



Oceanography Camp Especially for Girls

Teacher Recommendation

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RETURN BY

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TO THE APPLICANT: Provide an email address for the teacher completing form: _____

Student's Name: _____ **Middle School:** _____

TO THE TEACHER: Please complete and the return form via FAX or EMAIL by **MARCH 31st**

We appreciate your speedy response, as the application cannot be reviewed without a recommendation.

The Oceanography Camp is a summer enrichment program for girls poised to enter high school. The camp setting motivates young women to consider career opportunities in the sciences by encouraging their desire to understand the natural world around them. The program provides multidisciplinary, hands-on learning experiences in both laboratory and field environments. Activities include a research cruise, coastal fieldtrips, research projects, career explorations, and environmental stewardship.

This program derives its uniqueness not only from real-world environmental studies and awareness, but also from one-on-one mentoring between teen-aged girls and women established in the sciences. Participants work side by side with female professors and graduate students from the College of Marine Science as well as professionals from government agencies and industries. The camp promotes developing a positive sense of self and establishing life long friendships.

Our recruitment goals are to encourage ALL girls' interests in science. Campers include minority and non-minority girls and girls from **all learning abilities**—high achieving, average, and high potential students. Short-term evaluations indicate that enrichment has made a difference to participants, including; 1) an increase in math and science courses taken and planned; 2) a decrease in negative stereotypes about science and scientist; 3) an increased understanding of the research process; and 4) a strengthened commitment towards careers in math, science, and engineering. **We ask that you will especially encourage minority girls from your school to apply.**

1. How do you think this student might benefit from attending the camp? Please elaborate.

2. Describe the applicant as a person: strengths, weaknesses, enthusiasms, dislikes etc.

3. Describe the applicant as a student: effort vs. ability. _____

4. Please describe special needs, if any, you anticipate this student having? _____

5. Please describe one unique characteristic about the applicant that demonstrates her social skills. _____

6. How does the applicant work with others as a team? By herself? _____

7. What subject have you taught the applicant? _____

In a sentence or two briefly comment on the following in relation to the applicant:

MOTIVATION TO LEARN? _____

STUDY SKILLS AND TIME MANAGEMENT? _____

SELF DISCIPLINE? _____

EMOTIONAL MATURITY? _____

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION? _____

ORAL COMMUNICATION? _____

INITIATIVE/CREATIVITY? _____

ATTITUDE/ENTHUSIASM? _____

COMPLIANCE WITH AUTHORITY & STRUCTURE? _____

RELATE TO PEERS? _____

RELATE TO ADULTS? _____

TOLERANCE OF OTHERS? _____

SCIENCE/MATH PERFORMANCE? _____

As a teacher, I very strongly strongly weakly do not

recommend the above applicant for the Oceanography Camp for Girls. I have read the above program description and believe this young woman will benefit from this experience.

Teacher printed name

Teacher's signature

Date

Phone

email address

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