



MOUNT ST. HELENS Interpretation Internship



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Position:	Interpretation Internship
Compensation:	\$ 85.00/day stipend; housing provided
Term of Employment:	May 29, 2017 to early-September (dates flexible)
Closing Date:	Open till filled

SUMMARY:

Do you love volcanoes? Do you want to improve your public speaking and communication skills? Are you hoping to go into the field of education? Have you ever dreamed of being a park ranger?

The Mount St. Helens Institute (MSHI) and US Forest Service (USFS) is seeking **ONE** motivated Interpretation Intern that will work with the US Forest Service at the busy Johnston Ridge Observatory visitor center providing interpretive talks, visitor information and Junior Ranger programs.

Interns will work approximately 40 hours/week. Interns will be provided with practical job training in informal science education and interpretation. Interns will be expected to work on weekends. It is the responsibility of the Intern to complete paperwork with his or her university necessary to receive credit for the experience; *Mount St. Helens Institute and USFS staff will work with Intern to meet his or her educational and professional goals and craft a valuable individual learning experience.*

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Interpretation Intern (100% USFS)
 - Conduct Junior Ranger Programs
 - Provide visitor service at visitor centers and on trails
 - Review and assist with program development
 - Attend outreach events
 - Complete other tasks as directed by supervisor(s)

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Enthusiasm for the mission of the MSH National Volcanic Monument
- Sophomore, Junior or Senior status at or recent graduate of a university of college
- Coursework in education, biology, geology, environmental studies, recreation or related subject
- Comfortable working outdoors in adverse weather
- Work well in a diverse team
- Experience and comfort working with school-aged children
- Experience with public speaking
- Pass a pre-employment or post-hire background screening and criminal history check
- Have a valid driver's license with an acceptable driving record for the past three years

ABILITIES: Regular work standing and walking for 8 hours. Work will occasionally be conducted outdoors in a variety of weather conditions and terrain.

WORKING HOURS: This is full-time temporary seasonal position.

LOCATION: This position will be based at the Johnston Ridge Observatory, 52 miles east of Castle Rock, WA on the northwest side of Mount St. Helens. Housing in comfortable government houses with a shared room are available at no cost approximately 12 miles away. This is in a remote location with little cell service.

ABOUT US: MSHI is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing understanding and stewardship of the earth through science, education and exploration of volcanic landscapes and work closely with the US Forest Service. The Johnston Ridge Observatory visitor center is busy visitor center approximately 5 miles from the Mount St. Helens crater. Over 250,000 visitors come annually from around the world to see exhibits, films, ranger talks and hike the area's trails. The Johnston Ridge Observatory staff are professional Forest Service interpretive rangers.

TO APPLY:

Email the following information to apply@mshinstitute.org with the subject line: "Internship." Please, no phone calls.

- Cover letter including the following
 - Your interest in working at Mount St. Helens
 - Experience which prepared you for this internship
 - When you are available to start and end, and any dates you will be unavailable
 - How you found out about the position
- Resume/CV
- Contact information for 3 references

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