Camp Information:
The ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp (EMBHSSC) is organized to provide activities, experiments, projects, and field experiences for students entering 6th, 7th, or 8th grade in the fall of 2015. The camp promotes science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education and supports historically underserved and underrepresented students with limited opportunities. Students attend the camp free of charge. Students currently in grade 5, 6, or 7 who have an interest in science and mathematics, at least a B average in science and mathematics courses and a passing score on the state’s standardized science and mathematics tests are eligible to apply. Immediate family members of the university staff, EMBHSSC camp staff and ExxonMobil employees are not eligible.

The EMBHSSC is a two-week, academic, residential camp that emphasizes increasing students’ mathematics and science knowledge and skills while introducing them to college life and stimulating their interest in science and engineering as a potential career path. Campers will attend classes that include problem solving, research, critical thinking and communication skills incorporated into biology, chemistry, physics, environmental sciences, earth sciences, engineering, technology and design concepts, and go on field excursions. Certified secondary teachers, university faculty, and other professionals will serve as instructors.

The camp will be held on the campus of The University of Southern Mississippi, 118 College Dr. Hattiesburg, Mississippi, 39406. Students will stay in McCarty Hall, a dorm on the Hattiesburg campus.

Campers will be selected from schools in the state of Mississippi.

Application Process:
- Parent/Guardian and student complete requested information on the attached Student Application Form (pages 2 – 4).
- Parent/Guardian or student gives the request for records to the student’s school registrar (page 5).
- Parent/Guardian or student gives a recommendation form to the student’s current science teacher (page 6) and current mathematics teacher (page 7).
- Student writes a 250-word essay. Instructions for the essay are at the bottom of page 3.

Send the completed Student Application Form, essay, records and teacher recommendations to Marks McWhorter at 118 College Dr. #5018, Hattiesburg MS, 39406. All requested documents are due by the deadline date by May 1, 2015. If all requested documents are not received by the deadline date, the application will not be considered. A committee will select campers on May 8, 2015. You will receive notification on the status of the application no later than May 13th. Students may be interviewed prior to being selected, if deemed necessary. If you have questions or need additional information, call Marks McWhorter at (601) 266-6745.

PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE FOR YOUR REFERENCE

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STUDENT APPLICATION FORM 2015

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS May 1, 2015

Student Information

Please print in blue or black ink or type. Please provide all requested information.

Name of Student: ____________________________________________________________

Home Address: _____________________________________________________________

City ___________________________ State ___________ Zip Code _________________

Ethnicity: ______________________ Date of Birth (month/date/year): ______________

Gender:  Female _____ Male: _______ Adult T-shirt Size: __________

Name of School student is currently attending: __________________________________

Type of School (Check all that apply):

_____ Elementary (K–5);  _____ Middle (6–8);  _____ K–8;  _____ K–12;  _____ Other

______ Public  _____ Parochial  _____ Private  _____ Charter

Current Grade level__________ School District/Parish: ____________________________

Courses Taken during the 2014-2015 academic year:

Mathematics: ___________________ Science: ________________________________

Courses Enrolled or plan to enroll in for the 2015-2016 academic year:

Mathematics: ___________________ Science: ________________________________

How did you find out about the EMBHSSC?

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Name of Student: ________________________________

School: ________________________________ Current Grade level: ________

List school organizations, any science and/or mathematics activities (Science Fair, math club, after school programs, summer programs, etc.) you have participated in 2013, 2014 and/or 2015. Include awards received and offices held. You may attach a separate sheet, if needed.

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List any community activities and/or community groups that you have been a part of this school year.

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List any other activities or achievements that you would like to share with the selection committee.

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A student-written essay must be included with this application. The student essay is to be typed or neatly handwritten. If typed, use Arial, Helvetica, or Times New Roman and a font size of 12 points. The essay should not exceed 250 words. In your essay tell the selection committee why you are interested in attending the 2015 ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp at The University of Southern Mississippi. Include in your essay what you hope to gain from this experience, how you think it will help you in the future and why you think you should be selected to attend this camp. Be sure to write your name, current grade level, school and school district at the top of your essay.

Signature of Student ___________________________ Date __________

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Name of Student: ____________________________________________

School: ___________________________ Current Grade level: ________

Parent/Legal Guardian Information

Instructions: Please complete the following information for at least one custodial parent or legal guardian, both if available.

Name of Parent or Legal Guardian: ____________________________________________

Employer: ________________________________________________________________

Occupation: ________________________________________________________________

Daytime Phone No.: ______________ Home Phone No.: _________________________

Cell Phone No.: __________________________

E-mail Address: ____________________________________________________________

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Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian Date

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_________________________________ ________________________________
Signature of Parent or Guardian Date

Number of People in the Household: ______

Household Yearly Income Level:

_______ Under $15,000  ______ $15,001 to $30,000  ______ $30,001 to $45,000

_______ $45,001 to $60,000  ______ $60,001 to $75,000  ______ $75,001 - $90,000
EXXONMOBIL BERNARD HARRIS SUMMER SCIENCE CAMP 2015 at
The University of Southern Mississippi
Request for Records Form

Applicant instructions: – You or your parent or legal guardian must complete the information below and give this form to your school’s registrar. A parent or legal guardian must sign this request so that the registrar can release the records.

Dear Registrar:

My child, __________________________ is applying to attend the ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp at The University of Southern Mississippi this summer. We are requesting a copy of his/her official records for this student (grades and standardized test scores) and for this completed form are forwarded to Marks McWhorter at 118 College Dr. #5018, Hattiesburg MS, 39406 by May 1, 2015.

The records must include a copy of the most recent grades/report card and standardized test scores. This form, along including information below on whether this child receives free or reduced lunch, must accompany the records.

I hereby grant permission to the release of the information that this form is requesting on my child.

_________________________________________   ______________________________
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian                Date

____________________________________________________
Name of Student (please print)

____________________________________________________
Student ID Number

____________________________________________________
Signature of Student

____________________________________________________
School

____________________________________________________
Grade                Date of Birth

____________________________________________________
Homeroom Teacher

The school registrar or appropriate administrator must complete the following.

Does this child receive FREE or REDUCED lunch?   _____Yes    _____No

If yes, which?   _____Free Lunch                _____Reduced Lunch

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Recommendation from Current SCIENCE Teacher
For a Student applying for
The ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp (EMBHSSC) 2015 at
The University of Southern Mississippi

Name of Student Applicant

Course taken with this teacher: Subject Year 2014-2015

Name of Teacher

Directions to teacher:
The student who has given you this form is applying to attend the EMBHSSC at The University of Southern Mississippi this summer. You have taught this student, so you can tell if she/he is a good candidate for this two-week residential program designed to enhance the lives of students with limited opportunities. Refer to www.theharrisfoundation.org under programs for Summer Science Camp description.

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