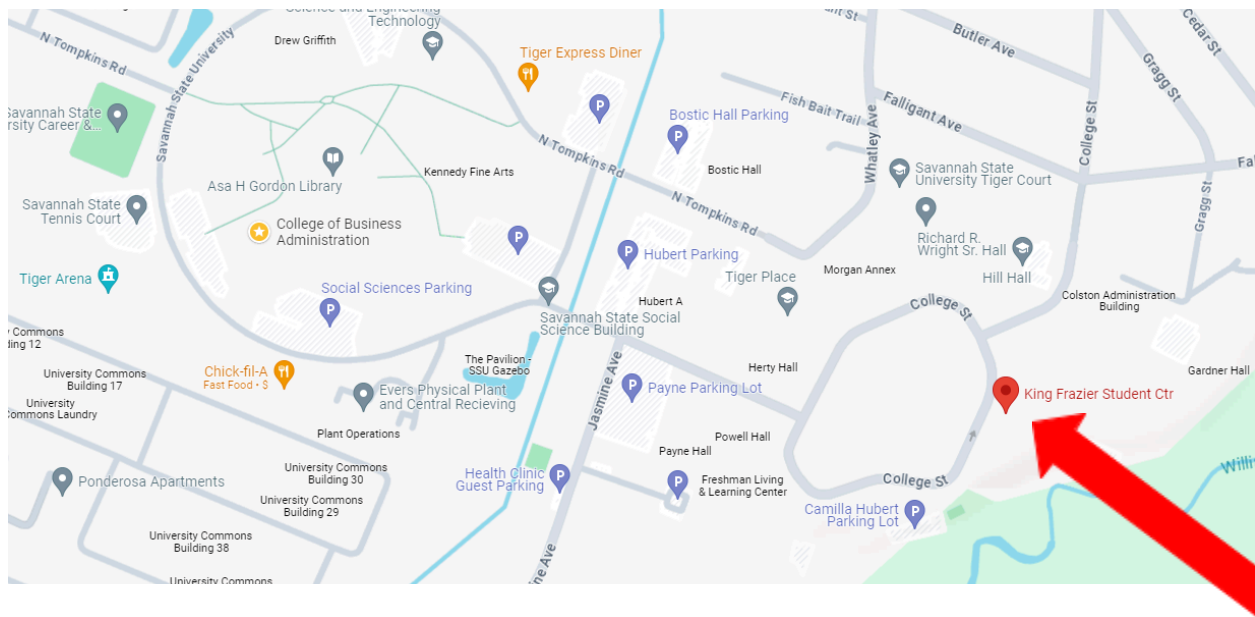
A waiting list will be retained for the session on a first-come, first-served basis. Reasons for being placed on the waiting list may include: incomplete forms, application received after the deadline, or the application received prior to the deadline but all seats in the camp are full. The Camp Coordinator will notify the parent/guardian if a space becomes available. Acceptance must be made within 24 hours of notification. After the 24 hour period, if no response is received by camp staff, the space will be offered to the next individual on the waiting list.

## CAMP INFORMATION:

***ALL participants under the age of 18 must be signed in and out daily by the authorized individual(s) listed on the camp registration form.***

### **Check-In & Drop-off is 7:30-8:00 a.m.**

Check-in and drop-off time is between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. in at **King Frazier Student Center** on Alexis Circle on SSU Campus (refer to map below). If your child is under the age of 18, you **MUST** sign them in/out. Participants should be dropped-off no earlier than 7:30 and no later than 8:00 a.m. **Camp officially begins at 8:00**, at which point the group is disbanded into their classes. To prevent confusion and missing out on all the fun, all campers should arrive by this time. Campers arriving **after** 8am should report to the camp office to be escorted to their camp area by camp staff.



### **Check-out & Pick-Up is 12:00-12:30 p.m.**

Camp ends at 12:00 noon and authorized individuals should pick up their campers between 12:00 and 12:30 p.m. If your child is under the age of 18, they **MUST** be signed-out by the adult authorized for pick-up. Individuals not listed on the camp registration form will be **denied** permission to remove a camper from the facility and the parent/guardian will be contacted. **Authorized individuals must be able to provide proper photo ID to staff members.** It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to list approved individuals. Individuals **LEGALLY** not authorized to pick up campers will be reported to campus security should they come to sign-out a camper. Camp staff will not engage with them. **Changes and additions to this list must be made in writing.**

Any camper not picked-up by 1pm will be taken to the Camp Central Office, Marine Biology, 101. Please contact camp staff if a late pick-up is unavoidable. If no one



contacts us by 1:00 p.m, emergency contacts listed on the camp registration form will be called to pick up the child from camp.

### **Changes in Arrival & Departure Times**

In special circumstances a camper may need to be dropped off later than the 8:00 a.m. start time or to be picked up before the end of the camp at 12:00 p.m. Please make these arrangements **in advance and in writing** whenever possible to facilitate this process. Consistent tardiness in being dropped-off and/or picked-up from camp will result in the participant being dismissed from the camp.

### **What to Wear?**

T-shirts or old play shirts and shorts or cotton pants/jeans are the best choices for campers. Our program does contain many outdoor components such as walking in the marsh so there is a high probability that your child **may get dirty!**

Socks and sneakers are the best choice for footwear. Camp programming does include outdoor play and other vigorous activities. Socks and sneakers greatly reduce the risk of injury. **No flip-flops or backless shoes** (field trip to Tybee is the only exception)! SSU is not responsible for damaged or lost clothing.

### **What to Bring?**

- Coast Camp Backpack
- Water bottle
- Snack (optional)
- Lunch (optional)
- Clean pair of socks
- Coast Camp t-shirt on field trip days

Your child will receive a Coast Camp backpack with camp materials and a t-shirt. They should bring their backpack every day. Please check the backpack/folder each day for camp announcements. The t-shirt is provided so that each participant can wear one on field trips and be easily identified. **Please make sure your child wears his/her camp shirt on field trip days.**

**Please label all of the items that your camper will bring to camp.** A lost and found bin will be available at Camp Central. It is recommended that you check this bin whenever necessary. SSU Coast Camp is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Two weeks after the final day of Camp, any unclaimed items will be donated to a local shelter.

### **What NOT to Bring**

Many items are inappropriate at camp. Please refrain from sending campers with valuable items (including money) or objects having great personal significance. Other prohibited items include; dangling jewelry, electronic games, cell phones, fireworks, and lighters. Prohibited items brought to camp will be confiscated and returned to the adult

who picks up the child. **The possession of weapons (including knives and camping tools), drugs, alcohol or cigarettes will be cause for immediate expulsion from camp.**

### **Snacks**

Campers are welcome to bring a snack to camp each day. **All snacks must be nut free.**

**Counselors are not permitted to purchase food for campers.**

Campus vending machines are not utilized during camp hours as they generate a disruption to instructional time.

## **CAMP PROGRAM:**

Camp staff will most often have the best information about issues regarding your camper and camp program. Please feel free to speak with the staff during check-in and check-out to ask questions about any aspect of camp.

**We love parent volunteers!** However, we ask that you not drop-in on classes already in progress because this disturbs campers and disrupts the day's activities. Please make arrangements with Mrs. Buskirk to visit camp. If you would like to become a regular volunteer ask camp staff how to register with our program. This is part of the University System of Georgia Programs serving minors. All staff and volunteers must submit a clear background check and be registered with the Programs Serving Minors office at Savannah State University. Background checks may be done at Chatham County Sheriff's Office for \$15. Please deliver to the camp office in a sealed envelope. **A clear background check for all volunteers will need to be received prior to the first day of camp.**

### **Day Camp Schedule**

7:30 - 8:00 am Sign in

8:30 - 11:30 am Lesson/Planned Activity

12:00 - 12:30 pm Pick Up

A detailed schedule of daily activities may be obtained from any staff member at any time during the camp program.

### **Parent Day and Closing Ceremony**

Parent Day and Closing Ceremony is from 8am to 10am on the final day of camp. Please check our website for the current year's date. The ceremony is a camper-led program. With guidance from camp staff, the campers will share through creative means what they have learned from the camp program. Parents are encouraged to attend. The program and camp closes with a large group photo outside the auditorium. Camp is officially over at 10am. Please plan accordingly.



## Field Trips

Your child will **NOT** be permitted to go on scheduled field trips if you have not signed the Assumption of Risk form. This form is included with the acceptance forms. The list of field trips for the summer will be provided by the first day of camp. (field trips are subject to change, but guardians will be notified prior to field trip day).

Please provide a bottle of water and a non-perishable snack for your child. **Parents will be notified in writing if bag lunches are required for field trips by the camp coordinator.** During the field trip campers will be counted at regular intervals and will never be allowed to leave the group for any reason. If the camper fails to follow the rules and displays disruptive and disrespectful behavior he/she will not be allowed to attend future field trips.

Parents/guardians may join us for field trips if they choose, on a space available basis, but must make arrangements in advance with Mrs. Buskirk. **Parents wishing to participate in field trips will need to fill out Savannah State University's University Affiliate Volunteer form, Classified Application and complete a background check. Background checks can be done at the Chatham County Sheriff's Department for \$15. A clear background check will need to be received prior to the first day of camp.** Participating parents must pay for their own entrance fees when applicable. We request that you do not "show up" at the field trip venue, as it will add confusion and distract your child.

A sample of the waiver form, *Marine Science Program Release and Assumption of Risk Form (minors)*, can be found in Appendix 1.

## CAMPER DEVELOPMENT:

### Positive Discipline & Self-Esteem

For the safety and enjoyment of all campers, we have established a discipline policy for campers who are disruptive or abusive to the camp group. Camp rules emphasize character development through practice of honesty, caring, respect and responsibility. Our system utilizes non-competitive individual and group rewards in order to foster self-esteem and reinforce model behavior. Inappropriate behavior will be addressed and attempts to redirect behavior will be made by camp staff. Such behavior includes, but is not limited to:

- Intentionally entering unauthorized areas of camp;
- Refusal to remain with the assigned group during activities;
- Use of foul or abusive language;
- Fighting or threatening actions toward other campers or staff members;
- Stealing, destruction of, or defacing belongings of the university, other campers or camp property, or;
- Disrespectful behavior toward other campers and staff members.

Inappropriate behavior caused by the lack of or side effects of medication will be considered unacceptable and will not be excused. Camp staff in response to unacceptable behavior will take appropriate disciplinary action. The severity of the behavior as well as repetition of such behavior will be a consideration. Disciplinary measures may include, but are not limited to causing a camper to:

- Lose the privilege of participating in an activity for a specified amount of time;
- Be denied a special privilege;
- Not be allowed to attend the weekly field trip;
- Be dismissed from the program.

All infractions will be documented by a staff member and communicated verbally and in writing to the parent/guardian.

### **Children with Special Needs**

We welcome all children, despite their abilities, and strive to make their 4 weeks at Coast Camp a happy and successful time. If your child has a special need due to a physical handicap and/or an emotional, behavioral, or learning disorder please speak with the Camp Coordinator prior to the first day of camp. It is our expectation that parents of special needs children will play an active role in their child's participation in camp (whether that's keeping an open line of communication with camp staff and/or serving as a parent volunteer). We will look to you for strategies to meet the needs of your child. All information regarding your child will be kept confidential.

### **3-Strike Policy for Disruptive Behavior**

We have a "three strikes, you're out" behavior policy. The behavior contract outlining this policy can be found attached to this parent and participant packet. This contract MUST be signed by both the parent and the camper and submitted to the camp coordinator. Campers will be dismissed from the program when they receive their third reprimand for disruptive behavior. The 3-strike policy also applies to parents/guardians who regularly fail to drop off their child by 8:00am or pick up their child by 1:00pm. After strike three, it will be at the discretion of the camp staff as to whether or not the child will be allowed to return to the camp.

## **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICIES:**

Summer camp is a time to safely explore interests and activities in a caring and structured environment. Each camper is expected to be a part of and to benefit from that caring and structured environment. Campers are encouraged to stand up and speak out against behaviors that are not conducive to a fun and safe learning experience.

The below defined behaviors are part of the SSU Coast Camp 'No Tolerance' policy. Violations of these policies will result in the immediate expulsion from camp.

## Bullying

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Both kids who are bullied and who bully others may have serious, lasting problems.

**In order to be considered bullying, the behavior must be aggressive and include:**

- An Imbalance of Power: Kids who bully use their power—such as physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity—to control or harm others. Power imbalances can change over time and in different situations, even if they involve the same people.
- Repetition: Bullying behaviors happen more than once or have the potential to happen more than once.

Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose.

## Sexual Harassment

Savannah State has a strict policy against any sexual misconduct or harassment. Sexual harassment is defined as behavior, either direct or indirect, which is not welcome, which is personally offensive and which debilitates morale. This includes but is not limited to, counselor- to- counselor, counselor- to- camper or camper- to- camper. Violation of this policy will result in immediate dismissal from camp.

## CAMP COUNSELORS:

Camp counselors are a team of enthusiastic, qualified, and well-trained individuals. Each counselor has received training that includes: positive disciplinary practices and character development techniques, Coast Camp curriculum, policies, and procedures. The primary concern of each counselor is the safety and well-being of each camper.

All staff will abide by the following code of conduct:

- Staff will uphold the standards of the camp by modeling the core value system of honesty, caring, respect and responsibility.
- No camper will be left unsupervised.
- In all phases of programming, staff will inspect all areas for potential hazards. Staff is directed to safeguard doorways while children are using the restroom.
- Staff will not abuse children physically, mentally or emotionally; staff will use positive techniques of guidance, including redirection, encouragement, and positive reinforcement.

- Staff will treat all children equally, regardless of sex, race, religion, culture, or ability.
- All camp staff will wear staff shirts and name tags for easy identification.
- Staff will appear clean, neat, and properly attired.

The Camp Coordinator provides direct supervision of all camp counselors and the Camp Directors provide direct supervision of the Camp Coordinator. Any questions relating to camp staffing and programming should be addressed to the Camp Coordinator and/or Camp Directors as appropriate.

The camp staff will meet on a daily basis once the day's session has ended. If you have any information you need us to know regarding your child and/or any camp issues, please notify the Camp Coordinator and that information will be disseminated to the camp staff at the daily meeting.

## **CHILD ABUSE POLICY:**

Georgia law has provisions safeguarding the well-being of children; all staff will comply with the law as stated:

*“Child Care and Day Care personnel having reasonable cause to believe that a child under the age of 18 has had physical injuries inflicted upon him/her by other than accidental means by a parent or guardian, or has been sexually assaulted, or sexually exploited MUST report or cause reports to be made to the Department of Human Resources Child Protection Agency.”*

## **FIRST AID, MEDICATION, EMERGENCIES:**

Counselors will have copies of the participants' emergency contact information with them at all times. Please provide allergy information for your child if appropriate. In the case of an emergency, we will contact the person you have indicated on your registration form. If emergency care is needed, university policy requires that we call the university police office which will contact emergency services. Camp staff should be made aware of any temporary or on-going medical conditions. All health and medical information will be kept confidential.

### **Emergency Contacts**

If we are unable to get in touch with you, we MUST be able to contact, on the first try, whomever you list on the Coast Camp application form as the emergency contacts for your child. Please do not list friends or family members who live out of town, have no way of getting to SSU, or who are hard to contact.

## **Illness**

Please notify camp staff if a camper will not be able to attend camp due to illness. Please report any exposure to contagious diseases or conditions such as head lice, chicken pox, strep throat, flu symptoms, etc. as soon as you become aware of the situation. Sharing this information helps us to contain the spread and allows us to monitor the situation.

**DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO CAMP WHEN SICK!** Your child must be without fever, excessive cough, and/or sore throat for a full 24 hours before returning to camp.

If your child becomes sick at Coast Camp, the staff will call you to pick up your child. If you cannot be reached, your emergency contact person will be contacted to pick up your child. You or the emergency contacts are required to pick up the child within 30 minutes from the time of call.

## **First Aid**

Each classroom is equipped with basic first aid supplies for minor injuries (cuts, scrapes, etc.). Incident reports will be maintained by camp staff; these reports document injuries and any first aid rendered. Any incidents handled by camp staff will be reported to the parent/guardian.

If your child has an open wound, please make sure it is covered before sending him/her to camp.

## **Serious Injury or Illness**

In the event of illness or serious injury, the camp staff will take the necessary steps to seek immediate assistance for your child. These steps include, but are not limited to:

- Calling campus security which will contact 911 for emergency medical assistance if necessary. Any expenses incurred will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.
- Contacting parent/guardian to pick up the camper. In the event that the parent/guardian cannot be reached, the emergency contact listed on the registration form will be called.

## **Administering Medication**

Please do not send a camper to camp when ill. Camp staff will NOT administer medication to campers at any time or for any reason.

Coast Camp Parent and Participant Handbook Modified from:  
Burke, D. and Cushman, K. (2007). Roosevelt's Little White House Junior Ranger Camp 2007 Parent Handbook. Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites.  
2007 Parent and Participant Handbook. Kids for Peace Camp.  
<http://www.kidsforpeacecamp.com/images/handbook.pdf>

# Parent Handbook Signature Page

(PLEASE ONLY SIGN AND RETURN IF ACCEPTED TO CAMP PROGRAM)

I have read and understand the material presented in the Savannah State University Coast Camp Parent Handbook for summer 2024.

Camper’s Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Level (select by age by June 3rd): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Appendix 1: Forms: **THESE ARE SAMPLE FORMS- REAL FORMS WILL BE MAILED TO YOU UPON ACCEPTANCE TO CAMP**

# SSU Coast Camp

## ENROLLMENT CONFIRMATION FORM

**\*CONFIRMATION DEADLINE: MAY 17<sup>th</sup> , 2024**

NAME OF CHILD: \_\_\_\_\_ **SAMPLE FORM** \_\_\_\_\_

CAMP ASSIGNMENT: \_\_\_\_\_ **SAMPLE FORM** \_\_\_\_\_

Place an 'X' in the appropriate box to confirm or decline your child's enrollment in the 2024 session of Coast Camp.

My child **WILL ATTEND** the 2024 session of Coast Camp.

My child will **NOT ATTEND** the 2024 session of Coast Camp.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ **SAMPLE FORM** \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit the enrollment confirmation form for each child you have enrolled in camp. Each child should receive their own letter and confirmation form.**

**If you have any questions, please contact Rachael Buskirk, Coast Camp**

**Coordinator:**

**Email:** ssucoastcamp@gmail.com

**SSU Office:** Savannah State University 3219 College St.  
Savannah, GA

**Mailing Address:** Savannah State University Coast Camp, Box 20467 Savannah,  
GA 31404

**Media Waiver & Release:**

I consent to my child being photographed, interviewed and/or videotaped by representatives of Savannah State University and media outlets (newspaper, T.V. stations, etc.). Any information or images obtained from those activities may be reproduced by the university and/or the public media for use in advertising, publicity or educational activities, including but not limited to city and university publications, videos, print and television news. I hereby waive any claims I may have, and release the university and its employees from liability of claims arising out of such activities.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, my child may be photographed, interviewed or videotaped for media use.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, my child may not be photographed, interviewed or videotaped for media use.

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**SSU, SSU Fisheries, and Marine Science Program Websites:**

I consent to my child’s first name only and/or picture appearing on the SSU, SSU Fisheries, and Marine Sciences Program websites.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I do

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I do not

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**Verification:**

I verify that the information provided on this form is accurate and current, and that I am the legal parent/guardian of this child: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **SAMPLE FORM** \_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT Name of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_ **SAMPLE FORM** \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_ **SAMPLE FORM** \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE of Camper if she/he is 18 years old.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Savannah, Georgia 31404**

Marine Science Program  
Release and Assumption of Risk Form (minors)

**THIS RELEASE** executed by       **SAMPLE FORM**       the parent of       **SAMPLE FORM**       SSN **SAMPLE FORM** whose address is: **SAMPLE FORM** to The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of Savannah State University, their members individually and their officers, agents, and employees ("RELEASEES").

I desire to (or have my child) participate in the field studies and/or research in conjunction with RELEASEES Marine Science Program (hereinafter referred to as the "Activity"); and I fully understand and appreciate certain dangers and risks may occur, including but not limited to hazards of accident or illness, the forces of nature, and activity aboard plane, boat, car, bus, van, or other vehicle and other dangers, hazards and risks inherent in the Activity, including risks associated with the transportation to and from the Activity; and in any independent activities I undertake as a participant in the Activity, in which also could include serious and even mortal injuries and/or property damage.

Knowing the particular dangers, hazards, and risks of such Activity, and in consideration of being permitted to participate in the Activity, on behalf of myself, my family, heirs, personal representatives, I, the undersigned, agree to assume all the risks and responsibilities surrounding my participation in the Activity, transportation to and from the Activity, and in any independent activities undertaken as a participant thereto, and in advance, I release, waive, forever discharge, and covenant not to sue RELEASEES, from and against any and all liability for any harm, injury, damage, claims, demands, actions, causes of action, costs and expenses of any nature that I may have or that may hereafter accrue to me, arising out of or related to any loss, damage or injury, including, but not limited to suffering and death, that may be sustained to me or any property belonging by me, whether caused by the negligence or carelessness of the RELEASEES, or otherwise, while in, on, or in transit to or from the premises where the Activity, or any adjunct to the Activity, occurs or is being conducted.

I understand and agree that RELEASEES do not have medical personnel available at the location of the Activity. I understand and agree that RELEASEES are granted permission to authorize emergency medical treatment, if necessary, and that such action by RELEASEES shall be subject to the terms of this Agreement. I understand and agree that RELEASEES assume no responsibility for any injury or damage, which might arise out of or in connection with such authorized emergency medical treatment.

It is my expressed intent that this Agreement shall bind members of my family and spouse, my estate, family, heirs, personal representatives, or assigns, and shall be deemed

as a release, waiver, discharge and covenant not to sue RELEASEES. I further agree to save and hold harmless, indemnify, and defend RELEASEES from any claim by my family or me, arising out of my participation in this Activity.

I understand that the acceptance of this release and waiver of liability by the RELEASEES shall not constitute nor be construed as a waiver, in whole or in part, of sovereign or official immunity by said RELEASEES, its members, officers, agents and employees.

In signing this release, I acknowledge and represent that I have fully informed myself of the content of this Agreement by reading it before I sign it, and I understand that I sign this document as my own free act and deed. I understand that the Savannah State University does not require me to participate in this Activity, but I want to do so despite the possible risks and despite this release. I further state that I am at least 18 years of age and fully competent and authorized to sign this Agreement; and that I execute this release for full adequate and complete consideration fully intending to be bound hereby.  
**THIS IS A RELEASE OF LEGAL RIGHTS. READ AND BE CERTAIN YOU UNDERSTAND IT BEFORE SIGNING.**

STUDENT/PARENT

WITNESS

    SAMPLE FORM      
(Name of Student)

    SAMPLE FORM      
(Signature of Witness)

    SAMPLE FORM      
(Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian)

    SAMPLE FORM      
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_   
Date

Certification of weight requirement:     SAMPLE FORM      
Parent/Teacher Signature (Please Circle)

    SAMPLE FORM      
Permanent (not University) Address                      City                      State                      Zip Code

**In case of accident or illness notify:**

    SAMPLE FORM      
Name                      Address                      City                      State                      Zip Code  
Phone #     (    )    

**SSU Coast Camp Policy for Disruptive Behavior**

The SSU Coast Camp has a 3-strike policy for children who exhibit incessant disruptive behavior. A strike is defined as a behavioral disturbance that results in a reprimand from a camp counselor. The following actions will be taken when a strike occurs:

**Strike 1:** A verbal warning is issued from a camp counselor.

**Strike 2:** A second reprimand is issued and the counselor and/or camp director will speak one-on-one with the child. A behavior notice will be given to the person picking up the child from camp that day.

**Strike 3:** A third reprimand is issued and the child is immediately dismissed from camp. The parent will be called to come get the child. It will be at the discretion of the camp staff as to whether or not the child will be allowed to return to the camp.

### Behavior Contract

I read and understood the *SSU Coast Camp Policy for Disruptive Behavior*. As a parent/guardian, I acknowledge the 3-strike policy and understand that my child will be dismissed from the camp upon his/her third behavioral infraction.

Signature:   SAMPLE FORM  \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to Child: \_\_\_\_\_

As a participant, I understand that I will be asked to leave the camp if I receive a third strike for disruptive behavior.

Child's Signature:   SAMPLE FORM  \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_